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Appeal No. 308/2025/SIC

Shri. Xequé Gouse,
Block No. AT-14, 3rd floor,
GRB Colony, Headland, Sada,
Mormugao-Goa, 403804.

..... **Appellant**

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer (PIO),
Superintendent, Central Jail,
Colvale, Bardez-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority (FAA),
Addtl. Inspector General of Prisons,
1st floor, Old Education Building,
18th June Road, Panaji-Goa. 403001

..... **Respondents**

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve

State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 29/11/2025
Disposed on: 30/03/2026

ORDER

1. The present Second Appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 08/09/2025 made by the Appellant herein Shri. Xequé Gouse and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at Office of the Inspector General of Prisons, Panaji Goa wherein citing larger public interest the Appellant herein sought various information pertaining to one Mr. Praveen Vishnu Salgaonkar an employee of Central Jail.
2. The PIO, Dr. S. P. Naik Goltekar vide communication dated 19/09/2025 transferred the said RTI application U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act to the PIO at Central Jail.

3. Vide reply dated 23/09/2025, the PIO at Central Jail at Colvale, Smt. Sucheta B. Dessai gave a pointwise reply rejecting the Appellants request under RTI Act.
4. Aggrieved by this reply the Appellant herein preferred the First Appeal dated 14/10/2025 following which the First Appellate Authority issued notices and vide order dated 13/11/2025 rejected the First Appeal citing the inability of the Appellant herein to establish aspect of larger public interest.
5. Aggrieved by this order the Appellant herein preferred the Second Appeal before this authority vide Appeal memo dated 29/11/2025.
6. Notices were issued and the matter came up to be heard from 12/02/2026 onwards. Both the respondents have filed their reply and reiterated the need to establish the aspect of larger public interest on the part of the Appellant herein.
7. Although it is not mandatory for the Appellant to show his/her presence, however, when the core issue to be decided is 'public interest'; the Appellant ought to remain present and put forth his/her contentions for better decision making in such matters.
8. It has been time and again reiterated by various Constitutional Courts that personal details and/or performance reports of government employees cannot be revealed to all and sundry under RTI Act unless the aspect of a public interest associated is satisfactorily established before the PIO or the Appellate Authority.

9. In the light of the above, this Commission does not find any merit in this appeal and therefore the present second appeal stands dismissed.

- No order as to cost.
- Parties to be provided authenticated copies of this order separately under each appeal number.
- 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