

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Complaint No. 18/2026/SCIC

Shri Sachin Datta Chari,
Ultra Dwell Real Estate LLP,
802, 8th Floor, Anand Square,
Block B, Baina, Vasco da Gama,
Goa 403802.

-----Complainant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,
Village Panchayat of Sancoale,
Cortalim, Mormugao Goa 403710.

-----Opponent

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

Filed on : 09/04/2026

Disposed on : 22/06/2026

Information sought and background of the Complaint

1. Shri Sachin Datta Chari filed an application dated 09/02/2026 to the PIO, V.P. Sancoale, Goa u/s. 6 of the RTI Act, 2005 seeking following information –

"Kindly furnish me copy of any directions order or judgement issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa in Writ Petition No. 263/2025 restricting the Sancoale Panchayat Secretary and or Panchayat Body from issuing any Construction Licence in Sy. No. 188/1-A of Village Sancoale".

2. In response to the RTI application filed by Shri Sachin D. Chari for Ultra Dwell Real Estate LLP, Baina Vasco Goa, PIO, V.P. Sancoale vide letter dated 07/03/2026 replied as under:

- i. *"This office does not maintain compiled or interpreted records in the manner sought in the application.*
- ii. *Each application is examined independently on its own merits and on a case to case basis as per the records and documents submitted by the applicant as per applicable law at the relevant time".*

3. Being aggrieved by the reply/information furnished by the PIO, Appellant preferred compliant dated 09/04/2026 u/s 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Commission against the incomplete, misleading and false information given by the Opponent PIO. Complainant prayed before the Commission to initiate inquiry against the Opponent u/s 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 and impose penalty.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

4. Pursuant to the filing of present Complaint, matter took up for hearing on 14/05/2026 for which Adv. Vibhav Amonkar present for Complainant but none present for Opponent PIO. Issued notice for the presence of the present Opponent PIO and previous PIO, V.P. Sancoale for the next date of hearing (03/06/2026) alongwith submission.
5. When the matter took up again for hearing on 03/06/2026, Complainant present with Adv. Vibhav Amonkar but none present for Opponents, despite serving notice to the Opponent PIO. Directed the Registry of the Commission, to issue fresh notice to present as well as previous PIO for their presence on the next date of hearing scheduled on 22/06/2026.
6. Matter called out for final hearing on 22/06/2026 for which Complainant present with Adv. Vibhav Amonkar. Present Opponent PIO, Shri Yogesh B. Faterpekar and previous PIO, Shri Amol Tilve present.
7. When Presiding Commissioner directed the then PIO to place his say over Complainant's submission that Opponent had furnished incomplete, misleading and false information, then PIO orally submitted that the Complainant had filed multiple RTI applications together and admitted that there was some lapse on his part, being then PIO, in furnishing proper reply/information to the information sought by the Applicant (now Complainant).

DECISION

- i. Upon perusal of the RTI application, then PIO's reply and the grounds as well as prayers in the present complaint, Commission has come to the conclusion that the reply furnished by the then PIO is neither misleading nor false information. On the contrary, the reply furnished by the then PIO is an improper one and no way related to the information sought by the Complainant.
- ii. **Commission has the opinion that instead of handling the Complainant's RTI requests with proper application of mind, then PIO replied in a casual, careless and mechanical manner and the information furnished is no way matching to the RTI queries.**
- iii. **Considering the casual, negligent and careless handling of the RTI applications and furnishing an inappropriate reply to the Complaint's RTI application, Commission hereby directed the then PIO, Shri Amol Tilve presently posted as Secretary V.P. Majorda- Utorda - Calata to file show cause as to why penal action u/s 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 should not be initiated against him.**
- iv. Explanation should reach the Commission within 15 days from the receipt of this order.
 - Proceedings stand closed.
 - 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

