

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

First Appeal No.42/2024

Present : Thiru. S.YESVANTHAIYAH

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

Bargrecha Traders,
No.162/2, Narasaraj Road,
Maganur Building,
Devangere,
Karnataka – 577 001.

>>>>> Appellant

Vs

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

2] The Managing Director-cum-Public Information Officer,
The Pondicherry Co-operative Spinning Mills Ltd.,
Puducherry – Villupuram National Highway,
Thiruvandarkoil P.O., Thirubuvanai,
Puducherry - 605 102.

>>>>> Respondents

ORDER

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

The appellant submitted an application dated 27.12.2025, 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 Managing Director, Pudcherry Co-operative Spinning Mills Ltd., P.396 (2nd Respondent-mill) on 06.01.2025 for directly furnishing the information to the appellant. The 2nd respondent-society furnished a reply to the appellant on 05.02.2025.

2. Not satisfied by the response of the 2nd respondent-mill, the appellant filed this first appeal dated 04.03.2025 received in this office on 25.03.2025.

3. The response of the respondents were called for, vide notice dated 25.03.2025. The 1st respondent and the 2nd respondent-mill have furnished their response vide letters dated 04.04.2025 and 24.04.2025 respectively (**Copies Enclosed**). On perusal, it is observed that the 1st respondent has transferred the appellant's request in form-1 dated 27.12.2024 to the 2nd respondent-mill vide letter dated 06.01.2025 for furnishing the required information directly to the appellant .

4. The 2nd respondent mill has furnished reply that, "the information sought by applicant / appellant could not be provided due to non functioning of the mill from 08.06.2022 onwards and it is not possible to provide the particulars. Hence the management is not in a position to submit the information sought by the appellant under the RTI Act, 2005." It is observed that, the response made by the respondent-mill did not discharge their statutory duty envisaged under the Act and it is found that the respondent-mill's shifting of their responsibility for not providing the information on some invalid reasons. Accordingly, It is also found that, the respondent-mill did not discharge their duty in letter and spirit of the Act.

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5. In view of the above, it is ordered that, the 2nd respondent society is directed to furnish the information for Sl.Nos.1 to 5 of the appellants Form-I dated 27.12.2024 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 2nd May 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.