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Appeal No.197/2026/SCIC

Shri Devidas G. Panjekar,
Podwal, Corjuem,
Aldona, Bardez Goa.
V/s

-----Appellant

The Public Information Officer,
Village Panchayat Secretary,
Aldona, Bardez Goa.

-----Respondent

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	23/03/2026
PIO replied on	18/04/2026
First Appeal filed on	27/03/2026
First Appellate order on	08/05/2026
Second appeal received on	22/05/2026
First hearing	14/07/2026
Decided on	28/07/2026

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Shri Devidas G. Panjekar filed an application dated 23/03/2026 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Village Panchayat, Aldona seeking information at six (06) points with regards to his letter dated 09/09/2025 to the Village Panchayat, Aldona over illegal constructions within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat, Aldona.
2. In response to the application, PIO, V.P. Aldona vide letter dated 18/04/2026 replied asunder to all the six RTI queries of the Appellant -
"The requested information is not available in the records of the office of Village Panchayat, Aldona".
3. Being aggrieved by the reply from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 27/03/2026 before the First Appellate Authority (FAA/BDO,

Bardez) stating that no information has been provided by the Respondent PIO and PIO be directed to furnish sought information, free of cost.

4. First Appellate Authority (BDO-I, Bardez Taluka) vide Order dated 08/05/2026 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish complete information available in the Panchayat records within 10 days besides providing physical inspection of records, if required by the Appellant.
5. Subsequently, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 22/05/2026 before the Commission stating that praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish information sought vide RTI appeal dated 23/03/2026 and to take cognizance of the non-compliance of the FAA's order dated 08/05/2026 by the Respondent PIO.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

6. Pursuant to the filing of present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 14/07/2026 for which Appellant present but none present for Respondent PIO. The Registry of the Commission received (14/07/2026) an e-mail from the Respondent PIO requesting to adjourn the hearing as he has some unavoidable urgent official work. Matter posted to 28/07/2026 with the direction for Respondent PIO's physical presence.
7. When matter called out for hearing on 28/07/2026, Appellant and Respondent PIO present. Respondent PIO vide letter dated 25/07/2026 filed point-wise reply/information to the six- point RTI application dated 23/03/2026 of the appellant supported by the copy of the Resolution No. 10(29) dated 15/09/2025 adopted by the Village Panchayat, Aldona on the letter dated 09/09/2025 of the Appellant addressed to the authorities of Village Panchayat, Aldona captioned "Request to act on illegal constructions".

8. Upon perusal of the point wise reply/information dated 25/07/2026 produced before the Presiding Commissioner by the Respondent PIO on 28/07/2026 revealed that barring copy of the resolution furnished as information sought at Point No. 4 of the RTI application dated 23/02/2026, no proper information is provided by the Respondent PIO to the RTI query Number 1,2,3 & 5.

DECISION

- i. After analysing the information sought by the Appellant and the revised point-wise information produced before the Presiding Commissioner on 28/07/2026 by the Respondent PIO, Commission directed the Respondent PIO to furnish proper information, free of cost, in respect of RTI query No. 1, 2, 3 & 5 including action initiated by the Village Panchayat, Aldona on the letter dated 09/09/2025 addressed to the Aldona Panchayat Authorities by the Appellant of the current status of the subject matter mentioned in the said letter.*
- ii. The information shall be furnished to the Appellant on 29/07/2026 and the Appellant shall collect the same from the Respondent PIO.*
- iii. File compliance report to the Commission within 10 days from the receipt of this order.*
 - Matter disposed.
 - Proceedings stand 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

