

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Complaint No.25/2026/SCIC

Brian Fernandes,
H. No. 5/F-5, Olvaddo,
Carmona, Salcete Goa 403717.

-----Complainant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer/Headmaster/Headmistress,
M.E.F's Fatima High School,
Nagamasjid, Ponda, Goa 403401.

2. The Dy. Director of Education & First Appellate Authority,
Central Education Zone,
Dr. Pandurang Pissurlekar Road,
Panaji Goa 403001.

-----Opponents

Shri. ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR - State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC

Complaint filed	14/05/2026
First hearing	18/06/2026
Decided on	18/06/2026

Information sought and Background of the Complaint

1. Shri. Brian Fernandes filed Complaint dated 14/05/2026 highlighting some shortcomings and lapses on the part of respondent public Authority while complying with the order dated 13/04/2026 passed by the Goa State Chief Information Commissioner in Appeal No. 51/2026/SCIC.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

2. Pursuant to the filing of the present Complaint, matter took up for hearing on 18/06/2026 for which Complainant present and the

Opponent PIO was represented by Shri Afzal Mulla, Manager of MEF's Fatima High School, Ponda (Public Authority in the present matter).

3. Complainant submitted that complying with the order dated 13/04/2026 passed by the Goa State Chief Information Commissioner in Appeal No. 51/2026/SCIC, Respondent has furnished information vide letter dated 05/05/2026 but there are some deficiencies in the compliance like :

- a. Despite Commission's specific direction the reply/information is signed by the Manager and not the Respondent PIO (Headmaster or Headmistress).*
- b. Information furnished to RTI query No. 02 and 04 was neither signed nor stamped by the PIO.*
- c. With regard to Point No. 05, reply given by the PIO is 'NA' instead of 'specific reply or information' as directed by the Commission.*
- d. Minutes of the PTA meetings dated 15/07/2023 and 19/07/2023 are not provided.*
- e. PTA executive meeting dated 26/06/2025 is mentioned as PTA General Body meeting.*

DECISION

After hearing arguments of both the parties, Presiding Commissioner disposed off the Complaint with the following **direction to the Opponent PIO :**

- i) **Furnish revised/fresh reply/information pertaining to the points referred by the Complainant in the present Complaint and the same should be signed by the PIO (Headmistress/Headmaster) and not manager.***
- ii) **The revised information to be furnished to the Appellant should invariably have the seal and signature of the PIO besides the stamping "issued under RTI Act, 2005".***

iii) Point No. 05 of the RTI is about the PTA fund and since the Chairman of the school orally submitted before the Commission that no PTA fund is collected from the students/parents, furnish the same fact in the revised information to be furnished to the Complainant instead of casual reply of 'NA'.

iv) Furnish revised reply/reply within 15 days from the receipt of this order and compliance report signed by the PIO (not Manager) should reach the Commission within 21 days from the receipt of this order.

- Matter disposed.
- Proceeding stands closed.
- Pronounced in Open Court.
- Notify the parties.

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/-

(ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR)
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC