

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://crcs.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 228 (Two hundred twenty eight) Election Programmes and appointed of Returning Officers to conduct election of MSCS. Generally, District Magistrate / Collectors are appointed as Returning Officer.

8. 159 (One hundred fifty nine) elections of Board of Directors & Office Bearers have been successfully conducted under supervision of CEA, till the end of July, 2025.

9. 69 (Sixty nine) elections of Board of Directors and of Office Bearers are ongoing as per election program approved by CEA, till the end of July, 2025.

10. During the month of July, 2025, elections of 11 (Eleven) 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	Elected		
			G*	W**	S***
1	Bombay Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd, Mumbai City	25.06.2025 only for Chairman			
2	Bramha Urban Multi-State Co-op credit society ltd. Sangli	23.06.2025	10	2	1
3	Farmers Welfare Sahakari Multi state co-op Society Ltd. Patna	06.07.2025	4	2	1
4	Sree Aashirwad Multistate Multi-Purpose co-op society Ltd. Jalgaon	06.07.2025	4	2	1
5	Shivswaraj Multi State Credit Cooperative Society Limited, Satara	04.07.2025	4	2	1
6	Kerala Necessity Cooperative Processing Agro Society Limited, Thrissur	06.07.2025	4	2	1
7	Sonai Cooperative Dairy Limited, Pune	06.07.2025	8	2	1
8	Shambho Mahadeva Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Solapur.	04.07.2025	9	2	1
9	Indian Overseas Bank Staff Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Chennai	06.07.2025	2 Casual Vacancy		

10	Mahalakshmi Multi State Cooperative Group Housing Society Limited, South West Delhi	13.07.2025	3 (one post vacant)	2	Vacant
11	Sangam Urban Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Nanded	13.07.2025	6	2	1
12	Shri Mangalnath Cooperative Credit Society, Beed.	13.07.2025	4	2	1
13	Rural engineering Cooperative Limited, Dehradun	13.07.2025	8	2	1
14	Namo Tirupati Multi State Co-operative Credit Society Limited, Latur	21.07.2025	4	2	1
15	Royal Max Multi State Agro and Development Cooperative Society Limited	21.07.2025	3	2	1

*G – General, ** W – Women, *** S – SC/ST

11. During the month of July, 2025, election programmes of 17 (Seventeen) societies have been notified as per the following details :-

	Name of the Society	Date of issue of Election Programme	Returning Officer
1	Yugandhar Multi-State Coop. Society Ltd., Buldana, Maharashtra	15.07.2025	DM/DC, Buldana, Maharashtra
2	Sarathi Research Consulting and Management Services Coop. Ltd.	03.07.2025	DM/DC, South East Delhi
3	A.P. Mahesh Coop. Urban Bank Ltd., Hyd.	03.07.2025	DM/DC, Hyderabad
4	Ayushman Multistate Coop. Society	07.07.2025	DM/DC, Gautam Budh Nagar
5	The New India Assurance Employees Cooperative Thrift & Credit Socitey	11.07.2025	DM/DC, Chennai
6	Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar Multi State Coop. Society	14.07.2025	DM/DC, Thane, Maharashtra
7	Sudha Krisha Kalyan MSCS Ltd.	14.07.2025	DM/DC, Lucknow
8	Hindustan Agro Cooperative Ltd.	14.07.2025	DM/DC, Ahilaya Nagar, Maharashtra
9	Jay Jagannath Multi State Coop. Credit Society Ltd.	17.07.2025	DM/DC, Yavatmal, Maharashtra
10	State Bank of India (Bhopal Circle) Karamchari Sahakari Sakh Samiti Marayadit	18.07.2025	DM/DC, Bhopal
11	Deendayal Magasvargiya Soot Girni Ltd.	18.07.2025	DM/DC, Sangli, Maharashtra

12	Evershine Multipurpose Coop. Society Ltd.	21.07.2025	DM/DC, Chennai
13	SBI Supervising Staff Coop. Credit Society Ltd., Patna, Bihar	24.07.2025	DM/DC, Patna
14	The Bank of India Staff Coop. Thrift Credit Society	30.07.2025	DM/DC, Chennai
15	Chennai Anna Nagar Coop. Housing Society	30.07.2025	DM/DC, Chennai
16	Rural Engineering Coop. Ltd.	30.07.2025	DM/DC, Dehradun
17	Railway Shramik Sahakari Bank	30.07.2025	DM/DC, Bikaner
18	Kanti Multi State Agro Coop. Society Ltd.	30.07.2025	DM/DC, Varanasi

12. During the month of July, 2025, the Authority held its meetings on 08.07.2025, 09.07.2025, 23.07.2025, 30.07.2025. Till July, 2025, sixty eight (68) meetings have been held by the Authority.

