

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

Present: **Thiru. T. KARIKALAN,**
Registrar of Co-operative Societies-cum-
First Appellate Authority.

FA/6/2014

Thiru P. Ragupathy,
President,
Rajiv Gandhi Human Rights Awareness
Organization,
94-B, Eswaran Koil Street,
Puducherry – 605 001.

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Appellant

Vs.

The Public Information Officer,
The Pondicherry Co-operative Housing
Society Ltd., No. P. 56,
Kamaraj Salai, Ilango Nagar,
Puducherry – 605 011.

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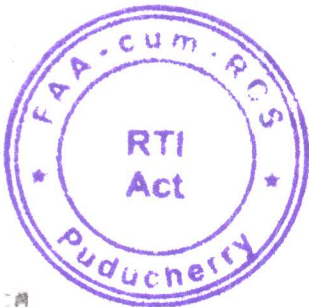
Respondent

ORDER

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

The short but interesting question that comes up for determination in this first appeal filed under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter 'the Act'), is whether a co-operative housing society has to disclose the name and address of the tenants who reside in the houses constructed under rental housing scheme and the arrears of rent payable by them to the society.

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2. Few facts leading to filing this first appeal may be stated in brief:-

2.1. The appellant / applicant is the President of Rajiv Gandhi Human Rights Awareness Organization. By his application, received by the society on 25.2.2014, he requested information on the houses constructed under rental housing scheme, the year in which such houses were constructed, the rent payable by the tenants, the name and addresses of the tenants, the arrears of rent payable by them and the details on repairs undertaken to the houses.

2.2. The respondent, vide his letter dated 24.3.2014, provided the information, except to the query on name and addresses of the tenants and the arrears of rent payable by them. The respondent relied on Section 8(1)(j) of the Act to deny the information.

2.3. Aggrieved by the denial of the information, the appellant preferred this first appeal on the ground that invoking Section 8(1)(j) is untenable for the tenants who are residing in the houses belonging to Co-operative Department.

2.4. The appellant requested to obtain the information from the respondent.

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