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Appeal No. 386/2023/SIC

Shriram S. Raiturkar,
H.No. 163, Pajifond,
Isidoro Emilio Baptista Road,
Margao-Goa 403601.

.....Appellant

V/S

1.The Public Information officer,
South Goa Planning & Development Authority,
4th Floor, Osia Commercial Arcade,
Margao-Goa 403601.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
South Goa Planning & Development Authority,
4th Floor, Osia Commercial Arcade,
Margao-Goa 403601.

.....Respondents

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve

State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 25/10/2023
Detailed order passed on: 10/07/2026

ORDER

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 02/05/2023 made by the Appellant herein, Shriram Raiturkar and addressed to the Public Information Officer(PIO), Town & Country Department, Panaji-Goa.
2. In response to the said application, the PIO vide reply dated 05/05/2023 transferred the RTI application to the office of South Goa Planning & Development Authority (SGPDA) under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act.
3. The PIO at SGPDA replied the RTI application vide reply dated 24/05/2026 informed that the Supreme Court of India in decision stated that "The performance of an employee/officer

in an organisation falls under the expression personal information, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or public interest". It further held that such information could be disclosed only if it would serve a larger public interest.

4. Aggrieved by the reply of the PIO, the Appellant herein filed first appeal dated 06/06/2023 before the competent authority.
5. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide order dated 08/08/2023 disposed off upholding the contention of the PIO.
6. Being aggrieved by the Order of the FAA, the Appellant preferred second appeal before this Commission vide appeal memo dated 25/10/2023.
7. Notices were served and matter came up to be heard from 14/12/2023 onwards.
8. Matter could not be heard between February 2024 to September 2024 due to former SIC demitting office and hearings resumed from September 2024 onwards.
9. During the hearing on 15/10/2024, the Commission issued show cause notice to the PIO for not filing any reply in the second appeal and directed to file the same on or before 28/10/2024.
10. During the hearing on 28/10/2024, the PIO appeared but failed to comply with the directions of the Commission. Prima facie the PIO was given additional time to file reply to appeal and show cause notice on or before 04/11/2024.
11. However, the PIO failed to file the reply and an additional opportunity was given to file written arguments to which the PIO filed written arguments on 11/12/2024.

12. 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 as per the decision taken by Supreme Court of India on "Disclosure of Personal Information under the RTI Act, 2005".
- d. The Appellant has also failed to show any larger public interest in seeking the information of Smt. Kanchan Sawant who is working as Architectural Assistant in the office of SGPDA.

13. 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.

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(ATMARAM R. BARVE)

State Information Commissioner