

Cooperative Election Authority

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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, by notification, established the Co-operative Election Authority (CEA) consisting of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and Members not exceeding three including one woman.

2. Presently the Co-operative Election Authority(CEA) 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) |

3. 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.

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

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

4.1 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.

5. Procedure for requesting election: Steps to submit election request through CRCS Portal online are as follow:

- Log in to the CRCS portal (<https://crs.gov.in/>) using the credentials (ID & Password of the Society).
- Navigate to the "Election Request" section.
- Fill the required details completely and accurately in the respective field.
- Attach necessary documents in the portal in PDF and submit the request.
 - Election Request signed by Chairperson &CEO/MD of Society;
 - Resolution of present Board of Directors to conduct election;
 - 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

6. The Authority has issued 245 (Two hundred forty five) Election Programmes and appointed of Returning Officers to conduct election of MSCS. Generally, District Magistrate / Collectors are appointed as Returning Officer.

7. 167 (One hundred sixty seven) elections of Board of Directors & Office Bearers have been successfully conducted under supervision of CEA, till the end of August, 2025.

8. 78 (Seventy eight) elections of Board of Directors and of Office Bearers are ongoing as per election program approved by CEA, till the end of August, 2025.

9. During the month of August, 2025, elections of 08 (Eight) 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 | Number of Elected Directors and their category | | |
|---|--|-----------------|--|-------|-------|
| | | | General* | Women | SC/ST |
| 1 | The Mehsana Urban Cooperative Bank Limited, Mehsana | 03.08.2025 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Lucknow Division Insurance Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd, Lucknow | 10.08.2025 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | Shiv Shakti Multi State Agro Cooperative Society Limited, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh | 08.08.2025 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | Ecco eggs cooperative Ltd., Dehradun | 19.08.2025 | 04 | 02 | 02 |
| 5 | Dyankrupa Multistate Cooperative credit society, Thane | 03.08.2025 | 06 | 02 | 01 |
| 6 | Federation of Tibetan Coop. in India Ltd., Bengaluru | 03.08.2025 | 08 | 00 | 00 |
| 7 | Vittapeta MSCS, Satara | 23.08.25 | 08 | 02 | 01 |

10. During the month of August, 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 | Number of Directors to be elected |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Samruddhi Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Dharashiv, Maharashtra | 05.08.20 | DM/DC, Dharashiv | 17 |

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| 2 | Mahesh Nagri Multi State Cooperative Society Limited, Pune, Maharashtra | 05.08.2025 | DM/DC, Pune | 15 |
| 3 | Shree Ravalnath Cooperative Housing Finance Society Limited, Kolhapur, Maharashtra | 05.08.2025 | DM/DC, Kolhapur | 13 |
| 4 | Hriday Credit Cooperative Society Limited, Udaipur, Rajasthan | 05.08.2025 | DM/DC, Udaipur | 08 |
| 5 | Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited, South Delhi | 06.08.2025 | DM/DC, South Delhi | 15 |
| 6 | The Mehsana Urban Cooperative Bank Limited, Mehsana, Gujarat | 13.08.2025 | DM/DC, Mehsana | 08 |
| 7 | National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL), South West Delhi (Casual Vacancy) | 20.08.2025 | DM/DC, SW Delhi | 01 |
| 8 | Rajganga Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Beed, Maharashtra | 25.08.2025 | DM/DC, Beed | 11 |
| 9 | K Diamond Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Vijayapura, Karnataka | 25.08.2025 | DM/DC, Vijayapura | 11 |
| 10 | Kisan Chandra Kalyan Cooperative Society Limited, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh | 25.08.2025 | DM/DC, Ghazipur | 09 |
| 11 | National Cooperative Organic Limited(NCOL), Anand, Gujarat (Casual Vacancy) | 25.08.2025 | DM/DC, Anand | 01 |
| 12 | Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Limited (Kendriya Bhandar), South Delhi (Casual Vacancy) | 26.08.2025 | DM/DC, South Delhi | 01 |
| 13 | Bharati Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune | 05.08.2025 | DM/DC, Pune | 15 |
| 14 | Annapurna Mahila Coop credit Society, Pune | 06.08.2025 | DM/DC, Pune | 11 |
| 15 | CAD & AAI Employees Cooperative Society, North 24 Paragnas, WB | 22.08.2025 | DM/DC North Paragnas | 12 |
| 16 | Al-Khair Coop. Credit Society, Patna | 13.08.2025 | DM/DC, Patna | 20 |
| 17 | Urban Kissan Agri MSCS Ltd., Khozhikhode | 05.08.2025 | DM/DC, Calicut | 05 |

11. During the month of August, 2025, the Authority held its meetings on 27.08.2025 and 29.08.2025. Till August, 2025, Seventy (70) meetings have been held by the Authority.

