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Office of Cooperative Ombudsman
Ministry of Cooperation
Government of India

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Nauroji Nagar, Delhi-110029
04th June 2025

Hearing in the matter of Shri Vinod D Devarkar Vs. MES Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd., Pune before the Cooperative Ombudsman

Shri Vinod D Devarkar

Complainant

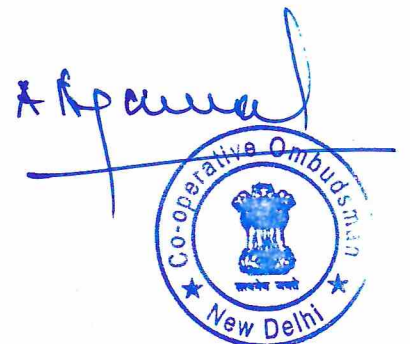
MES Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.,
Pune

Respondent



ORDER

1. Shri Vinod D Devarkar in his appeal dated 10th January 2025 against MES Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. has stated that he vide his notice under sub section 2 of section 106 of MSCS Act, 2002 & subsequent follow up has sought from the Cooperative Information Officer of the Society copies of rule regarding appointment of CEO of the Society and procedure for dismissal of membership, details of basic & non basic members, payment of honorarium since 2010 to directors etc., information regarding auditors, certified copies of annual reports & expenses on holding General Body Meeting since 2010, information regarding Society's election from 2017 onward, relatives of the directors employed with Society and reason for not intimating him about dismissal of his membership etc.
2. Respondent Society neither provided the appellant requisite information nor did it give him any reply.
3. Notices dated 27th January 2025 and 03rd April 2025 were issued by the office of Cooperative Ombudsman to MES Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. seeking their response to his appeal latest by 15th April 2025.
4. No reply was received from the respondent Society.

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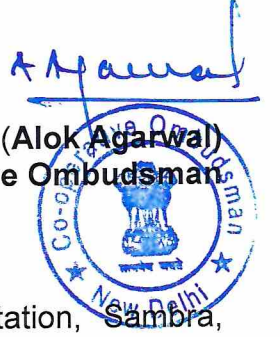
5. Appellant and respondent Society were summoned for a hearing through video conferencing on 29th April 2025. Smt. Surinder Kaur Batra-CEO of the Society attended the hearing. Appellant did not attend the hearing.
6. CEO of the Society informed the Cooperative Ombudsman that they have already submitted their reply vide letter dated 20th February 2025 and have also informed the appellant, when he was requested to come to Society's office and check the documents. Respondent Society was directed to send a copy of their reply via email on 29th April 2025 itself and the same was received by the office of the Cooperative Ombudsman.
7. On perusal of facts and available records, following aspects emerge:
 - (i) Shri Vinod D Devarkar has sought certain information under sub section 2 of section 106 of MSCS Act 2002 from MES Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. as detailed in foregoing paras of this order. Respondent Society neither provided information sought by the appellant nor did it give any reply to him.
 - (ii) Upon receipt of appeal from the complainant, two notices were issued by the Office of the Cooperative Ombudsman seeking their response to the appeal. No reply was received.
 - (iii) A hearing was conducted through video conferencing on 29th April 2025, wherein the Society was represented by their CEO. Appellant didn't attend the hearing.
 - (iv) Society's letter dated 20th February 2025 states that the respondent society had only 'discussed' with the appellant the information asked by him. The information has now been provided vide this letter, with a copy endorsed to the appellant.
 - (v) It is obligatory for every multi state cooperative society to provide the information within 30 days from the date of receipt of application.
8. After due consideration of the documents submitted, representations made and the relevant provisions of law, the matter is hereby disposed off as follows:
 - (i) MES Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd., Pune should have provided the information in writing to the applicant within 30 days from the date of receipt of application. They should ensure that in

future, the applicants seeking information are replied to directly, providing the information as asked for, within the time limit.

- (ii) Presently, the society is directed to ensure that letter dated 20th February 2025, endorsed to the appellant has been received by him.
- (iii) Confirmation report to be submitted by the Society immediately thereafter.

(Alok Agarwal)
Cooperative Ombudsman



Copy to:

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2. Chairman, MES Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. 194, Rasta Peth, Pune- 411 011, E-Wing, First Floor, Pushpa Bhawan, Madan Giri Road, New Delhi – 110 062