

## **GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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### **Appeal No. 41/2026/SCIC**

Keshav A. Kalangutkar,  
H. No. 10/86/C, Anandi Niwas,  
Telang Nagar, Khorlim,  
Mapusa, Bardez Goa 403507

-----Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,  
Deputy Superintendent of Police,  
North Goa, Mapusa,  
Bardez Goa 403507.

2. The First Appellate Authority (FAA),  
Superintendent of Police, North,  
Porvorim, Police Station Building,  
Porvorim, Goa 403501

-----Respondents

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

### **Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal**

RTI application filed on	18/09/2025
PIO replied on	10/10/2025
First Appeal filed on	05/11/2025
First Appellate order on	12/12/2025
<b>Second appeal received on</b>	<b>03/02/2026</b>
<b>First Hearing</b>	<b>24/03/2026</b>
<b>Decided on</b>	<b>24/03/2026</b>

### **Information sought and background of the Appeal**

- Shri. Keshav A. Kalangutkar filed an application dated 18/09/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO (SDPO, Mapusa) seeking House Tenancy verification form in respect of the migrants residing in a portion of House No. 10/86/C, Anandi Niwas, Telang Nagar, Khorlim, Mapusa and the copy of the Leave License/Lease Agreement made between the said residents and the house owner Pushkar G. Kalangutkar.

2. In response to the RTI application, PIO (SDPO, Mapusa) vide letter dated 10/10/2025 replied that *"As per PI, Mapusa, information sought does not come under the purview of section 2 (f) of RTI Act, 2005. Moreover, no Leave and License/Lease Agreement is accepted by the police while procedure of tenant verification process followed"*
3. Being aggrieved by the reply received from the Respondent PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 05/11/2025 before the First Appellate Authority (Supdt. of Police, North).
4. First Appellate Authority (Supdt. Of Police, North Goa) vide order dated 12/12/2025 dismissed the first appeal on the ground that the information sought by the Appellant does not come under the purview of Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the Tenant Verification Form is personal information of third party. Order further stated that Appellant was informed by the Respondent PIO that No Leave and License/Lease Agreement was accepted by the Police while undertaking the tenant verification procedure in the given matter.
5. Subsequently, Appellant filed second appeal dated 03/02/2026 before the Commission praying for :
  - i) Direction to the Respondent No. 01 (PIO) to furnish the information sought by the Appellant vide RTI application dated 18/09/2025.
  - ii) Set aside the order passed by the First Appellate Authority.
  - iii) Censure and penalise the Respondents under the RTI Act, 2005 for acting in a biased manner and in contravention of the law.

### **FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING**

6. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 24/03/2026 for which Appellant present and the Respondent PIO was represented by Shri. Aditya Gad, PSI, Mapusa, who filed written submission of Respondent PIO which states that the Appellant has been duly informed that no Leave and License

Agreement or Lease Agreement is accepted by the Police during the course of tenant verification referred by the Appellant in his RTI application and tenant verification form has denied as the form contains personal information of third party.

7. Appellant orally submitted that the property where the migrant/tenants from Maharashtra, Karnataka and Rajasthan (03 families) are staying is a common residential accommodation bearing H. No. 10/86/C belonging to him and his cousin Pushkar G. Kalangutkar. Since the above mentioned three families have been provided rented accommodation above his residential portion by his cousin without taking his consent, he requires the tenant verification forms in respect of the said three families submitted to the Police Station, Mapusa.

### **DECISION**

Based on the written submission of the Respondent PIO and the oral submission made by the Appellant, Commission has come to the conclusion that with regard to the copy of the Lease Agreement, Appellant was duly informed by the Respondent PIO that No Leave and License/Lease Agreement has been received by the Police along with the tenant verification forms in respect of the above mentioned three families and copies of the Tenant verification forms in respect of the said three families have been denied to the Appellant by the Respondent PIO on the ground that the Tenant verification forms contains personal information of the tenants.

### **Commission hereby directed the Respondent PIO –**

- (i) *To furnish copies of the Tenant Verification Forms in respect of the members of the above cited three families who have been residing at House No. 10/86/C, Anandi Niwas, Telang Nagar, Khorlim, Mapusa, Goa and submitted to the Mapusa Police Station by the House owner Mr. Pushkar Gajanan Kalangutkar.*

(ii) *The copies of the above cited Tenant Verification Forms should be furnished to the Appellant within 10 days from the date of this order, pronounced on 24/03/2026 and file compliance report to the Commission within 15 days from the date 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