

Cooperative Election Authority

Information Note

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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 and it was notified on 11th March, 2024

2. The Co-operative Election Authority was notified by Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002, (39 of 2002) and amendment (11 of 2023) on 11th March, 2024.

3. Presently Co-operative Authority consists of the following:-

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 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 follow:

- i. Log in to the CRCS portal (<https://crs.gov.in/>) using the credentials (ID & Password of the Society).
- ii. Navigate to the "Election Request" section.
- iii. Fill the required details completely and accurately in the respective field.
- iv. Attach necessary documents in the portal in PDF:

- a. Election Request signed by Chairperson &CEO/MD of Society;
- b. Resolution of present Board of Directors to conduct election;
- c. Previous schedules of election of Members of Board of Directors and Office Bearers including proceedings of Returning Officers;
- d. Latest approved Bye-Laws of the Society; and
- e. Fact sheet signed Chairperson &CEO/MD of Society

- v. Submit the request online.

7. The Authority has issued One hundred forty-six (146) Election Program from the date of its constitution and appointment Order of Returning Officer to conduct election of MSCS. Generally, District Magistrate / Collectors are appointed as Returning Officer.

8. One hundred thirteen (113) elections of Board of Directors & Office Bearers have been successfully conducted under supervision of CEA.

9. Thirty three (33) elections of Board of Directors and of Office Bearers are ongoing as per election program approved by CEA.

10. During the month of March, 2025, elections of Thirteen (13) MSCS have been completed. The names of the Societies and date of elections of Board of Directors are as under:-

	Name of Multi-State Co-operative Society	Date of Polling	Status
1	Shri Beereshwar Cooperative Credit Society Ltd, Belagavi	25.02.2025	21 Directors elected unopposed
2	APNA Agro Multi State Cooperative Society Ltd, Visakhapatnam	20.02.2025	9 Directors elected unopposed
3	Kendriya Infrastructure and Development Co-Operative Society Limited, Thrissur	23.02.2025	11 Directors elected unopposed

4	Mangalyan Technical Workers Cooperative Society Limited, Chennai	16.02.2025	11 Directors elected unopposed
5	The Agri Allied & Consumer Cooperative Federation Ltd	11.03.2025	13 Directors elected unopposed
6	Shri Veershaiv Cooperative Bank Limited	04.03.2025	Only for Office Bearer. Elected unopposed
7	Green Earth Agro Cooperative Society Ltd	09.02.2025	07 Directors elected unopposed
8	Krishak Vikas Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd	09.02.2025	09 Directors elected unopposed
9	Bharathi Inter State Fisherman Cooperative Limited,	20.03.2025	09 Directors elected unopposed
10.	Indian National Development and Integration Agriculture Cooperative Society Ltd	23.03.2025	07 Directors elected unopposed
11	Nagpur City Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited	16.03.2025	07 Directors elected unopposed
12	MIG Gramin Agro Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited	23.03.2025	09 Directors elected unopposed
13	Sree Dhanalakshmi Multi State Agro Cooperative Society Limited	26.03.2025	09 Directors elected unopposed

11. During the month of March, 2025, election programme of nine (9) societies have been notified as per the following details :-

	Name of the Society	Date of issue of Election Programme	Returning Officer
1	Shrigurumauli Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Solapur	17.03.2025	DM/DC Solapur
2	Painganga Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Nanded	18.03.2025	DM/DC Nanded
3	Om Sakthi Kalikambal Multi State Cooperative Housing Limited, Chennai	20.03.2025	DM/DC Chennai

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4	Gramin Multi State Agro Cooperative Society Limited, Kerala	21.03.2025	DM/DC Kozhikode
5	New Farmers Agri Development Multi State Cooperative Society Limited	21.03.2025	DM/DC Thrissur

6	Babasaheb Deshmukh Cooperative Sugar & Allied Products Limited	24.03.2025	DM/DC Sangli
7	Family Development Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd	25.03.2025	DM/DC Puducherry
8	Vishakhapatnam Cooperative Bank Ltd	25.03.2025	DM/DC Vishakhapatnam
9	Lokmangal Multi-State Cooperative Society Ltd	27.03.2025	DM/DC Solapur

12. During the month of March, 2025, the Authority held its meeting on 26.03.2025.

13. 315 societies were sent email, whose elections were due till 31st March, 2026 to expedite sending the proposal under section 45J(8) which provides as under :-

“The Chairperson and the Chief Executive of the multi-State Co-operative society shall inform the Authority, six months before the expiry of the term of the existing board, to conduct the elections within time.”

14. The Authority celebrated its first foundation day on 11th March, 2025 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi. Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) was Chief Guest on the occasion. Around 100 participants including officers of Districts Administration, Chairman, Managing Directors and other officers of national cooperatives and other Multi-State Cooperative Banks participated in the event. A copy of Press Release issued on the occasion is attached as ANNEXURE.

15. The Authority has started meeting with Societies listed in Schedule-II and during the month of March, 2025, meetings with the following Societies have been held

1. All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative society Ltd.
2. Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd.(TRIFED)
3. National Cooperative Housing Federation Ltd.
4. National Cooperative Consumer's Federation of India Ltd.

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5. National Cooperative Union of India Ltd.

Objective of these meetings is to align their Bye-Laws with amended Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act.

Decisions of the Authority

15. Under Section 49 2(aa) of the MSCS Act, the Cooperative election Authority, decided that nominated members can cast vote in office bearer's election, if the

member government have share holding in Society as per this Section. (During BISCOMAUN's election)

16. During the month of March, the provisions relating to Rule 19U (accounts of election expenses), 19V (disqualification for failure to lodge account of election expenses) and 19W (Particulars of account of election expenses) were included in the election programme issued for conduct of Election. Returning Officers have been advised to supply the copy of these Rules to the contesting candidates.

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Union Cooperation Secretary Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani today addressed the First Foundation Year of the Cooperative Election Authority as the Chief Guest in New Delhi. Chairman of Cooperative Election Authority (CEA), Shri Devendra Kumar Singh, Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies Shri Rabindra Kumar Agrawal, Vice Chairman of CEA Shri R K Gupta, and senior officers of Ministry of Cooperation and heads and representatives of Multi-State Cooperative Societies attended the event.



In his address, Union Cooperation Secretary Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and guidance of Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, things are definitely moving in the right direction. He said that the Cooperative Election Authority (CEA) was formed after the passage of the Multi State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Act 2023, by the Parliament. He said that it was a very comprehensive amendment to the Act by the Centre and its process for amendment spanned for over 12 years. Dr. Bhutani said that the CEA is formed to protect the core cooperative principle of democratic control of the members of the cooperative society. He added that the Authority is responsible for conducting the elections in cooperatives in a transparent manner and also

oversee the electoral process in multi-state cooperative societies, ensuring transparency and accountability while conducting the election in Cooperative Societies.

Dr. Ashish Bhutani said that the Authority stands to weed out vested interest, opacity in elections, and infusion of new faces into the cooperative societies. He said that there has been a new beginning with the elections being conducted under the supervision of the District Magistrates and District Collectors which has made the elections pristine and added credibility to the process. The Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation said that they are looking forward to expand the scope as well as functioning of the CEA so that they are able to smoothly conduct the upcoming elections.



Dr. Bhutani, has urged the Cooperative Election Authority to focus on training & capacity building programmes for stake holders and Returning Officers for effective implementation of the provisions of Cooperative Law. With the active involvement/participation of the members of the Cooperative Societies, the Cooperatives can achieve the cooperative principles particularly in election process.

Chairperson of CEA Shri Devendra Kumar Singh reiterated commitment of the Authority for promoting democratic governance, transparency, and accountability within cooperative societies and continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our electoral processes are free, fair, and transparent.

Shri Singh, extended his sincere thanks to Ministry of cooperation for their active support, without whose cooperation and guidance this milestone could not have been achieved.



Sh. Devendra Kumar Singh, Chairperson, CEA was of the view that during next year, Authority is visualising to conduct election of more than 170 Societies with the active involvement and support of different State Cooperative Election Authority and the Returning Officers from different state. He suggested to use technology for scrutiny of bye-laws so as to red flag inconsistent provision of the bye-laws. He also suggested to develop collaboration with state cooperative election authorities. Chairperson of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka State Cooperative Election Authority were present on this occasion.

CEA is in process of establishing and evolving itself. The Authority have issued election programme for more than 137 Societies and 100 elections for Board of Director & Office Bearers have been conducted under the supervision of Cooperative Election Authority successfully.

The Cooperative Election Authority celebrated its First Annual Day, marking a significant milestone in its journey to promote democratic governance and transparency within cooperative societies election. The Cooperative Election Authority was Notified on 11th March, 2024 with a mandate to conduct free and fair election of Multi-State Cooperative Societies. At present there are three members in the Authority.

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