

Cooperative Election Authority
Information Note – September, 2024.

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As per section 45(1) of the Multi State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002 (as amended in 2023), the Central Government shall, by notification, establish an Authority to be known as the Co-operative Election Authority (CEA) which shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and Members not exceeding three including one woman to be appointed by the Central Government on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

2. The interim Co-operative Election Authority was constituted vide CRCS Order No. L-11012/07/2023-L&M dated 20th Nov, 2023.

3. The Chairperson (Shri Devendra Kumar Singh) of CEA has joined on 5th February, 2024. Vice-Chairperson (Shri R.K.Gupta) has joined CEA on 01.07.2024. At present, the following is the composition of Cooperative Election Authority.

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Devendra Kumar Singh	Chairperson
2.	Shri RK Gupta	Vice-Chairperson
3.	Smt. Monika Khanna, Joint Registrar, CRCS (till joining of permanent member of CEA)	Member (Woman)

4. The headquarters of the office of the Co-operative Election Authority, Ministry of Co-operation is at 9th Floor, Tower 'E', World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029.

5. As per Section 45-I of the MSCS Act, 2002 (as amended in 2023), the Authority shall discharge the following functions, namely :

- i. Conduct the elections of the multi-State co-operative society;
- ii. Supervise, direct and control the matters relating to preparation of electoral rolls; and
- iii. Such other functions as may be prescribed.

5.1 CEA is responsible for preparation of electoral rolls consisting of individual eligible members or/and delegates/representatives as per MSCS Act and Rules framed thereunder and as per bye-laws, conduct of elections of Board of Directors and Office Bearers of the MSCS.

6. Procedure for requesting election: Steps to submit election request through CRCS Portal are as follows:

- i. Log in to the CRCS portal (<https://crs.gov.in/>) using your society's credentials.
- ii. Navigate to the "Election Request" section.
- iii. Complete the required details accurately.
- iv. Attach necessary documents as specified in the portal.
- v. Submit the signed request electronically through the portal.

6. The Authority has issued eighty (80) Election Program from the date of its constitution and appointment Order of RO to conduct election of MSCS. Generally, District Magistrate / Collectors are appointed as Returning Officer.

7. 56 elections of Board & Office Bearer have been successfully conducted under supervision of CEA. It includes election of 6 National Federations namely National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Limited (NFCFS), National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies Limited (NAFCUB), National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI), Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) & National Labour Cooperative Federation of India Limited (NLCF).

8. 24 election of Board of Directors and of Office Bearer is ongoing as per election program approved by CEA.

9. During the month of September 2024, elections of 9 MSCS have been completed, the names of the Society are as under:

- 1) The Mehsana Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd.
- 2) Subhiksha Organic Farmers Multi State Cooperative Society Ltd.
- 3) Sonartari Multistate Agro Cooperative Society Ltd.
- 4) Shree Siddhtech Multi-State Cooperative Housing Society Ltd.
- 5) Bank of Maharashtra Staff Credit Cooperative Society Ltd.
- 6) Manorma Multistate Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.
- 7) The ESIC Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.
- 8) The Central Railway Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.
- 9) Sahyadri Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.
