

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

Present: **Tmt. P. PRIYARSHNY,**  
Registrar of Co-operative Societies-cum-  
First Appellate Authority.

**FA/26/2012**

Thiru K. Sampath,  
46, Main Street,  
Ramanapuram,  
Puducherry – 605 009.

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Appellant

Vs.

The Public Information Officer,  
Pondicherry Government Teachers' Co-operative  
Credit Society Ltd., No.P.676,  
No.2, 4<sup>th</sup> Cross Street,  
Anna Nagar,  
Puducherry – 605 005.

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Respondent

**ORDER**

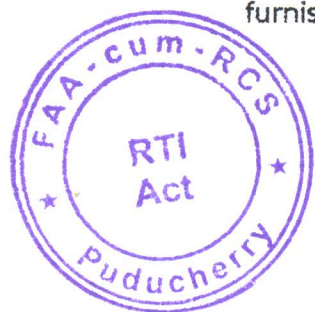
*(Issued under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005)*

This is the second round of litigation in the form of first appeal, filed under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for brevity 'the Act').

2. The appellant has earlier ventilated his grievance that his application dated 4.5.2012 was not responded by the respondent. This appeal was disposed by me order dated 13.7.2012, wherein it was indicated that the respondent has sent the information to the appellant well in time and to give quietus to the matter the copies of the document provided by the respondent, as the reply to his application dated 4.5.2012 were forwarded. The respondent was also advised to respond applications received under the Act by registered post so that the despatch of information will not be disputed.

3. This first appeal is by way of an addendum on the merits of the information furnished by the respondent.

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4. The appellant took exception to the reply furnished to query No.5, which sought information on the rule which permits the society to refund fixed deposits without the approval of the depositor and without notice. To this question the respondent has stated that it will not fall within the definition of 'information'.

5. Another grievance of the appellant is that he received the information only through the Appellate Authority and did not receive the information within the time specified from the respondent. He is entitled for the copies of the documents at free of cost, as provided under Section 7 (6) of the Act. He sought to refund Rs.62/- remitted by him.

6. By way of response the respondent submitted that the appellant was informed vide letter dated 10.4.2012 as to why the fixed deposit was refunded. Further, the information and copies of the documents were sent to the appellant on 7.6.2012 by ordinary post. To fortify this, the respondent furnished the copies of the despatch register.

7. The appeal came up for hearing on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012, the appellant was represented by Thiru S. Neelamegan. The respondent was present.

8. On the question of denial of information as to how the fixed deposit was refunded without the consent of the depositor, the respondent submitted that the appellant was already informed by letter dated 10.4.2012 and beyond this there was no information to be furnished. The appellant was directed to provide a copy of the letter to the appellant, as a response to the query.

9. The representative of the appellant maintained that he has not received the copies of the documents from the respondent for which he paid Rs.62/- as additional fees. As the copies were provided to him only along with the order of the First Appellate Authority on 13.7.2012, he was entitled to get such information at free of cost and hence the respondent should refund Rs.62/- to him.

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