

File No.- M-11027/104/2025-MoC
Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
(Office of the Appellate Authority and Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies)
(Appeal filed under Section 85A(3) of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002)

9th Floor, Tower 'E', World Trade Centre,
Nauroji Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave,
New Delhi 110029

ORDER

An appeal dated 31.10.2025 has been filed by Shri S. Arunkumar, member of ONGC Employees Co-operative Thrift & Credit Society Ltd., Chennai (hereinafter referred to as "the Society"), purportedly under section 85A(3) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), alleging non-compliance of the order dated 23.09.2025 passed by the Co-operative Ombudsman.

2. The Co-operative Ombudsman, vide order dated 23.09.2025, had issued directions to ONGC Employees Co-operative Thrift & Credit Society Ltd., Chennai, inter alia, to furnish certain information/documents to the complainant, Shri S. Arunkumar, in connection with his grievance.

3. Shri S. Arunkumar submitted that the Society has failed to comply with the aforesaid directions of the Co-operative Ombudsman and requested this authority to enforce the Ombudsman's order and to direct the Society to provide complete information as sought by him

4. As per section 85A(3) of MSCS Act, 2002, *"the multi-State co-operative society aggrieved by any directions of the Ombudsman may file an appeal in such manner as may be prescribed, within a period of one month before the Central Registrar who shall decide the appeal within a period of forty-five days and the decision of the Central Registrar shall be final and binding:*

PROVIDED that the Central Registrar may entertain the appeal after the expiry of said period of one month, if he is satisfied that the society was prevented by sufficient cause from preferring the appeal in time".

5. On examination of the appeal and the relevant statutory provisions, it is noted that the present appeal has not been filed by the multi-State co-operative society, as contemplated under section 85A(3) of the Act, but by an individual member of the Society who is aggrieved by the alleged non-compliance of the Ombudsman's order. Therefore, the appeal does not satisfy the mandatory statutory requirement prescribed under section 85A(3) of the Act.

6. However, keeping in view the principles of natural justice, an opportunity of personal hearing on 19.12.2025 at 3:00 PM was afforded to the complainant, Shri S. Arunkumar.



8. During the hearing, it was explained to the complainant that since the appeal is not maintainable under section 85A(3) of the Act, the same cannot be entertained as an appeal. Nevertheless, considering the grievance raised, the matter is treated as a representation.

9. Accordingly, without going into the merits of the Ombudsman's order or the rival contentions, the respondent Society is directed to furnish the information if not furnished earlier, as sought by Shri S. Arunkumar, within a period of 15 days from the date of issue of this order.

10. In the event that Shri S. Arunkumar remains dissatisfied with the information so furnished, he shall be at liberty to avail appropriate remedy before the competent court of law, as this authority has limited jurisdiction in the matter.

11. In view of the above, the appeal dated 31.10.2025 filed by Shri S. Arunkumar is disposed of as not maintainable, while issuing the above directions in the interest of justice.

Dated: - 30th.12.2025



(Rabindra Kumar Agarwal)
Appellate Authority and
Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies

To,

1. Shri S. Arunkumar, ONGC Office Complex, ANORC, First Floor, No. 14, Park Road, Anna Nagar West Extension, Chennai 600101.
2. The Secretary, ONGC Employees Cooperative Housing Society Ltd, No. 1, Gandhi Irwin Road, CMDA Tower-II, 7th Floor (North Wing), Egmore, Chennai- 600008, Tamil Nadu.

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