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## Appeal No. 149/2025/SCIC

Dr. Nidhi S. Satardekar,  
H. No. 1065/1, Josswada,  
Succoro, Bardez-Goa 403501.

---Appellant

V/s

1. Directorate of Health Services,  
First Appellate Authority,  
Panaji-Goa.

2. Dy. Director (HIB)/PIO,  
Health Intelligence Bureau,  
DHS, Panaji-Goa.

3. State Health Society/PIO,  
National Health Mission,  
DHS, Panaji-Goa.

-----Respondents

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

### **Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal**

<b>RTI application filed on</b>	- 05/02/2025
<b>PIO replied on</b>	- 13/02/2025
<b>First Appeal filed on</b>	- 10/03/2025
<b>First Appellate order on</b>	- 11/04/2025
<b>Second appeal received on</b>	- 03/07/2025
<b>First Hearing held on</b>	- 23/07/2025
<b>Decision of the Second Appeal on</b>	- 21/08/2025

### **Information sought and background of the Appeal**

1. Dr. Nidhi S. Satardekar filed an application dated 05/02/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, State Health Society, Goa, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji, Goa seeking following information in connection with the Advertisement No.DHS/NHM-Admn/Staff Recruitment/2024-25/1142 dated 15/10/2024 by State Health Society, Goa for various posts on contract basis including Block Epidemiologist (04 posts) :

- i. Total number of vacancies advertised for the post of Block Epidemiologist.*
- ii. Total number of post filled as per vacancies advertised on 15/10/2024.*

- iii. *Names of the candidates with address who applied for the above post of Block Epidemiologist.*
- iv. *Names of the candidates with address who were interviewed for the above post of Block Epidemiologist.*
- v. *Names of candidates with address who were refused to be interviewed for the post of Block Epidemiologist.*
- vi. *Names and addresses of candidates selected and appointed for above post of Block Epidemiologist.*
- vii. *Information regarding essential/desirable qualification of selected candidates and copies of certificates produced by the candidates selected.*
- viii. *Copies of qualification, experience and training certificates produced by the candidates selected for the post of Block Epidemiologist."*

2. In response to the RTI application, PIO (Deputy Director/HIB) vide letter dated 13/02/2025 replied to the Appellant as under :

<i>"Point No.1</i>	<i>Four (04)</i>
<i>Point No.2</i>	<i>Zero (0)</i>
<i>Point No.3,4,5</i>	<i>The information cannot be disclosed due to exemption u/s. 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 as it involves personal information of third parties and the disclosure of which would cause as unwarranted invasion of privacy.</i>
<i>Point No.6 and 7</i>	<i>Selection is still under process.</i>
<i>Point No.8</i>	<i>Since the selection is still under process, the information cannot be disclosed due to exemptions u/s. 8(1) (e) and 8 (1) (j) as these are third party personal documents."</i>

3. Being aggrieved by the reply/information furnished by the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 10/03/2025 before the First Appellate Authority (Director, Health Services) stating that PIO has wilfully given incomplete, misleading and false information and prayed that PIO be directed to provide complete and correct information in accordance to the RTI application dated 05/02/2025.

4. FAA (Director of Health Services) passed an order dated 11/04/2025 as under :

*"Timely reply was furnished by the PIO to the Appellant's RTI application dated 05/02/2025. Additionally, Appellant was allowed to peruse the documents pertaining to Point No.3 and 4 of the RTI application during the course of hearing".*

5. Judgement of the FAA states that *"First Appellate Authority when asked the Appellant whether she is satisfied with the information and clarification furnished to her during the course of hearing, the Appellant answered in affirmative".*

6. Subsequently, Appellant filed Second appeal dated 03/07/2025 before the Commission stating that :

- i. Information sought at Point No.3, 4, 5 and 8 was denied on ground that it falls under the purview of Section 8(1) (j).
- ii. During the course of proceedings, information related to Point No.7 and 8 was partly disclosed and Appellant was allowed to inspect the relevant file. Appellant prayed that information sought at Point No.3,4,5 and 8 be furnished to the Appellant.

### **FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING**

7. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal by the Appellant, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 23/07/2025 for which Adv. Ciya Faldessai present for Appellant.

Respondent No.2 (PIO/National Health Mission, DHS, Goa) filed written reply dated 23/07/2025 to the Appeal memo stating that :

- i. Information was already furnished to the Appellant. In the reply, it was clearly mentioned that out of 04 posts advertised only 01 was filled due to eligibility constraints and the remaining 03 were re-advertised as no eligible candidates were found.
- ii. With regard to the information sought at Point No.3, 4 and 5, the information was denied u/s. 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act.

- iii. With regard to Point No.6, the selected candidate fulfilled all eligibility criteria including health care experience of over 5 years.
  - iv. In respect of Point No.7 and 8, the Appellant was allowed to inspect the relevant files.
8. The written reply also states that the Appellant was not found eligible as she lacked the mandatory two years of experience in public health/health care delivery services and hence Appellant was not interviewed.
9. Matter was taken up for further hearing on 21/08/2025 for which Respondent No.1 and 2 (FAA and PIO) present in person but none present for the Appellant. Respondent No.2 (PIO) was directed by the Presiding Commissioner to file point-wise reply/information as sought by the Appellant before the Commission today (21/08/2025) itself as the Commission decided to dispose the present appeal. Accordingly, the Respondent No.2 (PIO) assured to comply with the directions issued by the Presiding Commissioner.
10. After the proceedings in the appeal was over, Adv. Ciya Faldessai appeared on behalf of the Appellant and filed written arguments stating that the FAA has passed an order dated 16/04/2025 wherein information at Point No.3,4,5 and 8 was denied u/s. 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 and only partial disclosure was made in respect of Point No.8 and 9 of the RTI application. Appellant in the written argument prayed before the Commission to direct the Respondent PIO to furnish complete and correct information as sought by the Appellant vide RTI application dated 05/02/2025 and impose penalty on Respondent PIO for failing to furnish information within the prescribed time.
11. Complying with the direction given by the Presiding Commissioner, Respondent PIO filed complete information to the 8-point RTI application dated 05/02/2025 of the appellant supported by the necessary documents before the Commission today (21/08/2025) with a copy meant for the Appellant.

**DECISION**

- i. Since the Respondent No.2 (PIO) submitted (21/08/2025), before the Commission, complete information supported by documents in accordance to the Appellant's RTI application dated 05/02/2025, Commission disposed the present appeal today i.e. 21/08/2025.**
  
- ii. Information as well as documents submitted before the Commission by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 21/08/2025 should be attached with the copy of the order to appellant.**
  - 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