

## CEA-12011/84/2024 Government of India Ministry of Cooperation Office of the Co-operative Election Authority

9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower-E, World Trade Center Nauroji Nagar New Delhi-110029 Dated: 3 June, 2024

## **ORDER**

## Sub: – Payment of Remuneration for Returning Officer for conduct of election of MSCS-Order reg.

The Cooperative Election Authority (CEA) has been established under section 45(1) of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act (Amended in 2023) to conduct elections of Multi-State Cooperative Societies spread across the country.

2. In exercise of the power conferred by Section 45 L of the MSCS (Amendment) Act, read with Rule 20 B of the MSCS (Amendment) Rules and in pursuant to Rule 19 T of the MSCS (Amendment) Rules, Cooperative Election Authority hereby issues the order for payment of remuneration. The objective of this remuneration order is to establish and ensure a fair and transparent framework for conduct of election and strengthen the process of reform in Cooperative sector. As per the provision of Rule 19 T of the MSCS (Amendment) Rules 2023, the dues of remuneration have to be paid by societies to CEA, which in turn is paid subsequently to RO by the CEA.

3. CEA has received request from Returning officers to fix rates for remuneration of Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer & Polling personnel in accordance with the provisions of the MSCS (Amendment) Act and Rules on similar lines as granted by Election Commission of India which grants honorarium for conduct of Lok Sabha/ State Assembly elections.

4. Returning officers have to perform all poll related work including preparation of electoral rolls, scrutiny of nominations, conduct of poll, disposal of complaints received from delegates or members of the society by passing speaking orders, signing of each ballot paper, counting of votes, preparation of reports for seeking prior approval of results in the prescribed format, handling of court cases. Nature of these duties are different from the day to day function of the officials. These are highly demanding activities requiring personal attention and timely disposal / action.

5. Remuneration Structure: Keeping in view these facts, the following honorarium rates are ordered which is given below:

Officer	Honorarium rate
Returning Officer,	Not more than 15 days of basic pay
Assistant Returning Officer	
Polling Personnel	Not more than Rupees 1000/-

**6.** This order applies to all Multi State Cooperative Societies whose election is conducted by the Cooperative Election Authority (CEA).

7. This remuneration order shall come into effect from the date of the formation of the Cooperative Election Authority and would also be applicable to all past cases where election has been conducted under the supervision of CEA.

This issues with the approval of the Co-operative Election Authority.



**By Order** (Ved Prakash Dwivedi)

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To,

- 1. All Returning Officer / Assistant Returning Officer appointed by Cooperative Election Authority.
- 2. C.E.O /M.D. of all MSCSs

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