

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

First Appeal No.3/2024

Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH

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

S. Moorthy,
No.23, Gangai Amman Koil Street,
Thattanchavady,
Puducherry – 605 009.

>>>> Appellant

Vs

The Deputy Registrar (Audit)-cum-Public Information Officer,
Co-operative Department,
Puducherry.

>>>> Respondent

ORDER

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

The appellant submitted an application dated 09.04.2024, under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, (hereafter "the Act") to the respondent and sought for certain information. The respondent furnished reply to the appellant on 29.04.2024.

2. Aggrieved by the response of the respondent, the appellant filed this first appeal dated 27.05.2024 on the ground that, the reply received was not satisfactory.

3. The response of the respondent were called for, vide notice dated 30.05.2024. The respondent has furnished his response vide letter dated 11.06.2024 (**Copy Enclosed**). It is stated therein that, *'the applicants' request in Form-1 dated 09.04.2024 was seeking the copy of the file of newly recruited employees in the Puducherry Public Servants co-operative Credit Society Ltd., No.P.52 and the Puducherry Group B & C Employees Co-operative Credit Society Ltd., P.691 for the years 2022 to 2024. These societies are not coming under the purview of the RTI Act, 2005, since they are not notified as Public Authority as per the RCS Circular No.RCS/CLC/SFCS/2014/72 dt.23.12.2014 as much as these societies did not received any financial assistance from the Government. Hence a copy of the application was forwarded on 15.04.2024 to the Planning Section with the request to furnish the available information. The reply received from the said section was sent to the appellant on 29.04.2024 and the same was returned to the Audit section. Subsequently, the appellant could not be contacted over phone as he has not furnished his contact number in his RTI application dated 09.04.2024. Later, the applicant has collected the information in person on 22.05.2024 from this office.'*

4. On perusal, it is observed that the appellant was already informed by the respondent vide letter dt.29.04.2024 that 'Information not available in this section'. Further the societies viz., the Puducherry Public Servants co-operative Credit Society Ltd., No.P.52 and the Puducherry Group B & C Employees Co-operative Credit Society Ltd., P.691 would not be a Public Authority in view of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies Circular No.RCS/CLC/SFCS/2014/72 dt.23.12.2014 in as much as these societies has not received any financial assistance from the Government.

5. In view of the reasons stated above, the appeal lacks merits, and hence, dismissed.

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 1st day of July 2024.



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(S.YESVANTHAIYAH)
Registrar of Cooperative Societies
-cum- First Appellate Authority

Encl : As Stated.

To:

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