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Appeal No. 214/2024/SIC

Dinesh V. Narvekar,
534/H, Hattalwada,
Corjuem, Aldona,
Bardez-Goa 403508.

.....Appellant

V/S

1.Public Information Officer,
Secretary, Village Panchayat of Aldona,
Bardez-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Office of Block Development Officer,
Mapusa, Bardze-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve

State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 11/10/2024
Decided on: 11/04/2025
Detailed Order passed on: 23/04/2026

ORDER

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 24/06/2024 made by the Appellant, Shri. Dinesh V. Narvekar and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO), Secretary of Village Panchayat Aldona, Bardez-Goa.
2. It is contended by the Appellant herein, that the PIO did not issue any communication to the said RTI application with stipulated time period of 30 days upon which the Appellant filed reminder dated 06/08/2024 again to furnish the desired information. But the PIO failed to reply the same, upon which

the Appellant had to prefer first appeal dated 23/08/2024 before the competent authority

3. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide order dated 23/09/2024 directed the PIO to provide the complete information to the Appellant within 10 days from the date of passing of this order free of cost.
4. Non-compliance of the order of the FAA by the PIO, the Appellant herein preferred second appeal vide appeal memo dated 11/10/2024 before this Commission.
5. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 12/02/2025 onwards.
6. During the hearing on 12/02/2025, the PIO appeared and furnished the copies of documents sought by the Appellant vide his RTI application.
7. During the hearing on 03/03/2025, the PIO claimed that he had furnished information to Appellant on last hearing, but the Appellant objected the same.
8. Upon perusal of the appeal memo and other material on record, this Commission is of considered opinion as under:-
 - a. The PIO has grossly failed to discharge his duties by not replying to the RTI application within the stipulated time period of 30 days.
 - b. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) has duly discharge his duty by passing speaking order.
9. Therefore, in view of the above, the appeal is disposed off with following order:-

- i. The present second appeal is upheld.
 - ii. The present PIO at Village Panchayat Aldona is hereby directed to provide inspection afresh to the Appellant as per his RTI application dated 24/06/2024 and also provide the requested copies free of cost to the Appellant on or before 18/05/2026.
 - iii. Registry to issue show cause notice to the present PIO as to why action should not be initiated under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act and reply to the show cause notice to be filed by remaining present in person alongwith compliance report in respect to above mentioned directions on **01/06/2026 at 11.00 am**; failing which necessary penalty/ disciplinary proceeding shall be initiated against them.
- 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.

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(ATMARAM R. BARVE)

State Information Commissioner