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**Appeal No. 444/2023/SIC**

Mr. Agnelo Fernandes,  
H.No. 456, Benaullim,  
Salcete-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,  
Office of the Sub-Registrar of Salcete,  
Manthany Saldhana Complex,  
Margao, Salcete-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,  
Office of the District Registrar (South),  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, D-wing, Osia Complex,  
Margao, Salcete-Goa.

.....Respondents

**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve**

State Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 15/12/2023**

**Disposed on: 17/02/2025**

**Detailed order passed on: 20/02/2026**

**ORDER**

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 26/06/2023 made by the Appellant, Mr. Agnelo Fernandes and addressed to the Public Information Officer(PIO) of the Sub-Registrar of Salcete.
2. The PIO vide reply dated 25/07/2023, informed the Appellant that the information sought by him does not fall under the definition of the information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act.
3. Aggrieved by the reply of the PIO, the Appellant preferred first appeal dated 22/08/2023 before the competent authority.

4. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide its order dated 17/11/2023 disposed the first appeal and directed the PIO to provide necessary inspection of records to the Appellant.
5. Being aggrieved with the order of the FAA, the Appellant preferred second appeal vide appeal memo dated 15/12/2023 before this Commission.
6. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 06/02/2024 onwards. Matter could not be heard between February 2024 to September 2024 on account of demitting office by the Commissioner, further the hearings were resumed from September 2024 onwards.
7. The PIO contended that, information at point (a) was informed to him vide reply dated 25/07/2023 and w.r.t point (b) and (c), the PIO replied that the information sought by him does not fall under the definition of the information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act as its amounts to creation of information.
8. During the hearing on 28/11/2024, the Commissioner issued notice to the Appellant directing him to collect the copy of the reply as well written submission filed by the PIO and to file his reply to the same by 27/12/2024.
9. On hearing dated 09/01/2025, both the parties appeared. The Appellant collected the copy of the replies as well the written submission filed by the PIO and the Commission directed both the parties to file their written submission on or before 10/02/2025.
10. In spite of several opportunities, the Appellant failed to appear and put forth any arguments on his part.

11. Upon perusal of appeal memo, reply of the Respondent and all other materials on records, this Commission is of the considered opinion as under:-
- a. Primarily the PIO appears to have duly discharged his duties by way of providing information to the Appellant herein within stipulated time period of 30 days.
  - b. The Appellant also has not preferred file any counter reply as well written submission before this Commission which in the opinion of this Commission, the Appellant has deprived him of his own rights to put forth his contention in this matter.
12. In view of the above, the present second appeal is dismissed.
- 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