

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

First Appeal No.8/2025

Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH

Registrar of Co-operative Societies–cum–First Appellate Authority.

Ezhumalai,
S/o.Balakrishnan,
No.31, Old Kamarajar Street,
Bahour,
Puducherry – 607 402.

> >>>> Appellant

Vs

1. The Deputy Registrar (Audit)-cum-Public Information Officer,
Co-operative Department,
Puducherry.
2. The President-cum- Public Information Officer,
Bahour Farmers Service Co-op. Society Ltd., P.20,
Bahour & Post,
Puducherry – 607 402.

>>>>> Respondents

ORDER

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

The appellant submitted an application dated 23.03.2025, under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, (hereafter “the Act”) to the 1st respondent and sought for certain information pertaining to the Bahour Farmers Service Co-operative Society (2nd respondent society). The 1st respondent transferred the applications of the appellant under Section 6(3) of the Act to the President-cum-Public Information Officer, 2nd respondent-society for furnishing information directly to appellant on 02.04.2025. The 2nd respondent society furnished information to the appellant on 23.04.2025.

2. Not satisfied with the response of the 2nd respondent society, the appellant filed this first appeal dated 02.06.2025 on the ground that, the reply received is not proper.

3. The response of the respondents were called for, vide notice dated 05.06.2025. The respondents have furnished their response vide letters dated 12.06.2025 and 16.05.2025 respectively (**Copy Enclosed**).

4. On perusal, the following facts are observed:

- a) The 1st respondent transferred the applications of the appellant under Section 6(3) of the Act to the 2nd respondent-society on 02.04.2025 for furnishing information directly to appellant, since the information sought relates to a retired staff of the society which is available only in the society.
- b) The 2nd respondent society has given the following responses:
 - (i) For Sl. Nos.1 to 3 of the appellants Form-1 dated 23.03.2025, the 2nd respondent society has denied to furnish information that, the information required are personal and exempted under Section 8(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. It is observed that, furnishing of the service details of a staff in the society does not come under the purview of exemption section of the Act as claimed by the respondent-society. Hence the 2nd respondent society is directed to furnish the available information for Sl. Nos.1 to 3 of the appellants Form-1 dated 23.03.2025 within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, at free of cost.

(ii) For Sl.Nos 4 & 5, the society has denied to furnish information about the purchase of immovable property and sanctions and permission received by the staff on the ground that, such provision is applicable only to Government staffs of 'A' & 'B' Grade is also not maintainable. The 2nd respondent society has not produced any evidential document to prove this fact. Hence the 2nd respondent society is instructed to furnish the available information for Sl. Nos.4 to 6 of the appellants Form-1 dated 23.03.2025 within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, at free of cost.

(iii) For Sl. No.6, the reply furnished by the 2nd respondent society is found to be proper.

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

6. 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 Kranthi Bhavan
Bhikaji Cama Place, NEW DELHI-110 066.

Dated at Puducherry on the 14th day of July 2025.



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(S.YESVANTHAIYAH)

Registrar of Cooperative Societies-
cum- First Appellate Authority

To:

1. The Appellant
2. The Respondents.
3. The Web Editor, Cooperative Dept., Puducherry.
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