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**Appeal No. 236/2024/SIC**

Miss. Princy Furtado,  
R/o. H.No. 845, Mandopa,  
Navelim, Salcete-Goa 403731. .....Appellant

V/S

1. Public Information Officer,  
Secretary of Village Panchayat Navelim,  
Salcete-Goa 403707.

2. The First Appellate Authority,  
Block Development Officer-II of Salcete,  
O/o. BDO, Room No. 223, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Mathany Salhana Administrative Complex,  
Margao-Goa 403601. .....Respondents

**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve** State Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 28/10/2024**  
**Decided on: 06/05/2025**  
**Detailed Order passed on: 30/03/2026**

**ORDER**

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 29/05/2024 made by the Appellant, Miss. Princy Furtado and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at office of Village Panchayat Navelim, Salcete-Goa.
2. The PIO vide reply dated 20/06/2024, informed the Appellant that information sought by her is not available on office records.
3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant preferred first appeal dated 04/07/2024 before the competent authority.

4. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide order dated 30/07/2024 directed the PIO to re-inspect the records and also allow inspection to the Appellant as per her RTI application and furnish available information after inspection free of cost within 15 days to the Appellant.
5. Aggrieved by the order of the FAA, the Appellant herein preferred second appeal vide appeal memo dated 28/10/2024 before this Commission.
6. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 18/02/2025 onwards.
7. The PIO, Ms. Sunita V. Dessai contended that, the RTI matter is pertaining to the period of then V.P. Secretary, Shri. Khushalidas Gaonkar.
8. The then PIO through his reply contended that, the PIO had issued a communication dated 20/06/2024 regarding to collect the certified copies of information by making payment of Rs. 1588/-, but the same was not received by the Appellant as per the available records in the file.
9. The then PIO also contended that, the order of the FAA was complied by him and to substantiate his statement he has placed on record the acknowledgement A/D card received from Postal Authority.
10. Under the said circumstances, it was the bound duty of the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant during the course of hearing. From this it is considered that the PIO is not in favour to furnish the desired information to the Appellant.

11. Upon perusal of the appeal, reply, rejoinders and other materials on record this Commission is of considered opinion as under:-
  - a. The PIO has duly discharged his duties by replying to the RTI application but without reasoning for not furnishing the information.
  - b. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) has also duly discharged his duty by passing speaking order.
12. Therefore, in view of above, the present second appeal is disposed off with following order.
  - a. The present second appeal is upheld.
  - b. The present PIO at Village Panchayat Navelim is hereby directed to provide inspection afresh to the Appellant as per her RTI application dated 29/05/2024 and also provide the requested copies free of cost to the Appellant on or before 20/04/2026.
  - c. Registry to issue show cause notice to the present PIO and then PIO, Khushalidas Gaonkar 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 **14/05/2026 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.

Sd/-

**(ATMARAM R. BARVE)**

State Information Commissioner