

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

**First Appeal No.14/2023**

**Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH**

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

Thiru.R. Mohan Raj,  
S/o. Ramalingam,  
No.19, Desa Mariamman Koil Street,  
Embalam & Post,  
Puducherry – 605 106.

> >>>> 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 16.06.2023, 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 21.07.2023.

3. The response of the respondent society was called for, vide notice dated 24.07.2023. Till date the respondent society did not furnish their response.

4. On perusal, the followings are found: (i) the appellant has sought certain information viz., copy of the RCS order dt. 17.11.2004 (Sl.No.1), pay committee report dated 13.07.2010 and related subject matters ( Sl.Nos. 4,5,6), CTTI details (Sl.No.2,3,7,8,9,10,11) about the CTTI, a unit of the Pondicherry State Coop. Union in his application dated 16.06.2023. (ii) The said application was despatched by registered post to the respondent society (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 21.07.2023. (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 16.06.2023 nor submitted their response as called for by this Authority, which denotes that the respondent society did not discharge 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. While disposing the previous appeals (FA 8 & 9 dated 02.07.2023), the PIO was warned and instructed to furnish the available information within the time limit to the applicant / appellant as provided in the Act. But again it is found that the PIO is not complying the time limit for

furnishing the information sought by the appellant. Therefore, 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 16.06.2023, at free of cost.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal may be filed, under Section 19(3) of the Act, within 90 days, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.



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

**To:**

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