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**Appeal No. 74/2024/SIC**

Mr. Rajkumar Raju Gadge,  
Office No. 301,302 & 306,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Commerce Centre Building,  
Opp. Old Mapusa Municipal Building,  
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa 403507.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. Public Information Officer,  
Office of the Mamlatdar, Mapusa,  
Bardez-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,  
Mamlatdar, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondents

**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve**

State Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 15/03/2024**

**Decided on: 05/08/2025**

**Detailed Order passed on: 27/03/2026**

**ORDER**

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 21/09/2023 made by the Appellant, Mr. Rajkumar Raju Gadge and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at office of Mamlatdar of Bardez, Mapusa-Goa.
2. It is contended by the Appellant herein, that the PIO did not issue any communication to the said RTI application within the stipulated time period of 30 days upon which the Appellant had to preferred first appeal dated 30/11/2023 before the competent authority.

3. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) has grossly failed to pass an order in the first appeal.
4. Aggrieved by no order from FAA, the Appellant herein preferred second appeal vide appeal memo dated 15/03/2024 before this Commission.
5. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 28/11/2024 onwards.
6. During the hearing on 08/01/2025, the Respondent PIO contended that he was not the relevant PIO during this RTI application and that Shri. Sanjeev Signapurkar was the relevant PIO. Accordingly, the Commissioner directed to issue notice to the PIO, Shri. Sanjeev Signapurkar through present PIO.
7. On hearing dated 12/02/2025, the PIO, Shri. Sanjeev Signapurkar contended that some part of the information is in possession of the PIO of Talathi posted in office of Village Panchayat Aldona. Accordingly, the Commission directed to issue notice to Talathi for his say in the matter.
8. During the hearing on 11/03/2025, the Talathi filed his reply alongwith annexures, but since the annexures filed were not legible, the Commissioner directed the Talathi to resubmit the annexures and same to be furnished to the Appellant via Registered AD and submit the compliance to this office.
9. Upon perusal of the appeal, reply and other materials on record this Commission is of considered opinion as under:-
  - a. The PIO have grossly failed to discharge his duties by way of not providing information to the Appellant herein within stipulated time period of 30 days.

- b. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) has also failed to discharge his duty.
- c. The Appellant has also not bothered to even attend the hearing before this Commission which has deprived him of his own rights to put forth his contention in this matter.
10. Therefore, in view of above, the present second appeal is disposed off with following order.
- a. The present second appeal is upheld.
- b. The PIO is directed to furnish information free of cost on or before 16/04/2026 and furnish a compliance report on 21/04/2026.
- c. Registry to issue show cause notice mandating personal presence of the PIO alongwith reply to show cause notice on **21/04/2026 at 11.00 am**; failing which necessary penalty/ disciplinary proceeding shall be initiated.
- 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