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**Appeal No. 194/2024/SIC**

Pandurang P. Parab,  
H.No.61, Shapora,  
Anjuna, Bardez-Goa,  
403509.

.....Appellant

V/S

1.The Public Information officer,  
Village Panchayat of Anjuna-Kaisua,  
Anjuna, Bardez-Goa.

2. The Block Development Officer-I,  
Bardez, Mapusa-Goa.

.....Respondents

**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve**

State Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 19/09/2024**

**Decided on: 06/02/2026**

**ORDER**

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 27/03/2024 made by the Appellant, Pandurang Parab and addressed to the PIO at Village Panchayat Anjuna-Kaisua, Bardez-Goa.
2. The PIO failed to reply the RTI application within the stipulated time period of 30 days.
3. Thereafter, the Appellant herein preferred first appeal dated 21/05/2024 before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. Vide order dated 21/06/2024, the FAA dismissed the first appeal and directed the Respondent to give information as per

the Panchayat records, if any, within 10 days of passing of the order.

5. Aggrieved by this order, the Appellant herein preferred second appeal before this Commission vide appeal memo dated 19/09/2024.
6. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 04/02/2025 onwards.
7. Both the parties filed their respective replies and rejoinders and also argued the matter.
8. Upon perusal of the appeal memo, reply and rejoinder filed by both the parties this Commission is of considered opinion as under:-
  - a. The conduct of the PIO, in present instance appears to be against the letter and spirit of the RTI Act.
  - b. The said PIO has grossly failed to discharge his duty by way of not issuing any response within initial stipulated time period of 30 days and thereafter by way of non-compliance of the directions of the FAA.
  - c. On 18/03/2025, the PIO contends that he was busy complying directions of Hon'ble High Court in CRZ matters and admitted the delay caused in responding to the Appellant and revealed that the order of the FAA was not communicated to him as he was transferred from the said Village Panchayat.
  - d. The order passed by the BDO, Bardez, Mapusa-Goa categorically find a mention in the Roznama dated 19/06/2024 that the Respondent has been given numerous

opportunities to appear before the FAA but the Respondent failed to appear in person and also not bothered to authorised any person to appear on behalf of him before the FAA. From this it is evident that the PIO has taken the appeal before the FAA casually which stands in contradiction to the spirit of RTI Act, 2005. So also has failed to discharge his duties as PIO.

9. Consequently, the present second appeal is disposed off with following order:-

- a. The present appeal is hereby allowed.
  - b. The present PIO is directed to furnish the desired information/ documents to the Appellant within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order free of cost and file compliance report to this Commission positively.
  - c. Registry to issue show cause notice to the present PIO seeking clarification as to why no action should be initiated in terms of Sec 20(1) and 20(2) of the RTI Act. Reply and compliance to be done on **10/03/2026 at 11.00 am.**
  - d. In case the said Shri. Jitendra Naik is transferred, the Director, Directorate of Panchayats, Government of Goa is hereby directed to conduct an enquiry against the same regarding his actions against the RTI Act in so far as the facts and circumstances of the present matter are concerned and submit the same on or before 10/03/2026 before this Commission.
- No order as to cost.
  - Parties to be provided authenticated copies of the order.

- 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/-

**(ATMARAM R. BARVE)**

State Information Commissioner