

ORDER

Passed by:
Regional Executive Director &
First Appellate Authority, WR,
Airports Authority of India,
New Integrated Operational Offices Building
Vile Parle (East), Mumbai – 400 099.

No.52042//Appeal- 50 /2025 /57

August 18, 2025

1.0 PREAMBLE:

- 1.1 This Order is made under Section-19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- 1.2 An appeal against this order lies with Central Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067.
- 1.3 The Appeal can be filed within 90 days from the date on which this order should have been made or is actually received.

2.0 FACTS:

- 2.1 Sh. Sajeev B Ezhava had submitted RTI application dated 17.06.2025 seeking information regarding 'The Lateral and Vertical Violation of buildings near Surat Airport area.
- 2.2 The Appellant filed first Appeal dated 18.07.2025 before First Appellate Authority, AAI, RHQ, Mumbai.

3.0 FINDINGS & ORDER :

- 3.1 Having gone through the Appeal, the RTI application and the supply of information details, the case is summarised as under :

Brief of the RTI application filed by the appellant:

- 1) Please Provide the Name of all Buildings those violated Height Restriction as per Aviation Rules and Regulations Near Surat Airport.
- 2) Please Provide the Lateral and Vertical Violation in Meter for above buildings.
- 3) Please Provide the Copy of Notice Issued to all Buildings those violated Height Restriction as per Aviation Rules and Regulations Near Surat Airport.
- 4) Please Provide the Name of all Buildings those Appealed AAI's Notice at Gujarat High court.
- 5) Please Provide the Name of all Buildings those Not Appealed AAI's Notice at Gujarat High court.
- 6) Please Provide the all copy of Letters which are correspondence between AAI and Collector Office regarding the Building Lateral and Vertical Violation nearby Airport area of Surat from 2022 to till date.
- 7) Please Provide the all copy of Letters which are correspondence between AAI and Surat Municipal Corporation regarding the Building Lateral and Vertical Violation nearby Airport area of Surat from 2022 to till date.

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8) Please Provide the copies of all surveys conducted from year 2019 regarding the Lateral and Vertical Violation of buildings near Surat Airport area.

3.2 FINDINGS:

With the records produced it is observed that applicant has sought The Lateral and Vertical Violation of buildings near Surat Airport area. The PIO, Surat Airport vide letter no. **भा.वि.प्रा/सूरत/आरटीआई/2025-26/966** dated 16.07.2025 informed applicant 'The sought information is rejected as per Chapter II para 8 (d) Information including commercial confidence trade secrets or intellectual property the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of a third party, unless the competent authority is satisfied that larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information The applicant filed first appeal on the ground of exemption of information u/s 8 (1) (d) and requested for hearing on the appeal.

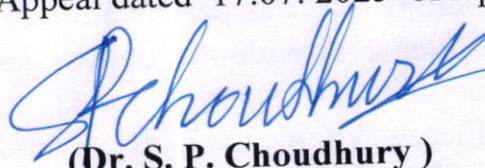
Accordingly the hearing through VC was scheduled on 12.08.2025 Hrs. The PIO, Surat Airport, APIO, WR, applicant attended the VC. During the VC the applicant claimed that section 8 (1) (d) does not applicable for exempting information. On this PIO, Surat Airport submitted that since sought information pertains to various entities, therefore information exempted u/s 8 (1) (d) of RTI Act.

The matter was heard by the undersigned and found that the information sought by the applicant is a third party information and therefore PIO, Surat Airport is hereby directed to follow third party procedures as per provisions of RTI Act.

3.3 The instructions contained in the above order may be complied within 15 days of receipt of this order.

3.4 ORDER:

With the above observations, the Appeal dated 17.07. 2025 of Appellant hereby stands disposed off.



(Dr. S. P. Choudhury)
Officiating Regional Executive Director &
First Appellate Authority, WR



Airport Director & PIO,
Airports Authority of India,
Surat Airport, Surat.