

Before the Registrar of Cooperative Societies-cum-First Appellate Authority
Under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

First Appeal No.22 /2021

Present: Thiru. L.MOHAMED MANSOOR

Registrar of Cooperative Societies-cum-First Appellate Authority.

V. Arularasu,
S/o Vengadesan,
57, South Street,
Bahour & Post,
Puducherry.

> >>>> Appellant

Vs

1.The Deputy Registrar(Audit)-cum- Public Information Officer,
Cooperative Department,
Puducherry.

2.The Administrator-cum- Public Information Officer,
Bahour Farmers Service Coop.Society,
Bahour,
Puducherry.

>>>>> Respondents

ORDER

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

The appellant submitted an application dated 15.09.2021, under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005,(hereafter “the Act”) to the PIO-cum-Deputy Registrar (Audit) (received on 20.09.2021), seeking certain information about the 2nd respondent-society. The said application was transferred to the 2nd respondent society on 20.09.2021 with a direction to furnish information except for Sl.Nos. 4 and 7. The 1st respondent furnished information in respect of Sl.Nos. 4 and 7 to the appellant on 27.09.2021.

2. Aggrieved by the 2nd respondent-society's non-reply, even after the lapse of the statutory time limit for furnishing the said information, the appellant filed this first appeal dated 12.11.2021 to the Secretary to Government, Cooperative Department, Puducherry, and the same was transferred to the this Authority on 13.11.2021 (received on 15.11.2021).

3. The response of the respondents were called for. The 1st respondent furnished their reponse, wherein it is stated that the said application under the Act was transferred to the 2nd respondent society on 20.09.2021 with a direction to furnish information except for Sl.Nos. 4 and 7 and also reiterated that the 1st respondent furnished information in respect of Sl.Nos. 4 and 7 to the appellant on 27.09.2021 . The 2nd respondent furnished their response on 08.12.2021, enclosing the information sought for by the appellant (Copy forwarded).

4. On perusal, it is observed that the 1st respondent forwarded the application (except Sl.No.4 & 7) for its disposal by the 2nd respondent-society, which ought to have furnished the same within the statutory time-limit, but not furnished. This has caused the appellant to prefer this appeal. It is unfortunate to note that the 2nd respondent-society has furnished the information belatedly , vide their letter dt. 08.12.2021, i.e., after the lapse of statutory time limit for furnishing the information, which is enclosed herewith.

5. It is also noticed that, the 2nd respondent society failed to furnish his reply within the stipulated time limit of 30 days. If the 2nd respondent furnished his reply to the appellant within the stipulated time limit of 30 days, this first appeal wouldn't be preferred by the appellant. 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***

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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. At present, it is found that the plea of the appellant is met out.

5. With the above observation, this first 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 28th day of December, 2021



(L. MOHAMED MANSOOR)
Registrar of Cooperative Societies-cum-
First Appellate Authority

To:

1. The Appellant. (Alongwith a copy of the respondent's response dt. 08.12.2021)
2. The Respondent.
- ✓ 3. The Web Editor, Cooperative Dept., Puducherry.
4. Stock File.