

No. CEA-12011/23/2023 Government of India Ministry of Cooperation Office of Co-operative Election Authority \*\*\*\*\*

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To,

District Magistrate (Gurugram) & Returning officer of IFFDC Gurgaon, Email- <u>dcgrg@hry.nic.in</u>

Subject: Regarding Election result of office bearer of IFFDC

Kindly refer to your letter dated 23.06.2024 requesting to reconsider the decision of CEA dated 21 June 2024 where election of Chairman has been rejected by the authority

2. This matter has been discussed by the Authority in its authority meeting on 25 June 2024. Points raised by the returning Office in their letter dated 23.6.2024 was discussed.

3. As per the Fact Sheet dated 8.5 .2024, submitted by MD, there are 165 members of the society including one multi state cooperative society and 164 society members. There is no individual member. The Fact Sheet also indicate that 8 members have to be elected to the Board including one ST / ST member, two Women and rest five belong to General category.

4. Returning Officer of the society has issued the election notification dated 03.06.2024 giving election schedule and indicating the following constituencies: -

Sl. No	Name of the constituency	No. of Directors	Constituency No.
1	Madhya Pradesh	1	1
2	Uttar Pradesh – I &	1	2
	Uttrakhand		
3	Uttar Pradesh – II	1	3
4	Rajasthan -I	1	4
5	Rajasthan -II	1	5
6	Women	2	6
7	SC & ST	1	7

5. This notification does not indicate any separate constituency of IFFCO.

6. Returning Officer has received nomination form from these constituencies and the list was published on 11.6.2024. After withdrawal, final list of the contesting candidates, constituency wise, was published on 13.06.2024. This list of contesting candidates does not include any name from IFFCO.

7. Returning Officer conducted Board election on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and election were held in peaceful manner. 145 voters casted their vote and the recommendations were submitted by the Returning Officer in form 19M for seeking approval of the CEA. Out of 8 constituencies polling was held in 7 constituencies and in one constituency the candidate was elected unopposed. Recommendation of the Returning Officer was accepted by the CEA and was communicated to the Returning Officer on 21.06.2024.

8. Managing Director, IFFDC had received nomination from the IFFCO (3 names) and from NCDC (one name) for the Board of IFFDC. Managing Director requested Returning Officer to permit these nominated members to attend the board meeting on 21.06.2024

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9. Returning Officer submitted for approval of election of office bearer namely Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, in form 19 N to CEA after the election on 21.06.2024.

10. Conduct of election of the Cooperative Society is a process and the entire process is led down in the the Multi State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 (Act 39 of 2002 as amended by The Multi State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023 (11 of 2023), dated 03.08.2023, w.e.f. 03.08.2023 and procedures have been given in the The Multi state cooperative societies rules, 2002 as amended vide GSR 591(E) dated 4.8.2023. As per section 49(2) (aa) of the Amended Act, 2023, Board of the MSCS has to elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from amongst the elected members of the Board in accordance with the directions of the Authority. Since the proposed Chairperson was not one among the elected eight directors, the proposal to declare him as Chairperson was rejected. While the Vice Chairperson was one of the elected eight directors, therefore, the proposal of the returning officer for the election of Vice Chairperson was accepted. On further scrutiny it was also informed that the voter list does not contain the name of any delegate from IFFCO. As IFFCO is a member of IFFDC they should have submitted the name of one delegate as per the rule 19 H to Returning Officer. The delegate could have participated in the election process by submitting the nomination paper and subsequently contesting the election. The procedure has not been followed by IFFDC.

11. It is also pointed that section 44 of the Multi State Co-operative Societies Act is not procedural in nature and is not applicable in these circumstances or at this point of time.

12. Section 41 of the Act defines about power of directors, composition of the directors and their voting right.

13. Section 48 of the Act Provide the powers to nominate member by the Central Government or the State Government of the Boards.

14. Based on these facts and provisions of the amended Act, the Authority does not find any merit to review its decision which has been communicated vide letter dated 21.06.2023. RO is directed to take further necessary action as already directed.

15. Returning Officer is advised to be well versed about rules, procedures relating to the Multi State Cooperative election.

This issues with the approval of Cooperative Election Authority.



Copy to :

- 1. Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation
- 2. Registrar, CRCS
- 3. MD, IFFDC- with request to amend Bye-Laws to bring transparency, for more clarity in the election process as per the MSCS Amended Act & Amended Rules.

Your faithfully, (Ved Prak

Assistant Registrar (Cooperation)

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