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

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

FA/6/2013

Thiru V. Dinakaran @ Ravi,
Grama Sevak,
Block Development Office,
Sridhar Nagar, Ariyankuppam,
Puducherry – 605 007.

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Appellant

Vs.

The Public Information Officer,
Mahe Service Co-operative Bank Ltd. P.571,
Mahe – 673 310.

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Respondent

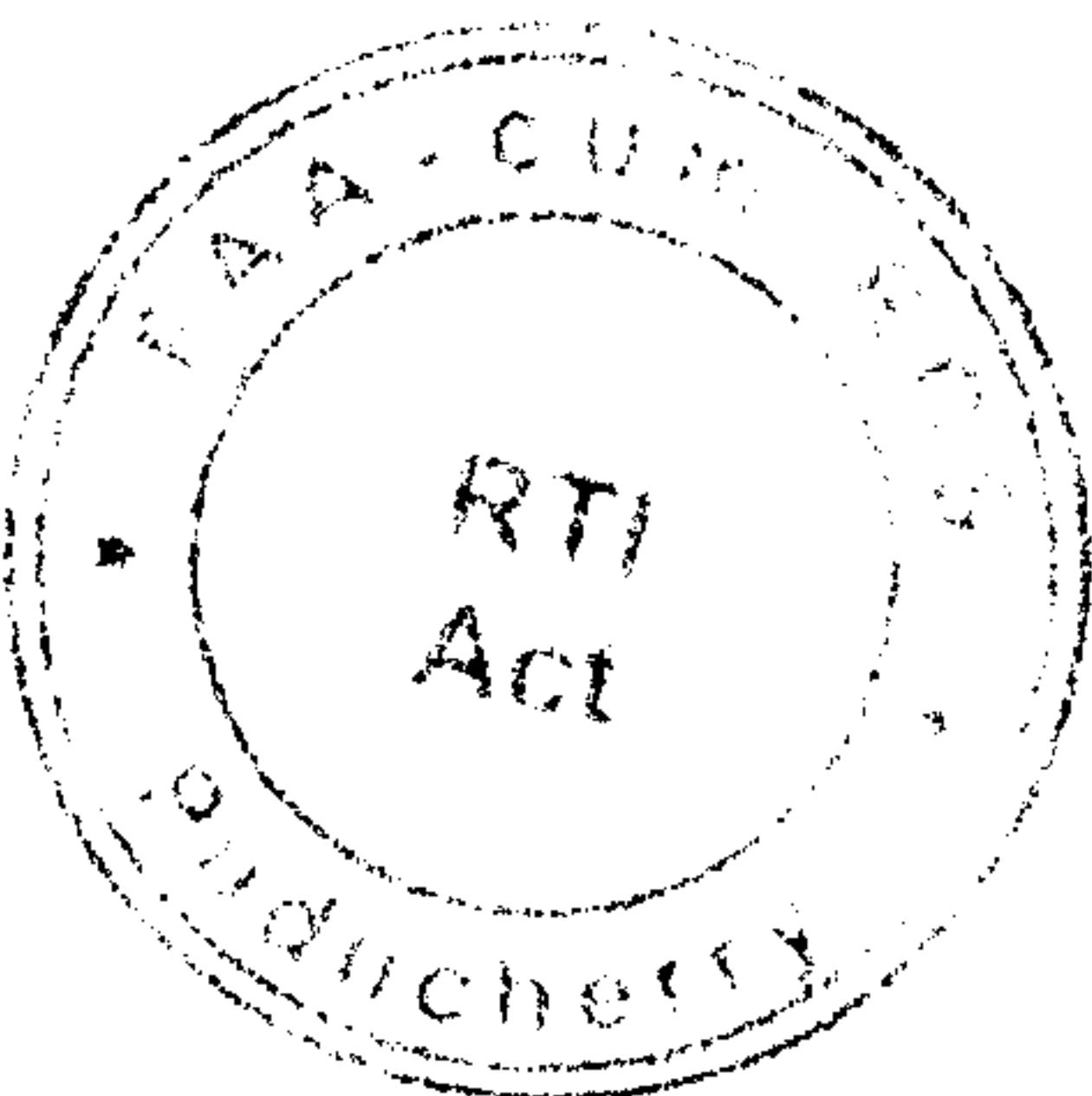
ORDER

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

Can payment of additional fee by Money Order is an accepted mode of payment and if Money Order is sent for an amount in excess of additional fee such payment be refused are the intriguing questions that came up to be decided in this first appeal filed under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short 'the Act').

2. Before adverting to the controversy, the undisputed facts may be stated first:

(a) The appellant / applicant sought some details on his own loan account vide his application dated 18.12.2012. The respondent furnished the details by letter dated 24.12.2012 and requested an additional fee of Rs.6/- (Rupees six only) to provide 3 pages extracted from his loan ledger. The appellant sent e-MO for Rs.10/- (Rupees ten only) and informed the respondent to send the required particulars and to credit the balance of Rs.4/- (Rupees four only) in his account. The e-MO was returned by the respondent and hence this first appeal.



