

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

First Appeal No.36/2024

Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH
Registrar of Cooperative Societies–cum-First Appellate Authority.

G. Kaliamurthy,
No.54, Natarajan Decoration Centre
Room No.101, Market Street,
Karaikal.

> >>>> Appellant

Vs

The President-cum-Public Information Officer,
Karai Kovilpathu Primary Agricultural,
Co-operative Credit Society Ltd.,
Thalatheru, Karaikal – 609 605.

> >>>> Respondent

ORDER

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

The appellant submitted an application dated 18.01.2025, under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, (hereafter “the Act”) to the respondent-society and sought for certain information. But, 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 20.12.2025 which was received by this office on 21.02.2025.

3. The response of the respondent society was called for, vide notice dated 26.02.2025. The respondent has furnished his response vide letter dated 5.3.2025. The respondent society had simply replied to all the informations sought by the appellant that, the reply was not furnished to the appellant, since the date affixed in the signature of the appellant is “18.01.2024” instead of “18.01.2025”. **(Copy Enclosed).**

4. On perusal, it is found that, the appellant has sought for certain information relating to the bye-law copy of the respondent-society. It is found that, in his application, the appellant is found to have mistakenly written the date under his signature as “18.01.2024” instead of “18.01.2025”. The plea of the society that the reply was not given due to the incorrect date 18.01.2024, does not sound to be proper and valid one. This shows that the respondent-society’s shifting of 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 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 18.01.2025, at free of cost.

6. It is further noticed that, the respondent-society failed to furnish its reply within the stipulated time limit of 30 days. If the 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 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 Kranthi Bhavan
Bhikaji Cama Place, NEW DELHI-110 066.

Dated at Puducherry on the 18th day of March 2025.



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(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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