## No.RCS/CLC/RIA/PIOs/FAA/2007/ Government of Puducherry Co-operative Department

CIRCULAR

Puducherry, the

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Sub: Right to Information Act, 2005 – Co-operative societies included in the definition of public authority – Designation of Public Information Officers – Instructions – Issued.

Ref: This office Circular No.RCS/CLC/SFCS/2014/172 dated 23.12.2014.

In the circular cited, 260 co-operative societies functioning in the Union territory of Puducherry are declared as 'public authorities' under Section 2 (h) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. These societies are directed to entertain the applications and dispose the same in accordance with the Act.

- 2. Section 5 of the said Act casts a duty on the public authority to designate the Public Information Officer in all administrative units or offices to provide information to persons requesting such information under the Act.
- 3. The Presidents / Chief Executives / Administrators / Special Officers of the societies were appointed as Public Information Officers, vide order No. 5/SECY(COOP)/PA/2007/15 dated 4.1.2008. In accordance with the instructions contained therein, the societies are requested to notify the Presidents / Chief Executives / Administrators / Special Officers of the societies as Public Information Officer, invoking Section 5 of the Act.
  - 4. Action taken in this regard may be informed to this office forthwith.

(Dr. A.S. SIVAKUMAR)
REGISTRAR OF CO-OP. SOCIETIES

To

All the co-operative societies declared as public authorities under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Copy to

- The Director,
   Directorate of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare,
   Botanical Garden Complex,
   Puducherry 605 001.
- 2. All Branch / Regional Officers.

3. Website.