

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
'Kamat Towers', Seventh Floor, Patto, Panaji –Goa
Tel No. 0832-2437880/2437208 email: spio-gsic.goa@nic.in
website: www.gsic.goa.gov.in

Appeal No. 241/2024/SCIC

Mr. Devidas G. Panjikar,
R/o. Podwal, Khorjuem,
Aldona, Bardez-Goa
403508.

.....Appellant

V/S

The Public Information officer,
The Mae De Deus High School,
Corjuem, Aldona,
Bardez-Goa 403508.

.....Respondent

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve

State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 23/10/2024
Detailed order passed on: 10/07/2026

ORDER

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 26/07/2024 made by the Appellant herein, Mr. Devidas G. Panjikar and addressed to the Public Information Officer(PIO), the Mae De Deus High School, Corjuem, Aldona, Bardez-Goa.
2. In response to the said application, the PIO vide reply dated 23/08/2024 issued a pointwise reply to the Appellant.
3. Aggrieved by the reply of the PIO, the Appellant herein filed first appeal dated 29/08/2024 before the competent authority citing grounds that information furnished is completely baseless and have no meaning in the eyes of law and same is only to misguide and avoid/ escape from any enquiry towards the illegalities and irregularities.

4. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide order dated 01/10/2024 disposed off with the direction to PIO to furnish information at point No. 3 of the RTI application within 15 days from the receipt of this order.
5. Being aggrieved by the Order of the FAA, the Appellant preferred second appeal before this Commission vide appeal memo dated 23/10/2024.
6. Notices were served and matter came up to be heard from 24/02/2025 onwards.
7. During the hearing on 24/02/2025, the Advocate for the Respondent requested the Presiding Commissioner to transfer the said matter before Hon'ble SIC as the same issue wherein the same PIO is present.
8. During the hearing before the Hon'ble SIC on 18/03/2025, both the parties put forth their contention and also led their arguments.
9. Upon perusal of material on record this Commission is of considered opinion as under:-
 - a. The PIO has acted rightly and within the time limit of 30 days.
 - b. To establish denial of information on the part of the PIO, there has to be a substantial evidence of inaction or inordinate delay.
 - c. The FAA has also passed a speaking order with the directions to the PIO.
10. Therefore, in view of above the present second appeal is disposed off with following order:-

- a. The present second appeal stands dismissed.
 - b. 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