

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

FA/13 & 14/2014

Present: **Dr. A.S. SIVAKUMAR,**
Registrar of Co-operative Societies-cum-
First Appellate Authority.

Thiru A. Rajamohan,
No.444, Vazhudhavour Road,
Govindapet,
Muthiraiyarpalayam,
Puducherry - 605 009.

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Appellant

Vs.

The Public Information Officer / Deputy Registrar (Audit),
Co-operative Department,
Puducherry - 605 009.

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Respondent

ORDER

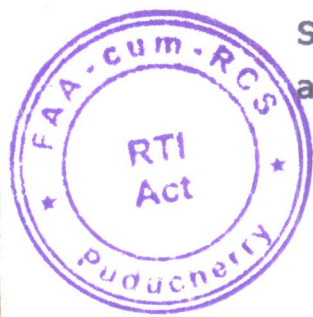
(Issued under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005)

Assailing the veracity of the reply furnished to his applications dated 30.6.2014 by the respondent, vide letters dated 5.8.2014, the appellant filed these first appeals invoking the statutory remedy provided to him under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for brevity 'the Act'. His grievance is that the respondent knowingly furnished incorrect/ incomplete / misleading information.

2. This order will dispose the two first appeals, namely First Appeal No.13 of 2014 and First Appeal No.14 of 2014, since they involve commonality of facts and issues raised therein.

3. In FA No.13/2014 the appellant / applicant sought to know the grounds on which the Administrator of Seliamedu PACCS and Ariyur PACCS were last modified, list of meetings held by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Puducherry, Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Credit), Co-operative Department, Puducherry and Pondicherry State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Puducherry and information related to the aforesaid meetings.

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4. While furnishing the reply to the questions the respondent requested the appellant to collect the details of meeting conducted by the Pondicherry State Co-operative Bank from the said Bank. Challenging the reply the appellant contended that to his query on details of meeting convened by the PSCB, the respondent has not followed the procedure laid under Section 6 (3) of the Act. With regard to information to the meetings the appellant alleged that incorrect / incomplete / misleading information was furnished. On these allegation the respondent stated that to avoid delay in supply of information to the appellant / applicant, the applicant was informed to obtain the information directly from the Bank. Further the respondent submitted that all the available information was furnished and the grounds of appeal are vague.

5. In so far as FA No.14/2014, the petitioner's queries revolve around appointment of administrators to co-operative societies and the criteria / norms followed by in the matter of appointment of administrators. The appellant was informed that such appointment is made by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies invoking the provisions of Section 33 of the Puducherry Co-operative Societies Act, 1972 and other than this there is no specific guidelines or criteria or norms or procedure for the said appointments. Inveighing the information provided the appellant alleged that vague information was provided to avoid furnishing full information.

6. Another query is with regard to review of performance of Co-operative Department officials as Administrators of Co-operative Institutions in the last five years. To this the respondent furnished how the performance of Administrators of some co-operative institutions are reviewed by the Department. Challenging the reply the appellant alleged that the information provided was incorrect. Details of instances of review of the performance the Co-operative Department officials as Administrators were requested and not the performance of the co-operative institutions. To this averment the respondent submitted that

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