(b) It is the charge of the appellant respondent has violated the provisions of the Act and the required information should be supplied to him.

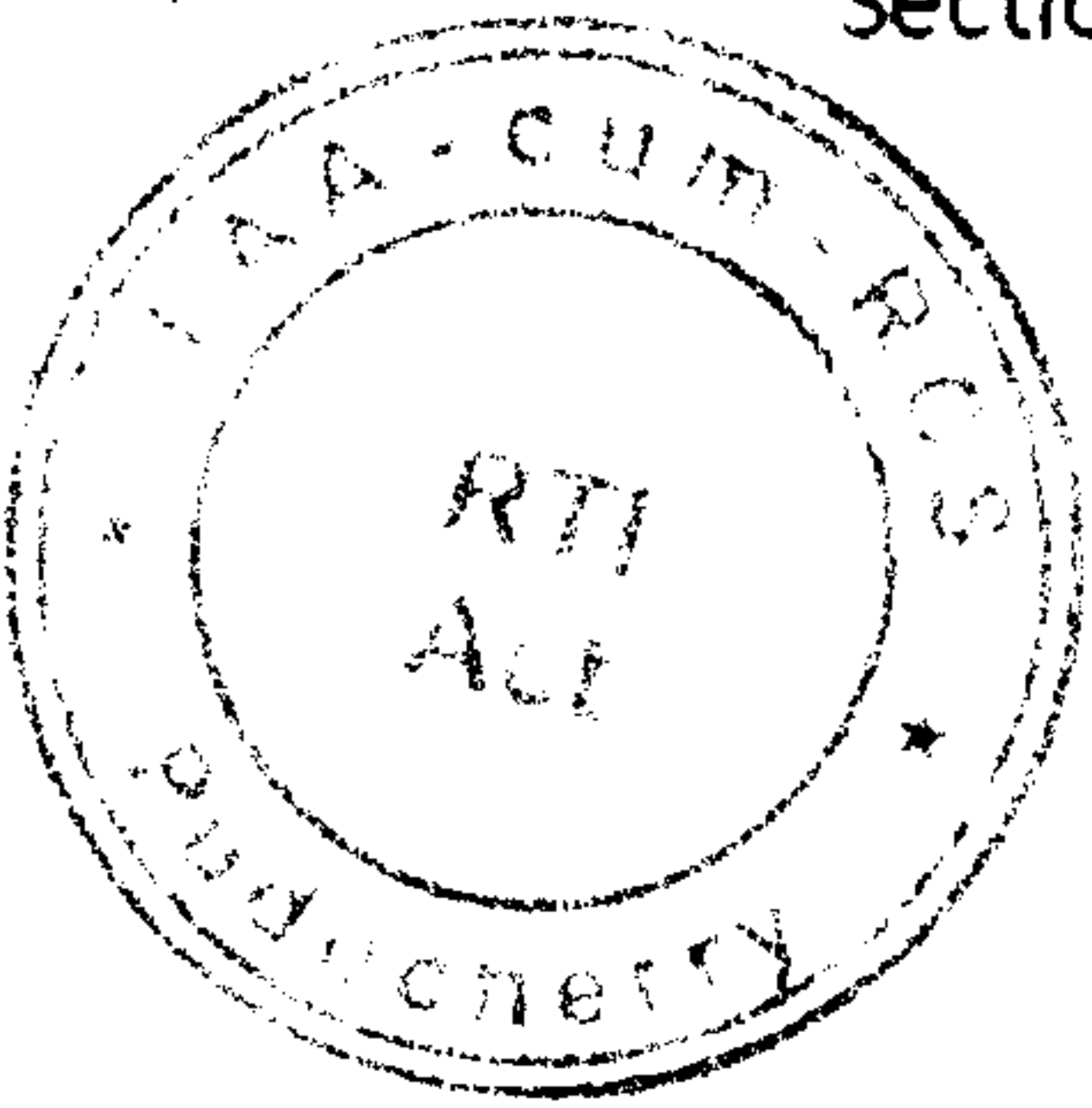
3. Rule 6 of the Right to Information Rules, 2012 (for brevity 'the Rules') does not contemplate payment of fees by Money Order. It can be in the form of cash against a proper receipt, Demand Draft, Banker's Cheque or Indian Postal Order or by electronic means, if such facility is available with the Public Authority. Therefore, the respondent cannot be faulted for not accepting the Money Order sent by the appellant. However the respondent in his response stated that as the amount sent was higher than the required amount it was returned. Of course the appellant has requested to credit the balance to his account.

4. Be it as it may, to obtain the information sought the appellant is directed to remit the additional fees in the manner prescribed under the Rules. If such payment is received the respondent shall provide the information within a week from the receipt of the additional fees.

5. With the above directions to the parties the first appeal stands disposed.

6. A second appeal against the decision shall lie with the Central Information Commission, Room No.305, 2nd Floor, B-Wing, August Kranthi Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi – 110 066 within ninety (90) days, as provided in sub-section (3) of Section 19.

Dated at Puducherry, on the 19th March, 2013.



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The parties.

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REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES