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Appeal No. 85/2026/SCIC

Dr. Olavo Ribeiro,
Dr. Olavo Ribeiro Hospital,
Near Alankar Theatre,
Mapusa, Bardez Goa.
V/s

-----Appellant

The Public Information Officer,
Director (Administration),
Directorate of Health Services,
Campal, Panaji Goa.

-----Respondent

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	14/08/2025
PIO replied on	05/09/2025
First Appeal filed on	01/12/2025
First Appellate order on	16/02/2026
Second appeal received on	27/02/2026
First hearing	27/04/2026
Decided on	29/07/2026

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Dr. Olavo Ribeiro filed an application dated 14/08/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, (Medical Superintendent), North District Hospital/Asilo, Mapusa seeking information at 95 points.
2. On receipt of the RTI application dated 14/08/2025, PIO (Dr. Varsha Munj, Medical Superintendent/Dy. Director) vide letter dated 20/08/2025 transferred the application to the PIO/Dy. Director, Directorate of Health Services u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 requesting to provide information pertaining to Point Nos. 33, 34, 35, 37, 86 & 92 directly to the Appellant under intimation.

- 3.** In response to the RTI application received on transfer, PIO (Director, Administration), Directorate of Health Services vide letter dated 05/09/2025 replied to the Appellant enclosing among others, a copy dated 22/03/2018 of the seniority list of Consultants/Specialists M.D/M. S. Doctors.
- 4.** Being aggrieved by the reply/information received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 01/12/2025 before the First Appellate Authority (Director/Health Services) praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish updated inter-se seniority list in the grade of Senior Consultants under Directorate of Health Services for promotion to the post of Dy. Director (Medical) and Medical Superintendent cum Dy. Director under DHS.
- 5.** First Appellate Authority (Director of Health Services) vide Order dated 16/02/2026 directed the Administration Section, Directorate of Health Services to address to the Public Health Department and obtain the updated inter-se seniority list in the grade of Senior Consultants under DHS.
- 6.** Pursuant to the order passed by the First Appellate Authority, Director of Health Services (Dr. Rupa Naik) vide Memo dated 13/02/2026 requested the Under Secretary (Health-II), Public Health Department, Government of Goa to update the seniority list of Consultants and provide a copy of the same at the earliest.
- 7.** Subsequently, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 27/02/2026 before the Commission stating that the FAA failed to give directions to the Respondent PIO to provide the Appellant with the seniority list and prayed before the Commission to direct the Respondent PIO to provide a updated legible copy of the seniority list of Consultants.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

- 8.** Pursuant to the filing of present appeal by the Appellant, matter took up for hearing on 27/04/2026 for which Appellant present alongwith Adv. Shane Gomes Pereira and Respondent PIO(Dy. Director) present alongwith UDC, Mrs. Sabita Pinto.

Respondent PIO orally submitted before the Presiding Commissioner that in reference to letter No. DHS/ADM/RTI/2026/3715 dated 13/02/2026 addressed to Public Health Department, Directorate of Health Services has received seniority list of Senior Surgeon, Physician, Pathologist, Psychiatrist and Orthopaedic Surgeon under DHS but the list of Radiologist is yet to be received.

Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to write another letter to the Public Health Department to pursue the matter of seniority list of Radiologists. Matter fixed for hearing on 04/06/2026.

- 9.** When matter called out for hearing on 04/06/2026, Appellant present alongwith his lawyer but none present for Respondents. Issued notice for the presence of the present PIO alongwith submission on the next hearing on 30/06/2026.

- 10.** Matter took up for hearing on 30/06/2026 for which Adv. Shane Goes Pereira present for Appellant and Present PIO (Shri Chandresh Gaonkar (Dy. Director) present alongwith APIO.

Present PIO submitted that in compliance to the direction of the Presiding Commissioner, a reminder dated 17/06/2026 has been sent to the Under Secretary (Health-II), Public Health Department for an early updation of the seniority list of the Radiologist to furnish information to the Appellant.

Accepting the request of Appellant's lawyer for a longer date, matter fixed for further hearing on 29/07/2026.

- 11.** When matter called out for hearing on 29/07/2026, Respondent PIO and Appellant's lawyer Adv. Shane Gomes Pereira present.

In compliance to the direction of the Presiding Commissioner, present PIO produced submission dated 29/07/2026 alongwith copy of updated seniority list dated 02/09/2021 of Senior Radiologist issued by the Under Secretary (Health –II).

Since the seniority list produced before the Commission is dated 02/09/2021, Presiding Commissioner inquired with the present PIO how it can be considered as updated list. Present PIO orally submitted that even though the seniority list produced before the Presiding Commissioner is issued on 02/09/2021, still it is treated as updated one, as no fresh seniority list is prepared till date after 02/09/2021.

DECISION

- i. Since the Respondent PIO (present PIO) has submitted (29/07/2026) latest seniority list of senior Radiologists, issued on 02/09/2021 by the Under Secretary (Health-II), Public Health Department, Government of Goa, before the Presiding Commissioner with a copy to the Appellant, Commission decided to dispose off the present appeal.**

Since the written submission and information produced before the Presiding Commissioner by the Respondent PIO sans necessary stamp and seal of the PIO, same was resubmitted after duly following the necessary formalities on the directions of the Presiding Commissioner. *Hence copy of the revised reply shall be attached with the copy of order to the Appellant.*

- ii. Since the existing seniority list is issued on 02/09/2021, Respondent PIO is directed to furnish copy of the updated seniority list (prepared and issued by the PHD, as a sequel to the seniority list dated 02/09/2021) to the Appellant as and when the same is received by the DHS from the PHD.**

iii. Respondent PIO to file compliance report to the Commission within 15 days from the receipt of this order.

- Matter disposed.
- Proceedings stand 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