

First Appeal No.15/2025

Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH

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

FA/15/2025

A.SRIHARAN,
No.61, 2nd Street,
Sri Thirumalai Nagar, Kalmandapam,
Nettapakkam Post,
Puducherry – 605 106.

> >>>> Appellant

Vs

1. The Deputy Registrar (Audit)-cum-Public Information Officer,
Co-operative Department,
Puducherry.
2. The President- Public Information Officer,
Kalmanapam Co-operative Milk Producers Society Ltd.,
Kalmandapam,
Puducherry.

>>>>> Respondents

ORDER

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

The appellant submitted an online application dated 01.06.2025, 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 Kalmandapam Co-operative Milk Producers Society operative Society (2nd respondent society). Since the information pertains to and available only in the society, the 1st respondent transferred the application 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 04.06.2025. 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 24.07.2025 which was received by this office on 28.07.2025.
3. The response of the respondents were called for, vide notice dated 29.07.2025. The respondents have furnished their response vide letters dated 04.08.2025 and 13.08.2025 respectively (Copy Enclosed).
4. On perusal, the following facts are observed:
 - (a) The 1st respondent has transferred the online R.T.I Application dt. 01.06.2025 to the 2nd respondent society vide letter dated 04.06.2025 since the information sought for is available only in the society.

(b) The 2nd respondent society has now furnished reply to the Form-1 dated 01.06.2025 of the appellant. It is observed that, the 2nd respondent society has furnished available information / reply to sl. Nos.1,2,3,4 & 6 of the Form-1 dated 02.06.2025 of the appellant. But for sl. No.5, where the appellant has called for copies of the resolutions entered in the resolution book for the period from May 2023 to May 2025, the 2nd respondent society has bluntly replied that the resolution copies are not available. 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 directed to furnish the available information to the appellant, as sought for Sl.No.5 of his application dated 01.06.2025, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, at free of cost.

6. It is further noticed that, the 2nd respondent-society failed to furnish its reply within the stipulated time limit of 30 days. If the 2nd 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 2nd 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 26th day of August 2025.

4/6



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

Encl : As stated.

To:

1. The Appellant
2. The Respondents.
- ✓ 3. The Web Editor, Cooperative Dept., Puducherry.
4. Stock File 2025.

