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Appeal No.193/2026/SCIC

Shri. Mahadev Chavan,
H. No. 176/1(6), Bharat Nagar Colony,
Near MES College, Zuarinagar,
Sancoale, Goa 403726.

-----Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,
Sports Authority of Goa,
1st Floor, Athletic Stadium,
Cujira Complex,
Bambolim, Goa 403202.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Sports Authority of Goa,
1st Floor, Athletic Stadium,
Cujira Complex,
Bambolim, Goa 403202.

-----Respondents

Shri. ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR - State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	09/12/2025
PIO replied on	12/01/2026
First Appeal filed on	09/02/2026
First Appellate order on	-
Second appeal received on	29/05/2026
First Hearing	07/07/2026
Decided on	15/07/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

- Shri. Mahadev Chavan filed an application dated 09/12/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Sports Authority of Goa, Bambolim seeking following information with respect to Taekwondo Association of Goa :

- "List of names of the Committee members elected and nominated by Taekwondo Association of Goa (TAG) from 1986 till date.*

- ii) *Grants/Sanction of money released/given by Sports Authority Goa to Taekwondo Association of Goa including grants for National Games held in Goa from 2018 onwards.*
- iii) *Copies of all minutes of all meeting from 2005 till date.*
- iv) *Copies of statement of Accounts submitted from 2005 till date.*

2. On receipt of the RTI application, Dy. Director (Sports) vide letter dated 12/12/2025 transferred the application to the Secretary, Taekwondo Association of Goa, Margao, Goa directing to submit information sought at Point No. 01, 03 and 04 latest by 18/12/2025.

Failing to receive the desired information on reply from the Taekwondo Association of Goa, Dy. Director (Sports) vide letter dated 05/01/2026 reminded the Secretary, Taekwondo Association of Goa to submit the information by 08/01/2026.

3. PIO, Sports Authority of Goa, vide letter dated 12/01/2026 informed the RTI applicant that the Taekwondo Association of Goa sought 15 days to provide sought information.

4. Subsequently, RTI applicant filed first appeal dated 09/02/2026 before the First Appellate Authority highlighting non-receipt of the information.

5. The present appeal does not contain any order passed by the First Appellate Authority even though copies of the notices served by the First Appellate Authority (Executive Director/Sports Authority of Goa) indicates that hearings in first appeal were fixed on 02/03/2026 and 02/04/2026.

6. Appellant then preferred second appeal dated 29/05/2026 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish sought information and to impose penalty for not furnishing the information.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

7. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 07/07/2026 for which Appellant present. Shri. Naresh Satardekar and Anthony Pereira, LDCs/Sports Authority of Goa present for Respondent PIO without authority letter. Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to furnish reply along with the information sought by the Appellant on the next date of hearing slated for 15/07/2026.

8. When the matter took up for further hearing on 15/07/2026, Appellant present. Respondent PIO is represented by LDCs, who produced a bunch of documents along with revised point-wise reply to the Appellant's RTI application dated 09/12/2025.

9. Upon perusal of the documents produced by the representatives of the Respondent PIO, Presiding Commissioner found that the information furnished has no proper covering letter with the reference of Appeal number and none of the documents produced has the RTI stamping, signature and seal of the Respondent PIO.

DECISION

Upon perusal of the information/documents produced before the Presiding Commissioner on 15/07/2026, Commission decided to dispose off the present appeal with the following **directions to the Respondent PIO** :

- i. **Furnish the Appellant within 07 days, the information which produced before the Commission on 15/07/2026, with proper covering letter, stamping of "Issued under RTI Act", sign and seal of the Respondent PIO.***

- ii. Covering letter having the reference of Appeal number should contain point-wise reply/information reflecting the period of documents furnished.*
- iii. If the information for any particular years sought by the Appellant is not available in the office records of the Sports Authority of Goa, same should be reflected in the covering letter.*
- iv. Since information/documents produced before the Presiding Commissioner on 15/07/2026 by the representatives of the Respondent PIO lacks information in respect of few years, fresh and diligent search needs to be carried out by the Respondent PIO and furnish information accordingly within 15 days from the receipt of this order.*
If no extra information could be traced after the fresh search, communicate the same to the Appellant.
- v. File compliance report within 21 days from the receipt of this order.*

First Appellate Authority (Executive Director, Sports Authority of Goa)

In the present appeal, First Appellate Authority has noticed for not deciding and disposing the first appeal dated 04/04/2026 by issuing an order. Under RTI Act, 2005, First Appellate Authority has the obligation to dispose the appeal within 30 days of receipt of first appeal and the period is extendable to 45 days for reasons to be recorded in writing.

Deciding appeals filed u/s 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 against the PIO is a quasi-judicial function and First Appellate Authority has to provide an opportunity of hearing to the Appellant before passing an order on first appeal.

Considering the above facts, First Appellate Authority in the present appeal, **Executive Director, Sports Authority of Goa is hereby directed** to file an explanation for his failure to dispose Appellant's first appeal filed u/s 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 as it is amounted to the dereliction of duty by the First Appellate Authority under the provision of the RTI Act, 2005.

Explanation should reach the Commission within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

- Matter disposed.
- Proceeding stands closed.
- Pronounced in open court.
- Notify the parties.

Aggrieved party if any, may move against this order by way of a Writ Petition as no further Appeal is provided against this order under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sd/-

(ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR)
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC