

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Appeal No.215/2026/SCIC

Engr. Subhash Laxman Nerurkar,
NDPC, G-5, Ground Floor, St. Peter Bldg.,
Near Hotel Trishul, Mapusa, Goa 403507.

-----Appellant

V/s

1. Mr. Irwin Cordo (Coach/PIO),
Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs,
Campal, Panaji, Goa 403001.

2. Mr. Mangaldas B. Gaonkar,
Director (Adm.) / PIO,
Sports Authority of Goa,
Cujira, St. Cruz, Goa 403202.

3. The Executive Director (FAA),
Sports Authority of Goa,
Cujira, St. Cruz, Goa 403202.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	19/02/2026
PIO replied on	10/03/2026
First Appeal filed on	04/04/2026
First Appellate order on	-
Second appeal received on	20/05/2026
First Hearing	16/07/2026
Decided on	16/07/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Subhash Laxman Nerurkar filed an application dated 19/02/2026 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa seeking following information in respect of the State Level Coaches employed by the Government of Goa in the sports discipline of (a) Table Tennis and (b) Carrom.

2. PIO, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs (Shri. Irwin Cordo) vide letter dated 26/02/2026, u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 transferred the RTI application to the PIO, Sports Authority of Goa, Bambolim, Goa requesting to provide the information directly to the applicant under intimation, as the subject matter pertains to Sports Authority of Goa.
3. On receipt of the RTI application on transfer from the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs (DSYA), PIO, Sports Authority of Goa (Shri. Mangaldas B. Gaonkar, Director/Administration) vide letters dated 02/03/2026 u/s 11(1) of the RTI Act sought the consent of Smt. Nandita Borkar, Carrom Coach and Shri. Amit Naik, Table Tennis Coach to disclose information sought in respect of them by the Appellant.
4. Subsequently, APIO (Smt. Neelam Magekar), Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs vide letter dated 10/03/2026 replied to the Appellant that relevant information is ready and may be collected by remitting an amount of Rs. 08/- in the treasury of the office.
5. In response to the letter dated 02/03/2026 of the PIO, Sports Authority of Goa, Smt. Nandita Borkar (Carrom Coach) and Shri. Amit Ashok Naik (Table Tennis Coach) intimated (March 3, 2026 and March 13, 2026 respectively) not to disclose information pertaining to them.
6. Accordingly, PIO, Sports Authority of Goa vide letter dated 16/03/2026 replied to the Appellant that information sought comes under the provision of Section 11 (1) of RTI Act, 2005 and is treated as confidential by the Third Party. PIO denied the information citing personal in nature and disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy of third party.
7. Being aggrieved by the reply received from the PIO, Sports Authority of Goa, Appellant filed first appeal dated 04/04/2026 before the First Appellate Authority (Executive Director), Sports Authority of

Goa praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish information sought vide application dated 19/02/2026.

8. Later, Appellant filed second appeal dated 20/05/2026 before the Commission stating that Respondent No. 01 and 02 (PIOs) did not furnish complete information to the RTI application and Respondent No. 03 (FAA) did not give any personal hearing and not passed an order in his first appeal.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

9. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 16/07/2026 for which Appellant and Respondent No. 01 (PIO, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs) and Respondent No. 02 (PIO, Sports Authority of Goa) present in person.

Respondent No. 01 filed written submission dated 16/07/2026 with the copy to the Appellant stating that he had furnished all information (pertaining to him being Table Tennis Coach under Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs) to the Appellant but inadvertently Birth Certificate has not been furnished to the Appellant along with other information which already furnished to the Appellant. Respondent No. 01 furnished copy of the Birth certificate to the Appellant before the Presiding Commissioner.

10. Respondent No. 02 (PIO, Sports Authority of Goa) orally submitted before the Presiding Commissioner that the information sought by the Appellant is personal information of third parties, who have in writing objected to the disclosure of information pertaining to them. Hence the Respondent No. 02 did not furnish the information to the Appellant as the disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy of third parties.

11. Upon perusal of the information sought by the Appellant in respect of Table Tennis and Carrom Coaches, Presiding Commissioner found

that name, date of birth, qualification, experience, whether full timer or part timer as coach and daily working hours of the coaches sought by the Appellant does not falls under the category of confidential or personal information in its true sense. The above cited information is basic information held by a Public Authority in respect of individuals working under that Public Authority and furnishing of such information is not expected to make any invasion into the privacy. Moreover, in the present appeal, Respondent No. 01 has already furnished above cited information including copy of Birth Certificate to the Appellant.

DECISION

Considering the facts and circumstances of the appeal and oral arguments placed before the Presiding Commissioner by the Appellant, Respondent No. 01 and 02, **Commission hereby decided to dispose the present appeal with the following directions:**

i. Respondent No. 02 (PIO, Sports Authority of Goa) :

Furnish information, free of cost, sought by the Appellant vide RTI application dated 19/02/2026 within 10 days from the date of this order i.e. 16/07/2026. Information shall be dispatched to the address given by the Appellant in his RTI application by Registered post with AD.

ii. 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/-

(ARAVINDKUMAR H. NAIR)
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC