

# GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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## Appeal No.61/2026/SCIC

Mrs. Jennifer Colaco,  
A/504, Rushikesh CHS, Vakola,  
Santa Cruz East ,Mumbai 400055.

-----Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,  
Mr. Phadte, Village Panchayat,  
Siolim 403517

-----Respondent

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

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

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| RTI application filed on         | 11/09/2025        |
| PIO replied on                   | 01/10/2025        |
| First Appeal filed on            | 21/10/2025        |
| First Appellate order on         | 20/11/2025        |
| <b>Second appeal received on</b> | <b>14/02/2026</b> |
| <b>First hearing</b>             | <b>22/04/2026</b> |
| <b>Decided on</b>                | <b>06/05/2026</b> |

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

1. Mrs. Jennifer Colaco filed an application dated 11/09/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Village Panchayat, Siolim-Marna seeking following information:
  - i) *"House Tax copy of 700/5, both previous and present names.*
  - ii) *Entire file with supporting documents towards this name transfer.*
  - iii) *Name of Secretary and entire minutes of meetings file permitting this particular transfer".*
2. In response to the RTI application, PIO/Village Panchayat, Siolim-Marna vide letter dated 01/10/2025 replied to the Appellant requesting to collect the document sought vide RTI application.

3. Appellant then filed first appeal dated 21/10/2025 before the First Appellate Authority on the ground of denying information sought at Point No. 2 and 3 of the RTI application.

4. First Appellate Authority (BDO-I, Bardez) vide order dated 20/11/2025 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish a sworn-in-affidavit or a specific correspondence to the Appellant explicitly stating that the subject file is lost, missing or not traceable.

Order further stated that as part of the specific remedial measures to be taken with regards to the missing file, file formal missing records report with competent authorities, lodging a FIR and initiating immediate measures for the reconstruction of the file alternative sources.

5. Subsequently, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 14/02/2026 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to file an FIR over the missing document/file, cancellation of illegal house tax entry and impose penalty on Respondent PIO.

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

6. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal by the Appellant, matter took up for hearing on 22/04/2026 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO present. Partial arguments were placed before the Presiding Commissioner by the parties. Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to conduct a thorough search to trace missing file/documents in the records of the office of the Respondent PIO. Matter fixed for further hearing on 06/05/2026.

7. When the matter took up for further hearing on 06/05/2026, Appellant and Respondent PIO present. Respondent PIO orally submitted that the file in question could not be traced in the fresh round of search also.

### **DECISION**

Based on the submission and arguments by the parties, **the Commission decided to direct the Respondent PIO** to comply with the order dated 20/11/2025 passed by the First Appellate Authority (BDO-I, Bardez Goa) in the form of -

- i. **Furnishing an Affidavit to the Appellant to the effect that the file pertaining to the information sought by the Appellant vide RTI application dated 11/09/2025 is not traceable.**  
***Affidavit should be furnished within 07 days from the date of order, 06/05/2026.***
- ii. **Since all efforts to trace the file in question did not succeed, file a complaint to the local police to register a FIR into the missing documents and furnish copy of the police complaint to the Appellant.**
- iii. **Police complaint should be filed within 15 days from the date of order, 06/05/2026. Copy of the Complaint need to be furnished to the Appellant immediately after filing the Complaint followed by the copy of the FIR once registered by the police.**
  - 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