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**Complaint No. 88/2025/SIC**

Shri. Tukaram Appa Patil,  
H No. 684, Sy. No. 1063,  
Factory Galli, Ward No. 4,  
Yamagarni Nipani,  
Belgaum, Karnataka-591241.

..... Complainant

V/s

1. Deepa Shirodkar, PIO,  
O/o Directorate of Education (Admn-1),  
Porvorim, Bardez-Goa 403521

2. Director of Education (Adm-I), FAA,  
Directorate of Education,  
Porvorim, Bardez Goa-403521.

.....Opponents

**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve**

State Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 21/11/2025**  
**Disposed on: 10/02/2026**

**ORDER**

1. On the present day the Complaint made by Shri. Tukaram Appa Patil, the Complainant herein was heard and decided.
2. The present complaint arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 22/08/2025 made by the Complainant herein and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at Directorate of Education, Porvorim, Bardez-Goa.
3. In response to the said application, Smt. Deepa Shirodkar, the PIO issued four correspondences dated 04/09/2025, 05/09/2025, 10/09/2025 and 25/09/2025 respectively.
4. Vide application dated 04/09/2025 and 05/09/2025 respectively the Complainants RTI application was transferred to the PIOs of

the Government Polytechnic, Panaji and Directorate of Technical Education, Porvorim respectively.

5. Vide correspondence dated 19/09/2025 the said PIO directed the Complainant to pay Rs. 18/- and collect the information accordingly.
6. Thereafter, vide Complaint dated 18/10/2025, the Complainant herein contended that the information was not provided to him and sought various reliefs in terms of the memo.
7. Notices were issued and the matter was taken up on the present day, wherein the PIO filed detailed reply listing the chronology of events pertaining to the present matter.
8. Both the parties argued the matter in detail.
9. It is the contention of the Complainant that he was purposely subjected to hardships and information was delayed by the PIO.
10. However, the PIO contended that the communication for making payment was issued within stipulated time frame and that the Complainant appeared to make the payment on 16/10/2025 and thereafter the relevant information was dispatched vide postal service on 17/10/2025 accordingly.
11. Upon perusal of Complaint memo and other material on record, this Commission is of considered opinion as under:
  - a. Whenever this Commission is approached with a Complaint, the fundamental basis of the same should necessarily be the deliberate denial of information by way of suppression, non-concealment, etc.
  - b. Filing a Complaint and not exhausting the remedy of First Appal cannot become a routine affair, as it will dilute the stature and sanctity of FAA.

- c. In the present matter the Complainant has neither exhausted the remedy of First Appeal nor as he been able to produce any substantial evidence to establish malafide intention on part of the PIO to case denial of information.
12. Therefore, in view of the above the present Complaint is disposed with following orders:-
- a. The present Complaint is rejected.
- b. The Complainant is at liberty to prefer a First Appeal in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, if deemed fit.
- 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