

BEFORE THE REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES – CUM – FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER
THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

First Appeal No.6/2025

Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH
Registrar of Cooperative Societies–cum-First Appellate Authority.

G. Kaliamurthy,
No.54, Natarajan Decoration Centre
Room No.101, Market Street,
Karaikal.

> >>>> Appellant

Vs

The President-cum-Public Information Officer,
Karai Kovilpathu Primary Agricultural,
Co-operative Credit Society Ltd.,
Thalatheru, Karaikal – 609 605.

> >>>> Respondent

ORDER

(Issued under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005)

The appellant submitted an application dated 10.04.2025, under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, (hereafter "the Act") to the respondent-society and sought for certain information. But, the respondent society did not furnished the information sought by the appellant.

2. Aggrieved by the non-response of the respondent- society, the appellant filed this first appeal dated 14.05.2025 which was received by this office on 15.05.2025.

3. The response of the respondent society was called for, vide notice dated 22.05.2025. The respondent has furnished his response vide letter dated 03.06.2025. The respondent society had simply replied to all the information sought by the appellant that, "*the information called for pertains to more than 10 years and the related Election documents are not available in the society*". **(Copy Enclosed)**.

4. On perusal, it is found that, the appellant has sought for certain information relating to the Board of management of the respondent-society. The respondent-society bluntly stated that, the information sought cannot be furnished, since the election documents are well before 10 years and is not available, as well as already the information was provided in Tamil on 08.05.2025 is found to be vague and not a valid reply. It is observed that the information sought by the appellant will be available in the resolution book of the respondent-society. This shows that the respondent-society is shifting their responsibility for not providing the information on some invalid reasons. It is also found that the respondent-society did not discharge their duty in letter and spirit of the Act.

5. In view of the above, the respondent society is ordered to furnish the available information to the appellant, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, as sought for in his application dated 10.04.2025, at free of cost.

6. It is further noticed that, the respondent-society failed to furnish its reply within the stipulated time limit of 30 days. If the respondent-society furnished his reply to the appellant within the stipulated time limit of 30 days, this first appeal wouldn't be preferred by the appellant.

7. Hence, the respondent-society is directed to meticulously adhere the provisions of the said Act, in letter and spirit, and henceforth dispose of the applications under the said Act within the stipulated time limit of 30 days; failing which the respondent will be subjected to legal consequences as per the penal provisions of the said Act.

8. With the above directions, this appeal is disposed of.

9. If aggrieved by this decision, a 2nd Appeal may be filed, under Section 19(3) of the Act, within 90 days, with the 2nd Appellate Authority, whose address is given below:

Central Information Commissioner
Room No.305.II Floor, "B" Wing, August Kranti Bhavan
Bhikaji Cama Place, NEW DELHI-110 066.

Dated at Puducherry on the 12th day of June 2025.



Encl : As stated.

To:

1. The Appellant
2. The Respondent.
3. The Web Editor, Cooperative Dept., Puducherry.
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(S.YESVANTHAIYAH)
Registrar of Cooperative Societies
-cum- First Appellate Authority