

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

**FA/16/2014**

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

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Thiru C. Gnanaraja,  
No.15, Thendral Street,  
Jayamoorthy Raja Nagar,  
Mudaliarpet,  
Puducherry - 605 004.

>>>> Appellant

Vs.

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

2. The Public Information Officer / Senior Accounts Officer,  
Co-operative Department,  
Puducherry - 605 009.

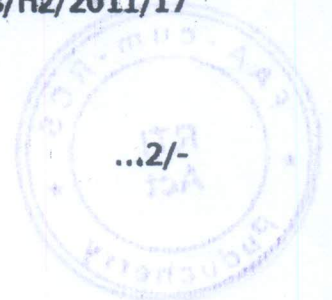
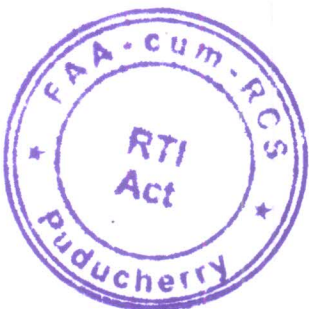
>>>> Respondents

**ORDER**

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

The apathy of the appellant in seeking information from the respondents is exposed in this first appeal filed under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short 'the Act').

2. Vide his application dated 22.7.2014, the appellant / applicant sought details of the officers / officials of the Co-operative Department, namely, their name, designation, current working place and retirement date. Query No.2 relates to new employees appointed from 2007 to 2014 in the Co-operative Department and also in the registered societies. The appellant / applicant indicated that if the above information is to be sought from the concerned Department or societies details of contact address may be provided. His request through query No.3 relates to providing copies from a file bearing No.5/4/2/6/RCS/Cons/H2/2011/17 dated 14.2.2013.





3. It is seen from the records that on receipt of the application the first respondent forwarded the application to the second respondent to provide information in respect of query Nos.1 and 2. The Deputy Registrar (Consumers) of the Department was asked to furnish the information in respect of query No.3.

4. It is seen further that the appellant / applicant was requested to remit an additional fee of Rs.862/- (Rupees eight hundred and sixty two only) to provide the copies of documents sought through query No.3. The appellant / applicant paid the additional fee on 12.9.2014, but the documents were provided to the appellant only on 14.10.2014.

5. In the meantime, this appeal came to be filed alleging that the details of employees in co-operative societies in Puducherry and Yanam were not received in full. Taking the appeal on file I directed the respondents to file their response. On going through the response I find that there should have been more professional approach in dealing with the applications received under the Act by the respondents. Playing the blame game and shifting the responsibility for the delay will yield no result but will only keep the appellants / applicants guessing for the response from the respondent. No reason, not to say any justified reason, worth its name is given for the delay in providing copies of documents to the appellant. Whatever has been stated by the first respondent and the Deputy Registrar (Consumers) as reason for delay in providing copies cannot be countenanced and should only be avoided.

6. It is imperative that an application received under this Act shall be disposed of in a time bound manner. The legislative intent is clear, as stood expositid by the following observation:

*"The manner of disposal of requests for information is provided in Section 7 of the Act. The language used in this Section or is peremptory. It sets out the time limit within which a request for information has been served. This section*

