



Handbook of Returning Officer

Allotment of Election Symbols

August 2026

COOPERATIVE ELECTION AUTHORITY

**9TH FLOOR, TOWER-E, WORLD TRADE CENTRE
NAUROJI NAGAR, NEW DELHI – 110029.**

Introduction

Sometime Returning Officers request for allotment of election symbols stating that many members of the Multi State Cooperative Societies are illiterate, senior citizens or from agricultural community and there may be some difficulty in reading names of the contesting candidates. In few cases there are requests to allot symbols to candidates based on panel.

2. There is no provision regarding allotment of symbols in the Multi State Cooperative Societies Acts and Rules. Therefore, no election symbols to be used on the ballot papers.

3. In this regard, a copy of the communication issued on 27.08.2026 to Returning Officer, Sangli is annexed for information.

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To,

The District Collector & Magistrate, Sangli
RO of Shri Mahankali Sahakari Sakar Karkhana Ltd.,
District Magistrate Office, Sangli Miraj, Kupwad, Sangli,
Maharashtra - 416415.
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Subject: Conduct of Election Shri Mahankali Sahakari Sakar Karkhana Ltd.,
Rajarambapunagar Kavathe Mahankal Tal Kavathe Mahankal Diatt. Sangli,
Maharashtra - Regarding of election symbols by contesting candidates -
Reg.

Ref: District Collector / Magistrate, Sangli and RO's letter No. Shri Mahankali
SSK/Election/46/Tear 2026 dated 22.08.2026

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above said letter on the subject mentioned above and to
say that there is no provision for allotment of symbol for conduct of election under the Multi
State Cooperative Societies Act and Rules framed there under.

2. This issue with the approval of Cooperative Election Authority.



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