

## **GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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### **Appeal No. 07/2026/SCIC**

Shri Anthony Roque DSouza,  
H. No. 63, Mainath Bhatti,  
Arpora, Bardez Goa 403516.

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V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,  
Piedade Dias,  
Joint Civil Registrar cum Sub-Registrar,  
Mapusa Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,  
Under the RTI Act, 2005,  
The District Registrar,  
Panaji Goa.

----Respondents

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

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

RTI application filed on	05/09/2025
PIO replied on	19/09/2025
First Appeal filed on	30/09/2025
First Appellate order on	--
<b>Second appeal received on</b>	<b>07/01/2026</b>
<b>First Hearing</b>	<b>23/02/2026</b>
<b>Decided on</b>	<b>23/02/2026</b>

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

- Shri. Anthony Roque D'Souza filed an application dated 05/09/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o. Joint Civil Registrar cum Sub Registrar-II, Bardez seeking information at 05 points with regards to the Sale Deed Registration No. BRZ-1-5056-2022.
- In response to the RTI application, PIO/Joint Civil Registrar cum Sub Registrar, Bardez-II vide letter dated 19/09/2025 replied to the Appellant.

3. Being aggrieved by the reply received from the Respondent PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 30/09/2025 before the First Appellate Authority (District Registrar, Panaji) praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to provide correct information in accordance to the RTI application.
4. Failing to receive any notice/order in his first appeal, Appellant preferred second appeal before the Commission stating that Respondent PIO failed to provide specific and point-wise reply/information to his application and First Appellate Authority failed to perform statutory duty prescribed u/s 19(6) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 23/02/2026 for which Appellant's son appeared with authority letter and Respondent PIO present.
6. During the course of proceedings, Appellant's authorised representative submitted that despite filing first appeal on 30/09/2025, First Appellate Authority did not act on first appeal till date.

### **DECISION**

Based on the oral submission of the Appellant's representative and perusal of the present appeal dated 07/01/2026, Commission decided to **REMAND BACK** the matter to the First Appellate Authority (District Registrar, Panaji) with the following directions –

- i) **To decide and pass an order in Appellant's first appeal on or before March 11, 2026.**
- ii) **Provide copy of the order to the parties to the first appeal and the Commission by March 15, 2026.**

**iii) File written explanation within 10 days to the Commission why disciplinary action should not be recommended to the Competent Authority u/s 20(2) of the RTI Act, 2005 for adopting casual and irresponsible approach towards the Appellant's first appeal in gross violation of the obligation vested on the First Appellate Authority u/s 19(6) of the RTI Act, 2005.**

- Proceedings stand closed.
- Pronounced in Open Court.
- Notify the parties.

**Sd/-**

**(ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR)**  
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC