

No. CEA-12011/226/2025
Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
The Co-operative Election Authority

09th Floor, Tower E, World Trade Centre
Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi -110029
Dated: 20 February, 2025

ORDER

Sub: Appointment of "Returning Officer" and the "Election Programme" for Conduct of Election of Birsa Mineral Mining & Transport Industrial Multi State Cooperative Society Limited.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 45 K (1) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (MSCS) Act 2002, as amended by the MSCS amendment Act 2023 read with Rule 19F (a) of the MSCS Rules 2002, as amended with MSCS Rules in 2023, the Co-operative Election Authority hereby appoints **District Magistrate/Collector, Dhanbad** as Returning Officer for conducting Elections as under:

Elections of the Birsa Mineral Mining & Transport Industrial Multi State Cooperative Society Limited.	
Number of Board of Directors	Fifteen Director (General 12, Women 2 & SC/ST 1)
Office Bearers (2)	(i) Chairman -01 & (ii) Vice Chairman- 01

2. RO may submit proposal for appointment of adequate number of ARO
3. The Constituency shall be as per registered and approved Bye-Laws of the Society.
4. Further, in view of Rule 19(H)(2) of the MSCS Rules 2002 as amended in 2023 with MSCS Rules as 2023, the Election Programme for conducting election of the aforementioned Society is enclosed for further necessary action. RO is requested to ensure the election is conducted as per the MSCS Act, 2002 and Rules framed thereunder.
5. RO to submit list of final contesting candidate after withdrawal stage to CEA.
6. After conduct of Elections of Board of Directors, the RO is mandated to submit the requisite details in Format 19 M (for members of the Board of Directors) under rule 19 M for seeking **prior approval** of the Co-operative Election Authority.
7. After conduct of elections of Office Bearers, the RO shall submit the requisite details in Format 19-N for seeking **prior approval** of CEA before declaration of results.
8. Returning Officer shall ensure that the Society prominently displays the **List of Eligible Voters, Election Programme and Final List of the Contesting Candidates**, and other related important documents on the website of the Society for enabling free, fair and transparent elections.



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9. **Instructions regarding Candidate's responsibilities to keep account of election expenses:** The provisions of MSCS Rules 19(U), (V), (W), (X) relating to expenditure to be incurred by the candidate in connection with elections are annexed herewith. RO is requested that these may be posted on the Notice Board and a copy may also be supplied to the person filing the nomination.

10. Wide publicity be given for holding of Elections in terms of provision of the MSCS Act and the rules framed thereunder including advertisement in each state of operation. RO shall also issue a press release.

11. Instructions for filling-up of the Format- M and N have been appended below the Format M and N, the same should be scrupulously followed by the Returning Officer.

12. Copy of the election programme is attached.

By Order

R. K. Mehta
(Authorized Signatory) 20.2.2025

To

District Collector / Magistrate
Dhanbad
Email- dc-dha@nic.in



Copy to:

1. The Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director of Birsa Mineral Mining & Transport Industrial Multi State Cooperative Society Limited., Kusmatand, High School Road, Pargha Baliapur, Dist. Dhanbad, Jharkhand-828201. Email- teamcosociety@gmail.com **This may be ensured by C.E.O / M.D that the following documents must be uploaded on Official Website of the Society.**
 - i. Order of CEA for appointment of Returning Officer and election programme.
 - ii. Notification issued by Returning Officer giving details of election schedule and details of constituency etc.
 - iii. Provisional list of Members/Delegates who are eligible to vote.
 - iv. Publication of final list of Members/Delegates who are eligible to vote.
 - v. List of nomination received by the Returning Officers constituency-wise.
 - vi. List of nomination which has been rejected along with reasons for rejection.
 - vii. Publication of final list of contesting candidates.
 - viii. Declaration of result of Board of Directors.
 - ix. New Board of Directors and its Office Bearers.
2. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Govt. of Jharkhand & West Bengal
3. The Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies. – for info please

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Election Program

Attachment of the Order no. CEA-12011/226/2025 dated February, 2025 for conduct of election

(A) General Information			
Name of MSCS		Birs Mineral Mining & Transport Industrial Multi State Cooperative Society Limited, Dhanbad	
Returning Officer		District Magistrate / Collector, Dhanbad	
Registration Number		MSCS/CR/1500/2024	
Post for which election being held		Board Member- 15 (General 12, SC/ST 1 & Women 2) Office Bearers-2 (Chairman-1 & Vice-Chairman-1)	
Operation Area		Jharkhand & West Bengal	
Regular Member/Society		100 (50 from Jharkhand & 50 from West Bengal)	
Polling Booth		RO to ensure adequate booths in each state	
(B) Election program for Board of Directors			
SL. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Publication of Provisional List of Members / Delegates, Eligible to Vote	10 th March, 2025 (Monday)	11:00 AM
2	Time Window for Raising Objection to the Provisional List	11 th March, 2025 To 13 th March, 2025 (Tuesday to Thursday)	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
3	Scrutiny of objection received to the Provisional List (if any)	15 th March, 2025 To 17 th March, 2025 (Saturday to Monday)	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
4	Publication of Final List of Members / Delegates, Eligible to Vote	18 th March, 2025 (Tuesday)	11:00 AM
5	Issue and Filing of Nomination Form	19 th March, 2025 To 24 th March, 2025 (Wednesday to Monday)	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
6	Display on Notice Board of the Society (at a conspicuous place) Nominations Forms received by Returning Officer	24 th March, 2025 (Monday)	5:00 PM
7	Scrutiny of Received Nomination Forms	25 th March, 2025 (Tuesday)	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
8	Publication of List of Valid Nominations	25 th March, 2025 (Tuesday)	5:00 PM
9	Withdrawal of Nominations	26 th March, 2025 (Wednesday)	11:00 AM to 4:00 PM



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10	Publication of Final List of Contesting Candidates	26 th March, 2025 (Wednesday)	5:00 PM
11	Date of Polling, if Necessary	02 nd April, 2025 (Wednesday)	8:00 AM to 04:00 PM and all those who have entered polling station at 04 PM or before should be allowed to cast vote
12	Counting of votes	04 th April, 2025 (Friday)	08:00 AM Onwards
13	Declaration of Result of Board of Directors	07 th April, 2025 (Monday)	After approval of Cooperative Election Authority, New Delhi on Format 19M
(C) Election Program of Office Bearer			
1	Announcement of Election Schedule I. Time window for filing nomination II. Scrutiny of nomination papers III. Time and date for withdrawal IV. Display of list of the contesting candidate and schedule of election	09 th April, 2025 (Wednesday)	After Declaration of Result of Board Members' Election
2	Meeting of Newly Constituted Board & Publication of List for valid Nominations, Polling (if required)	11 th April, 2025 (Friday)	11:00 AM Onwards
3	Declaration of Result of Election of Office Bearers	After approval of Cooperative Election Authority, New Delhi on Format 19N	

This issues with the approval of Cooperative Election Authority



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19U. Account of election expenses. — (1) Every candidate at an election shall keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure in connection with the election incurred or authorised by him between the date of the order calling the election and the date of declaration of the result thereof, both dates inclusive within the period of thirty days from the date of declaration of the result.

(2) The account shall contain such particulars as may be specified from time to time in addition to the particulars referred to in rule 19W.

(3) The total expenditure shall not exceed the amount as may be specified by the Authority from time to time.

(4) Every contesting candidate at an election shall lodge with the Returning Officer an account of his election expenses within the time and in the manner specified by the Authority from time to time.

19V. Disqualification for failure to lodge account of election expenses. — If the Authority, based on a report from the Returning Officer, is satisfied that a person has failed to lodge an account of election expenses within the time and in the manner specified in rule 19U and has no good reason or justification for such failure, the Authority shall, by order published in the Official Gazette, declare him to be disqualified for being elected as, and for being, a member of the board of any society, and any such person shall be disqualified for a period of three years from the date of the order.

19W. Particulars of account of election expenses. — (1) The account of election expenses to be kept by a candidate shall contain the following particulars in respect of each item of expenditure from day to day, namely:

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- (a) date on which the expenditure was incurred or authorised;
- (b) nature of the expenditure (as for example, travelling, postage or printing etc.);
- (c) amount of the expenditure: —
 - (i) amount paid;
 - (ii) amount outstanding;
- (d) date of payment;
- (e) name and address of the payee;
- (f) serial number of voucher, in the case of amount paid;
- (g) serial number of bills, if any, in case of amount outstanding;
- (h) name and address of the person to whom the amount outstanding is payable.

(2) All the vouchers shall be lodged along with the account of election expenses, arranged according to the date of payment and serially numbered by the candidate and such serial numbers shall be entered in the account under item (f) of sub-rule (1).

(3) It shall not be necessary to give the particulars mentioned in item (c) of sub-rule (1) in respect of items of expenditure, for which vouchers have not been obtained.

19X. Notice by Returning Officer for inspection of accounts. — The Returning Officer may, within two days from the date on which the account of election expenses has been lodged by a candidate, cause a notice to be affixed to his notice board, specifying—

- (a) the date on which the account has been lodged;
- (b) the name of the candidate; and
- (c) the time and place at which such account may be inspected