

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
'Kamat Towers', Seventh Floor, Patto, Panaji –Goa  
Tel No. 0832-2437880/2437208 email: [spio-gsic.goa@nic.in](mailto:spio-gsic.goa@nic.in)  
website: [www.gsic.goa.gov.in](http://www.gsic.goa.gov.in)

---

**Complaint No. 13/2024/SIC**

Mr. Jawaharlal T. Shetye,  
H.No. 35/A, Ward No. 11,  
Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa,  
403507.

.....Complainant

V/S

The Public Information officer,  
Mapusa Municipal Council,  
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa 403507.

.....Opponent

**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve**

State Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 08/03/2024**

**Disposed on: 19/02/2025**

**Detailed order passed on: 11/02/2026**

**ORDER**

1. The present complaint arises out of the Order passed in Second Appeal No. 314/2023/SIC dated 05/02/2024 filed by the Complainant herein against the Public Information Officer (PIO), Mapusa Municipal Council, Bardez-Goa.
2. It is contended by the Appellant herein, that inspite of the Order dated 05/02/2024 passed by this Commission, the Respondent PIO till date has not furnished any information related to his Right to Information (RTI) application dated 23/05/2023 to the Complainant herein within 15 days from the receipt of this Order.
3. The Complainant had filed an RTI application dated 23/05/2023 before the PIO, Mapusa Municipal Council regarding Municipal shop premises bearing shop no. 14/25 allotted to Sricanta Utoma Ende.

4. Aggrieved by no response from the PIO within the stipulated time period of 30 days, the Complainant preferred first appeal dated 03/07/2023 before the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA also failed to hear and pass the order in the first appeal.
5. The matter came up to heard from 09/12/2024 onwards.
6. During the hearing on 14/01/2025, the Commissioner issued show cause notice to the Opponent as well as Complainant on the ground that on the request of the Complainant, matters filed by him were clubbed together and were supposed to be heard extensively on the common date but neither the Complainant nor the Opponent appeared.
7. On hearing dated 19/02/2025, both the parties filed their reply to the show cause notice and the same was dropped by the Commissioner. The PIO also filed reply to the RTI application in pointwise manner.
8. 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. The PIO has grossly failed to discharge his duty under the RTI Act by way of not replying to the RTI application within the stipulated time period of 30 days and also by not complying with the Order dated 05/02/2024 passed by this Commission.
  - b. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) has shown gross negligence by way of not deciding the first appeal till date.

c. The Appellant also has not preferred to remain present for hearings on last 2 occasions before this Commission which in the opinion of this Commission has deprived him of his own rights to put forth his contention in this matter.

9. In view of the above, the present complaint 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