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Appeal No. 82/2024/SIC

Shri. Somnath K. Maitri,
R/o. Flat No. T-5, Vinayaka Apartments,
Near Jamia Masjid, Upper Bazar,
Ponda-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. Public Information Officer,
Village Panchayat Poinguinim,
Canacona-Goa.

2. FAA/ Block Development Officer,
Office of Block Development Officer,
Canacona-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve

State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 05/04/2024

Decided on: 08/04/2025

Detailed Order passed on: 27/03/2026

ORDER

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 01/11/2023 made by the Appellant, Shri. Somnath Maitri and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at office of Village Panchayat Poinguinim, Canacona-Goa.
2. The PIO vide reply dated 12/12/2023, furnished the requisite information to the Appellant.
3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant herein preferred first appeal dated 20/12/2023 before the competent authority.

4. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide order dated 07/02/2024 dismissed the first appeal.
5. Aggrieved by the order of the FAA dated 07/02/2024, the Appellant herein preferred second appeal vide appeal memo dated 05/04/2024 before this Commission.
6. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 04/12/2024 onwards.
7. During the hearing on 08/01/2025, the Respondent PIO contended that he has not relied on any documents while preparing the Form A pertaining to the RTI application of the Appellant. The presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to provide a physical inspection in respect to above mentioned documents to the Appellant on 10/01/2025 during office hours.
8. On hearing dated 15/01/2025, the PIO contended that he has provided inspection afresh to the Appellant on 08/01/2025 as per the directions of this Commission and submitted the compliance report dated 10/01/2025.
9. Upon perusal of the appeal, reply, rejoinder and other materials on record this Commission is of 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 First Appellate Authority (FAA) has discharged his duty by way of passing a speaking order in the first appeal.

c. Secondly, the PIO has also complied the directions issued by this Commission.

10. Therefore, in view of 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