13. The Authority has been holding meetings with Societies listed in Schedule-II. Till July, 2025, meetings with the Chief Executive Officers of following Societies/Federation 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.
5. National Cooperative Union of India Ltd.
6. National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperative Society Ltd., New Delhi
7. National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd., New Delhi
8. National Federation of State Cooperative Banks Ltd., Mumbai
9. National Federation of Labour Cooperative Ltd., New Delhi
10. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited
11. National Cooperative Union of India

13.1 Objective of these meetings is to align their Bye-Laws with amended Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act and Rules framed thereunder.

14. During the month of July, 2025, meetings/video conferences with the MDs/CEOs of following Multi-State Cooperative Societies have been held :

S.No.	Date	Name of the Coop. Society/ Federation.
1.	01.07.2025	SBI (Bhopal Circle) Karamchari Sahakri Sakh Samiti.
2.	01.07.2025	SBI Super-ving Staff Coop. Credit Society Ltd., Patna.
3.	02.07.2025	The Jackson Cooperative Credit Society of The Employees of The Western Railway Ltd, Mumbai
4.	02.07.2025	Viswadeepthi MS Agri Coop. Society Ltd.

5.	03.07.2025	Senapati Bapat MSC Credit Society Ltd.
6.	07.07.2025	Bharathi Tourism Dev. Coop. Ltd.
7.	07.07.2025	Sai Multi State Credit Coop. Society Ltd.
8.	22.07.2025	Samruddhi Multi Sate Coop. Credit Society, Osmanabad.
9.	22.07.2025	CAD & AAI Employees Coop. Society.
10.	23.07.2025	Al-khair Coop. Credit Society Ltd., Patna.
11.	25.07.2025	Shree Ravalnath Coop. Housing Finance Society.
12.	29.07.2025	Mahesh Nagari MSC Credit Society Ltd., Pune.
13.	30.07.2025	Paradise MS Coop. Housing Society, Delhi.

Decisions of the Authority

15. So far, the Cooperative Election Authority had ordered conduct of re-elections of the following societies:-

- i. Deshbhakta Ratnapanna Kumbhar Pnachaganga Shakari Sakhar Karkhanna, Distt. Kolhapur, Maharashtra vide order dated 03.04.2025. However the re-elections have been stayed vide order dated 25.4.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai.
- ii. Revised Election Programme was issued for conduct of elections of Lucknow Division Insurance Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd., Lucknow vide order dated 17.04.2025. The Form 19M has been received from the RO and has been submitted for approval of the Authority.
- iii. Due to non-compliance of provisions relating to (a) Not getting Bye-Laws amended for fixed number of Directors; and (b) Non-publication of election programme in Newspaper as required under Rule 19(1)(3), the elections of **the Central Financial Credit and Investment Cooperative India Ltd., Kottayam** were cancelled from the stage of filing nomination.

16. The following decisions have been taken by the Authority:-

- i. The Authority implement the Guidelines for Central Govt. Employees issued vide DOP&T Office Memorandum No. F.No.11013/1/2016-Estt.A-III dated 27th February, 2020, Government employee under the rule **15(1)(c) of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, Returning Officer will obtain details of contesting Central Government employees as to whether prior permission to contest election has been taken from the Central Government, to accept or reject nomination filed by the Central Government Servant. This condition has**

been incorporated in the Election Programmes issued from the month of July, 2025.

ii Consideration on nomination of candidates who are in blood relation.

Decision: It was felt that all nominations from same family will severely impair the functioning of Board of Director, keeping in view provision of Section 41 (6) which prohibits participation of Directors in the Board Meeting in case of decision relating to contract, requirement etc. It is not advisable that majority of number of Board of Directors are related by blood. Further, it also provides disproportionate representation to one of the states in the area of operation. Therefore, it was decided to issue direction under Section 45 (L) and Rule 19 (F) (e) to cancel the nomination process, in such situations. Such prohibition will apply in respect of cases where majority of members are related by blood.

iii During BISCOMAUN elections, on 19th February, 2025, the authority had decided that the nominated Director from Govt. of Bihar under section 48 shall have the rights to vote to elect Office Bearers as more than 99% shareholding in BISCOMAUN is from Govt. of Bihar.

iv. The Rule 19U (Account of Election Expenses) and Rule 19V (Disqualification for failure to lodge account of election expenses) forms the part of the Rules under MSCS Rules, 2002 as amended in 2023. In view of the fact that the Authority is not receiving the account statements as required under Rule 19U, 19V and 19W, the Authority also made it a part of Election Programme to bring it to the notice of Returning Officer and contesting candidate for its compliance.

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(Signature)
Secretary