

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

First Appeal No.38/2024

Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH

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

K. Gurusamy,
No.52, ECR Road,
Kanapathy chetty kulam,
Puducherry – 605 014.

>>>>> Appellant

Vs

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

2] The President-cum-Public Information Officer,
Kalapet Primary Agricultural Co-operative
Credit Society Ltd.,
Kalapet Post, Puducherry - 6045014

>>>>> Respondents

ORDER

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

The appellant submitted an application dated 27.01.2025, under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, (hereafter “the Act”) to the 1st respondent and sought for certain information. The 1st respondent transferred the application under Section 6(3) of the Act to the President-cum-PIO, Kalapet Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Society Ltd., No.P.96 (2nd Respondent-society) on 08.02.2025 for directly furnishing the information to the appellant. The 2nd respondent-society furnished a reply to the appellant on 06.03.2025.

2. Aggrieved by the response of the 2nd respondent-society, the appellant filed this first appeal dated 10.03.2025 on the ground that, the reply received was not satisfactory.

3. The response of the respondents were called for, vide notice dated 13.03.2025. The 1st respondent and the 2nd respondent society have furnished their response vide letters dated 04.04.2025 (received on 07.04.2025) and 26.03.2025 respectively (**Copies Enclosed**). On perusal, it is observed that the 1st respondent has transferred the appellant's request in form-1 dated 27.01.2025 to the 2nd respondent society vide letter dated 08.02.2025 for furnishing the required information directly to the appellant.

4. The 2nd respondent society has reiterated its reply already furnished to the appellant on 30.09.2024 that “*the 3rd party information could not be provided to the appellant*”. But now, it is found that, the 2nd respondent society has furnished the reply to all the information's sought as “*since the appellant is working in the respondent-society, he can inspect the records of the society during the office hours*”. 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, it is ordered that, the 2nd respondent society is directed to furnish the information for SI.Nos.1 to 5 of the appellants Form-I dated 27.01.2025 within 15 days of receipt of this order, free of cost.

6. In view of the above, this first 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 Kranthi Bhavan
Bhikaji Cama Place, NEW DELHI-110 066.

Dated at Puducherry on the 21st April 2025.

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(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 2024.