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Appeal No.201/2026/SCIC

Shri Sidhesh B. Naik,
H. No. 1611/33, Balkrishna Mansion,
Tomazinho Cardozo Road, Orda Vado,
Candolim, Bardez, Goa 403515. -----Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,
O/o. Mamlatdar of Bardez,
Mapusa, Goa 403507. -----Respondent

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	16/01/2026
PIO replied on	-
First Appeal filed on	12/03/2026
First Appellate order on	29/04/2026
Second appeal received on	27/05/2026
First Hearing	09/07/2026
Decided on	09/07/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Sidhesh B. Naik filed an application dated 16/01/2026 under Right to Information Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o. Mamlatdar, Bardez Taluka North Goa District seeking information at 04 points with regards to the Memorandum No. 33/74/ILLE/2025/DC-I/MAP/4226 dated 03/04/2025.
2. Failing to receive any reply or information from the PIO to his RTI application, Appellant filed first appeal dated 12/03/2026 online before the First Appellate Authority.

3. First Appellate Authority (Dy. Collector & SDO, Bardez) vide order dated 29/04/2026 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish all the information sought by the Applicant within 10 days on receipt of the order.
4. Appellant then preferred second appeal dated 27/05/2026 before the Commission citing non-compliance of First Appellate Authority's order by the Respondent PIO. Appellant prayed before the Commission to direct the PIO to provide complete information as sought in the RTI application and impose maximum penalty on Respondent PIO for not providing information initially and subsequently not complying with the order dated 29/04/2026 passed by the First Appellate Authority.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal by the Appellant, matter took up for hearing before the State Chief Information Commissioner on 09/07/2026 for which APIO (Awal Karkun, O/o. Mamlatdar, Bardez) and Appellant present.

APIO, representing PIO, Mamlatdar, Bardez produced a bunch of documents along with a copy of letter dated 20/05/2025 providing point-wise reply to the RTI application. Presiding Commissioner instructed the Appellant to verify the documents/information produced before the Commission and upon perusal of the documents, Appellant orally submitted that he is satisfied with the information but requested to impose penalty on Respondent PIO.

6. Since the documents produced before the Presiding Commissioner does not contain the necessary stamp "Issued under RTI Act", seal and signature of the Respondent PIO, Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to furnish the documents to the Appellant, after completing necessary formalities like stamping, signature etc. The documents produced before the Commission by the APIO contains documents included:

- i) *Letter inwards dated 01/04/2025 and addressed to Dy. Collector & SDO, Bardez by Shri. Sidhesh B. Naik (Appellant) regarding illegal construction in Survey No. 83/11-G, Calangute.*
- ii) *Letter dated 16/09/2025 of Mamlatdar, Bardez Taluka, North Goa addressed to Dy. Collector and SDO-I, Mapusa forwarding site inspection and local inquiry conducted by the Talathi, Candolim as an action on the Complaint of Shri. Sidhesh B. Naik which is inwards in the office of the Dy. Collector & SDO, Mapusa on 01/04/2025 over illegal construction.*
- iii) *Report dated 28/05/2025 of Talathi, Candolim.*
- iv) *Form I and XIV of Survey No. 83/11-G.*
- v) *Memorandum dated 22/04/2025 issued by Mamlatdar, Bardez to Talathi Calangute directing to inspect the property bearing Survey No. 83/11-G and to submit the checklist based on the letter of Shri. Sidhesh Naik inwards on 01/04/2025.*

7. Above cited documents indicate the action taken by the office of the Mamlatdar, Bardez on the Appellant's Complaint forwarded to the Mamlatdar, Bardez by the Dy. Collector & SDO, Bardez.

APIO further submitted before the Presiding Commissioner that the above cited illegal construction issue is now pending before the Dy. Collector and SDO, Bardez and nothing more pending on the part of the Office of Mamlatdar at this juncture.

DECISION

- i. **Commission hereby directed the Respondent PIO to furnish the information/documents which produced before the Commission vide letter dated 20/05/2026 to the Appellant within 07 days of this order by Registered post at the address given in the RTI application after putting necessary stamp, seal and signature on the body of the information to be furnished.**

- ii. **File compliance report by the Respondent PIO within 10 days from the receipt of this order.**
- iii. **Since the Respondent PIO (Shri. Anant R. Malik) failed to furnish information within the stipulated time frame under RTI Act, 2005 and to comply with the direction given by the First Appellate Authority vide order dated 29/04/2026, Commission directed the Respondent PIO to file an explanation as to why an amount of Rs. 10,000/- as penalty should not be imposed against the PIO u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.**
- iv. **Respondent PIO's 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