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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Manager,
Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o General Manager,
Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6933 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Advocate, Sh. A.K Bakshi (9814306337) on behalf of Milkfed Verka.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.08.2026.

2. The appellant is absent but has sent her written submissions to take the decision on merit, which is taken on record.
3. However, the respondent already filed the written submissions in support of their claim that the said office is not cover under the RTI Act, 2005 and is not a Public Authority in accordance with the decision passed and relied upon the judgments, which are as follows:
 - i. The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative House Building Societies Limited Vs. State Information Commission Punjab and another (CM-19892-CWP-2024 an/& CWP-13580-2015, Date of Decision 09.01.2025)
 - ii. Thalapalam Ser. Coop. Bank Ltd. And others Vs. State of Kerala and others (Civil Appeal No. 9017 of 2013).
 - iii. S.S. Rana Vs. Registrar Co-operative Societies and another.
 - iv. Ajay Hasia Vs. Khalid Mujib Sehravardi [Zoroastrian Coop. Housing Society Ltd. Vs. Distt. Registrar, Coop. Societies (Urban)].
 - v. State of West Bengal and another Vs. Nripendra Nath Bagchi, AIR 1966 SC 447.

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4. After going through the submissions made by the respondent, the **PIO, O/o the Milkfed Punjab**, is impleaded as a n/party with the directions to provide the following:

- i. Memorandum of association
- ii. An undertaking that no funds have been borrowed from the state Govt.
- iii. An undertaking that nowhere the govt. has given a guarantee for raising any type of loan by the Milkfed or its subsidiaries
- iv. In case any loan has been raised with the Government guarantee then the details of the said loan along with its sanction be submitted.
- v. Any assistance has been received from the Govt. of India under any scheme then a copies of the complete sanctions be submitted.
- vi. Audit reports of the last 03 years.
- vii. Balance sheets along with annexures of last 03 years which are have been filed.

5. The respondent PIO is directed to ensure that reply, if any, be filed at least 05 days before the date of hearing and in case no reply will be received, it will be considered that the delay is intentional and willful and appropriate action be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

6. To come up on **02.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 07.10.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC:

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Milkfed, Punjab
Sector- 34 A, Chandigarh

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