

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

First Appeal No.8/2023

Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH

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

K. Veerappan,
Plot No.14, Velmurugan Street,
Sivaganapathy Nagar,
Villlianoor & Post, Puducherry – 605 110.

> >>>> Appellant

Vs

The Managing Director -cum- Public Information Officer,
The Pondicherry State Co-operative Union Ltd., P. No.259,
No.62, Suffren Street, Puducherry – 605 001.

> >>>> Respondent

ORDER

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

The appellant submitted an application dated 15.05.2023, under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, (**hereafter “the Act”**) to the respondent-society and sought for certain information. The respondent society has not furnished reply within the time limit.

2. Aggrieved by the non-response of the respondent- society, the appellant filed this first appeal dated 21.05.2023.

3. The response of the respondent society was called for, vide notice dated 22.06.2023. Till date the respondent society did not furnished their response.

4. On perusal, the followings are found : (i) the appellant has sought certain information about the Pondicherry State Coop. Union and its units Viz., (i) PICM (ii) CCE (iii) CTTI in his application dated 15.05.2023. (ii) The said application was despatched by registered post to the respondent society on 14.05.2023 and the proof of despatch was testified. (iii) the PIO of the respondent society has to furnish the available information to the appellant within 30 days from the date of receipt of the said application. (iv) The appellant aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information within 30 days, filed this appeal on 21.06.2023. (v) In this regard, the response of the respondent society was called for by this Authority (vi) But till date no response was received from the respondent society. It is found that the PIO of the respondent society neither furnished any information to the appellant for his application dated 15.05.2023 nor submitted their response called for by this Authority, which denotes that the respondent society did not discharged their duty in letter and spirit of the Act. It is much disgust to note that an apex body in respect of the propaganda of cooperative principles is not adhering the timeline for furnishing of information and response to this Authority. The said act of the respondent society attracts penalisation under the Act. But this finds to be the first instance, 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 15.05.2023, at free of cost.

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5. Hence, ***the respondent 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 ; failing which the respondent will be subjected to legal consequences as per the penal provisions of the said Act, including fine at the appropriate rate.***

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

7. 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 31st day of July 2023.



Encl: As Stated.

To:

1. The Appellant
2. The Respondent.
3. The Web Editor, Cooperative Dept., Puducherry.
4. Stock File 2023.


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