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## Appeal No.65/2026/SCIC

Satish Vassant Fadte,  
H. No. 52/2 Quegdicotto,  
Cuncoim, Salcete Goa 403703

-----Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,  
Town and Country Planning Department,  
Margao, South Goa.

2. The Senior Town Planner,  
Town and Country Planning Department,  
Margao, South Goa

-----Respondents

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

**Filed on :23/02/2026**

**Disposed on :03/06/2026**

### **FACTS IN BRIEF :**

1. Shri. Satish V. Fadte filed an application dated 28/11/2026 under the RTI Act, 2005 to the Dy. Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department, South Goa District Office, Margao seeking information at 6 points in respect of Technical Clearance bearing Ref. No. TPM/11515/CUN/244/1/2013-2025/7766.
2. In response to the RTI application, Respondent PIO furnished information/copies of document which according to the Appellant is incomplete and evasive.
3. Being aggrieved by the information furnished by the Respondent PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 03/01/2026 before the First Appellate Authority praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to

furnish complete, point wise and certified information as sought vide RTI application.

4. Thereafter, Appellant filed second appeal dated 23/02/2026 before the Commission stating that Respondent No. 1 (PIO) furnished incomplete information and Respondent No. 2 (FAA) has not passed an order in the first appeal.

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

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 20/04/2026 for which Respondent PIO present and Appellant present along with Adv. Shalom Sardinha. Appellant's lawyer orally submitted that the Respondent PIO did not reply to the RTI application though some documents were furnished after inspection of records/files.

6. Respondent PIO in his written submission dated 20/04/2026 stated that on receipt of the RTI application dated 28/11/2025, vide letter dated 12/12/2025 requested the Appellant to visit the office of the Respondent PIO to inspect the concerned records and to collect required information after paying necessary photocopying charges.

Accordingly, Appellant physically inspected the files/records and collected required information/documents. Respondent PIO further submitted that certain queries raised by the Appellant do not fall within the definition of "information". Both the parties placed their oral arguments before the Presiding Commissioner.

7. Presiding Commissioner felt that since the First Appellate Authority (FAA) did not pass an order in Appellant's first appeal, the present appeal is fit to 'remand back' to the FAA with the direction to decide and pass an order within 15 days besides seeking an explanation from the FAA.

Later, in the afternoon, FAA personally visited the Commission's office and filed two copies of the order dated 17/04/2026 passed in Appellant's first appeal.

8. Matter took up for further hearing on 04/05/2026 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO present. Both the parties placed their arguments. Respondent PIO orally submitted that File pertaining to the information sought by the Appellant has been sent to the Government and assured to follow up in the Secretariat to get the file back to the Chief Town Planner, Town and Country Planning.

Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to obtain the concerned file and produce in a sealed cover to ascertain the availability of document particularly '*Affidavit*' sought by the Appellant in the said file. Issued letter to the Chief Town Planner and Country Planning to produce the file in question before the Presiding Commissioner on 03/06/2026 in a sealed cover.

9. When matter took up for final hearing on 03/06/2026, Respondent PIO present and Appellant present along with Adv. Shalom Sardinha. Respondent PIO in his written submission dated 03/06/2026 stated that pursuant to the direction of the Hon'ble Commission, the file bearing Ref. No. TPM/11515/CUN/244/1/2013-2025 has been received by his office from the Government and produced the said file before the Presiding Commissioner.

Respondent PIO stated orally during the hearing that upon perusal it is found that the said file does not contain any Affidavit sought by the Appellant. At this juncture, Presiding Commissioner instructed the Appellant to go through the entire file to ascertain the documents including Affidavit sought by him are available in the file or not.

However, Appellant stated that he is willing to avail the copies of entire file by making necessary payment and Respondent PIO agreed to furnish copy of the entire file in question to the Appellant on the direction of the Commission.

### **DECISION**

Based on the facts and circumstances of the appeal, written submission as well as oral arguments placed by the Appellant and Respondent, Commission decided to dispose off the present appeal with the following **directions to the Respondent PIO** :

- i) **Since the Respondent PIO vide letter dated 12/12/2025 has furnished information/documents in respect of Point No. 1, 2 and 3 of the RTI application dated 28/11/2025, furnish information or reply in writing in respect of the remaining three points (Point No. 4, 5 and 6) including Affidavit and other documents sought by the Appellant at Point No. 6 of the application.**

**If the file in question does not contain the Affidavit sought by the Appellant, specify the same in the Respondent PIO's reply to Point No. 4, 5 & 6 of the RTI application.**

- ii) **As the Appellant wish to avail the copy of the entire file bearing Ref. No. TPM/11515/CUN/244/1/2013-2025, Respondent PIO is directed to furnish copy of the entire file to the Appellant on payment of fee applicable.**

**Both the directions need to be complied within 10 days from the 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