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Appeal No.89/2026/SCIC

Savio Pereira,
LT 1/21 Vijay Nagar,
Marol, Maroshi Road,
Andheri (E), Mumbai 59 -----Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,
Mr. Arjun Velip, Secretary,
Calangute Panchayat,
Calangute, Bardez Goa 403516
2. The First Appellate Authority, Mr. Prathamesh,
Block Development Officer,
Government Office Complex,
Mapusa, Goa 403507 -----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	23/10/2025
PIO replied on	-
First Appeal filed on	12/12/2025
First Appellate order on	16/01/2026
Second appeal received on	16/03/2026
First Hearing	23/04/2026
Decided on	02/06/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

- 1.** Shri. Savio Pereira filed an application dated 23/10/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Village Panchayat Calangute, Goa seeking following information :
- i. "Certified copy of application along with drawings submitted by Trivikrama/Raya Gosh for permanent construction of room on plot bearing Sy. No. 218/11 of Village Calangute, Bardez, Goa.*
 - ii. Certified copy of approvals given by Calangute Panchayat for permanent construction to Trivikrama/Raya Gosh".*

2. Failing to receive any reply/information from the PIO to his RTI application, Appellant filed first appeal dated 12/12/2025 before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. First Appellate Authority (BDO-I, Bardez, Goa) vide order dated 16/01/2026 directed the Respondent PIO to conduct a thorough search of the records available with the Village Panchayat and furnish certified copies of the application, drawings and approvals as available in the said records within 10 days from the date of receipt of the order.
4. Subsequently Appellant preferred second appeal dated 16/03/2026 before the Commission citing non-compliance of the First Appellate Authority's order by the Respondent PIO.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 23/04/2026 for which Appellant present and Adv. Swati Verlekar present for Respondent PIO. Presiding Commissioner instructed the Respondent PIO's lawyer to file point-wise reply/information on or before the next date of hearing and to ensure the physical presence of the Respondent PIO for the next hearing. Since the Respondent PIO's lawyer requested for a long date due to summer vacation of the Courts, matter fixed for further hearing on 02/06/2026.
6. When the matter took up for further hearing on 02/06/2026, Appellant and Respondent PIO's lawyer Adv. Swati Verlekar present. Respondent PIO's lawyer orally submitted before the Presiding Commissioner that due to three site inspections, Respondent PIO could not attend today's hearing.
7. Besides filing written submission dated 02/06/2026 on behalf of the Respondent PIO, Adv. Swati Verlekar filed Respondent PIO's letter dated 01/06/2026 furnishing information to the 02- point RTI application dated 23/10/2025 of the Appellant.

DECISION

Since the Appellant is not fully satisfied with the information furnished by the Respondent PIO vide letter dated 01/06/2026,

Commission directed to Respondent PIO-

- i) **To furnish proper and point-wise reply based on the records, both register and computer, to the Appellant having proper seal of the PIO and stamping of "Issued under RTI Act, 2005".**
- ii) **Since the Appellant insist for receipt of the payment for availing information, Respondent PIO shall accept the necessary fee for the information to be provided and furnish receipt of the payment even though Appellant is entitled to receive sought information free of cost.**
- iii) ***As the Appellant, who lives in Mumbai, is leaving for Mumbai today evening itself, Respondent PIO is directed to furnish the revised reply/information to the Appellant by Registered post with AD on priority.***
- iv) **Respondent PIO is specifically directed to address the RTI applications at his own level itself by furnishing information instead of taking the matter to the level of first and second appellate authorities by the RTI applicants due to the denial of information as well as non-compliance of the orders passed by the First Appellate Authority.**
 - 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