12. The Authority has been holding meetings with Societies listed in Schedule-II. Till August, 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

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

13. During the month of August, 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. | 04.08.2025 | Sahakari Taxi Coop. Ltd., South West Delhi. |
| 2. | 06.08.2025 | VC meeting with RO & CEO of Goldfed MSC Society. |
| 3. | 09.08.2025 | CEO/MD of Northern Zone Railway Employee CTC Society Ltd. |
| 4. | 21.08.2025 | CEO/MD of The Varachha Cooperative Bank Ltd. |
| 5. | 22.08.2025 | CEO/MD of Shree Veershaiv Coop. Bank Ltd. |
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14. **KRIBHCO** : Elections to Board of Directors of KRIBHCO were held on 5th January, 2025. After conduct of elections, Managing Director, KRIBHCO presented before CEA, election regulations which were different from prevailing bye-laws. After seeking legal advice, the final result was declared on 29.08.2025.

First meeting with State Cooperative Election Authorities

15. The Cooperative Election Authority held its first consultative meeting with State Cooperative Election Authorities on 11th August, 2025 at Civil Services Officers' Institute, New Delhi. The meeting aimed to develop a mechanism of dialogue with State Cooperative Election Authorities so that the elections in cooperative bodies are conducted in a free and fair manner and the process becomes more transparent. The meeting was chaired by Chairperson, Cooperative Election Authority which saw participation of the State Election Commissioners from Odisha, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Maharashtra. Vice Chairperson, Cooperative Election Authority also participated in the meeting. Cooperative Ombudsman and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation took part in the deliberation. A Press Release was issued after the meeting is annexed herewith.

Status of Re-elections :

16. 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. 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(I)(3), the elections **of the Central Financial Credit and Investment Cooperative India Ltd., Kottayam** were cancelled from the stage of filing nomination. **The revised election programme has been issued on 25.08.2025.**

17. Decisions of the Authority :

i Restriction on contesting of elections by Central Government Employees:

Decision : 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 August, 2025.**

ii **Limit on number of Directors in the Board, 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 **Voting by nominated Directors to elect Office Bearers in MSCS**

Decision: 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. **Disqualification on failure of maintenance of Accounts and lodging of Election Expenses account with Returning Officer within 30 days**

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.

v. **Implementation of amendments in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 with regard to maximum tenure of 10 years for contesting the elections as Board of Directors:**

Effective from 1st August, 2025, amendment in Section 10A (sub-section 2a(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (BR Act), the maximum continuous tenure of directors of cooperative banks (excluding Chairperson and Whole-time Directors) has been extended from 8 to 10 years.

Instructions in this regard have been included in the appointment orders of the Returning Officers to ensure implementation of this amendment so as to conduct election in transparent, free and fair manner.

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Ministry of Cooperation



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Speaking on the occasion, Shri Devendra Kumar Singh, Chairperson, Cooperative Election Authority said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and guidance of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah Government has brought various reforms in the cooperative sector including establishment of Cooperative Election Authority. The Cooperative Election Authority has so far conducted 159 elections since March 2024 and is in the process of conducting 69 more such Cooperative Elections. The Cooperative Election Authority was notified on 11 March 2024 in exercise of the Centre's powers conferred by section 45 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act of 2002 and its amendment in 2023.



Shri Devendra Kumar Singh said that 2025 is being celebrated as International year of Cooperatives and a lot of reforms have been brought by the Government showing its commitment to the growth of Cooperative sector. He said that the election process in Cooperative Societies need to be streamlined to foster transparency in order to make the elections in cooperative societies free and fair.

The Chairperson, Cooperative Election Authority said that there is a need for standard manuals and codes of conduct for cooperative elections. The discussion revolved around matters relating to framing of Code of Conduct for contesting candidates and Multi-State Cooperative Society (MSCs), to fix upper limit of expenditure by the contesting candidates, publication of handbook for the Returning Officers, election of delegates from member Cooperative Societies who are members in National Cooperative Societies and other agenda received from State. One of the agenda proposed by participating State Cooperative Election Authorities included introduction of Electronic Voting Machine in cooperative election.



Shri Devendra Kumar Singh also brought up the discussion on the matters related to share capital of members, use of symbols for the candidates and use of indelible inks in the cooperative elections and discussion ensued.

The CEA decided to hold the consultative committee meeting every three months to take forward the reform process in cooperative elections.



The participants from States include, the State Election Commissioner from Odisha (Shri Srikanta Prusty, State Cooperative Election Commission), Bihar (Shri Girish Shankar, Bihar State Election Authority along with Shri Kumar Shant Rakshit, Advisor, Bihar State Election Commission), Tamil Nadu (Thiru Dayanand Kataria, Commissioner, Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Societies Election Commission), Maharashtra (Shri. Anil Mahadeo Kawade, State Cooperative Election Authority Maharashtra and Shri Ashok Gade, Secretary, Maharashtra State Election Authority) and Telangana (Shri G Shrivinas Rao, Commissioner, Telangana Cooperative Election Authority)

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