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Appeal No.67/2026/SCIC

Mr. Shravin P. Corgaonkar,
H. No. 341, Tambudki, Arpora,
Bardez, Goa.

-----Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,
Shri. Dharmendra P. Govenkar,
Village Panchayat Secretary,
Village Panchayat Arpora- Nagoa,
Arpora, Bardez Goa.

-----Respondent

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	22/10/2026
PIO replied on	-
First Appeal filed on	07/11/2025
First Appellate order on	09/01/2026
Second appeal received on	20/02/2026
Decided on	06/07/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

- Shri. Shravin P. Corgaonkar filed an application dated 22/10/2026 under RTI Act, 2005 seeking information from the PIO, Village Panchayat, Arpora-Nagoa at 09 points under two main points (Point No. 01 (a-e) & Point No. 02 (a-f)) which interalia includes the following:

- "Provide records related to the house numbers 341, 341/1, 341/2 (if any) 381 and 572 and information regarding their location, ward number, ward name, village, survey number and sub-division number.*
- Provide records such as House Tax Assessment, area of house during registration in Panchayat.*
- Copy of documents submitted during House registration such as house site plan, drawing etc."*

2. Failing to receive any reply or information to the RTI application, Appellant filed first appeal dated 07/11/2025 before the First Appellate Authority.
3. First Appellate Authority (BDO-I, Bardez, Goa) vide order dated 09/01/2026 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish complete, certified and point-wise information as requested in the RTI application dated 22/10/2025 in accordance with the records maintained by the Village Panchayat. Order further stated that if any specific document or record requested is not available with the Village Panchayat records, the PIO must state the same clearly in a formal written statement.
4. Subsequently, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 20/02/2026 before the Commission stating failure of the PIO to furnish information and comply with the order passed by the First Appellate Authority. Appellant prayed for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish complete information free of cost, grant compensation and to impose penalty in the event of PIO disobey the final order of the Commission.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 22/04/2026 for which Adv. Madhumita Nayak Salatry present for the PIO but none present for Appellant. Copy of the appeal memo furnished to Respondent PIO's lawyer, who assured to file reply on the next date of hearing scheduled on 12/05/2026.
6. When matter called out for hearing on 12/05/2026, none present for Appellant and Respondent PIO. Matter adjourned to 10/06/2026.
7. Appellant present for the hearing held on 10/06/2026 but none present for Respondent PIO. Issued notice for the presence of PIO on the next date of hearing. Matter adjourned to 06/07/2026.

8. Matter took up for hearing on 06/07/2026. Shri. Dharmendra P. Govenkar (then PIO, Village Panchayat Arpora-Nagao) and Shri. Francis A. Fernandes (present PIO, Village Panchayat Arpora-Nagao) present with their written submission but none present for Appellant.

9. Then PIO, who served as Secretary, Village Panchayat Arpora-Nagao from 05/07/2025 to 09/05/2026, submitted that due to administrative reasons such as Special Intensive Revision duty assigned by the Chief Election Officer, Goa and unforeseen administrative exigencies arised from the Birch fire incident in the Panchayat, Appellant's RTI application could not be disposed within the prescribed time period under RTI Act, 2005.

Then PIO also filed point-wise information to the Appellant's RTI application as per the record available with Panchayat office.

10. Present PIO vide letter dated 06/07/2026 produced para-wise reply/information as per the records available with the Panchayat. The point-wise information produced before the Presiding Commissioner by the present PIO contains 20 pages of supporting documents such as –

- i) Form No. 7 (Assessment Register Annexure A).**
- ii) Application of 2001 submitted by Dr. Vilas B. Corgaonkar, Adv. Prakash B. Corgaonkar and Shri. Naresh B. Corgaonkar addressed to the Sarpanch/Secretary, Village Panchayat Arpora-Nagao requesting NOC for Sub-Division of House No. 341, Survey No. 911, Sub-Div. 6, Tambudki Solmolem, Arpora, Bardez, Goa and to install separate meters for electricity and water connections.**
- iii) House Tax receipts.**
- iv) Latest receipts of house and garbage tax paid for the year 2024-25 and 2025-2026.**

DECISION

- i. Commission has come to the conclusion that Respondent PIOs (present and then) have produced before the Presiding Commissioner on 06/07/2026, all available information along with annexure of 20-page documents in accordance to Appellant's RTI application dated 22/10/2025.**
- ii. Since the Respondents have produced all available information before the Commission supported by relevant documents, Commission decided to dispose the matter.**
- iii. As the Appellant was absent for the hearing held on 06/07/2026, information produced before the Presiding Commissioner shall be attached with the order dated 06/07/2026 passed by the Commission.**
 - 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