

No. CEA-12011/124/2024
Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
Office of Co-operative Election Authority

9th Floor, Tower-E, World Trade Center,
Nauroji Nagar, Delhi-110029

Dated: 17th October, 2025

ORDER

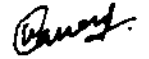
In exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 K (3) (b) of the Multi State Co-operative Societies (MSCS), Act 2002 read with rule 19 F (a) of MSCS Rules, 2002, the Co-operative Election Authority hereby appoints the following officers as Assistant Returning Officer to assist Returning Officer for conducting elections of **"The Ajara Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Ajara, Kolhapur"**, as per letter no. 2/2025 dated 10.10.2025 received through mail on 14.10.2025 from Returning Officer.

	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Sujay Yejare, Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Ajara	Assistant Returning Officer

2. This is to inform you further that the rates of payment of remuneration have been revised by the CEA vide order No. 4-11/2025 dated 16.10.2025 (Copy attached) which will be effective in the elections of **The Ajara Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Ajara, Kolhapur**.

This issues with the approval of Co-operative Election Authority.

By Order



(Authorized Signatory)

For Cooperative Election Authority

To

District Collector / Magistrate & RO
The Ajara Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Ajara, Kolhapur
New Shahupuri,
Kolhapur, Maharashtra- 416001.
Email : collector.kolhapur@maharashtra.gov.in

Copy to:

1. The Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director of **The Ajara Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Ajara, 393B, Main Road Ajara, Dist. Kolhapur, Maharashtra- 416505.**
Email: ajarabank@ajarabank.com
2. NIC with a request to upload on CRCS Website.

F.No.4-11/2025/CEA
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9th Floor, Tower-E, World Trade Centre,
Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi – 110 029.

Dated: 16th October, 2025.

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Subject: - Revised norms for payment of remuneration to Returning Officer (RO)/Asstt. Returning Officer (ARO) for conduct of elections of Multi State Cooperative Societies (MSCS).

CEA is paying remuneration to Returning Officer (RO), Asstt. Returning Officer (ARO) and Polling Officer as per the Office Order dated 3rd June, 2024. As per this order RO and ARO are paid not more than 15 days of basic pay as honorarium.

2. As per Rule 19T of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 as amended in 2023, the dues of the remuneration have to be paid by Society to Cooperative Election Authority (CEA) and CEA in turn pays to RO based on the claims submitted by the Returning Officer.

3. During the process of release of funds, the following aspects have come to the notice of the Authority:

- 1) There is wide variation in the basic pay structure of Returning Officers. Due to this reason, the payment of 15 days' basic pay may range between Rs.98,000/- to Rs.39,000/- depending upon the seniority of the District Magistrates in the respective districts. In few cases, the remuneration paid to ARO is higher than the Returning Officer.
- 2) The rate of remuneration is same even if the elections are not contested. There is no substantial activity after the stage of nomination process. The rates claimed are same for contesting elections as well as uncontested elections.
- 3) Even in case of casual vacancy, say for one Director, the same rate is paid to the Returning Officer. Similarly, casual vacancy of Office Bearers also results into the same amount of payment.
- 4) The society's HQ is concentrated at State Capitals or at those districts which have history of cooperative movements. It results into conduct of multiple election by same RO/ARO.

4. The Authority is in receipt of representation from newly registered societies expressing their inability to pay such large amount due to lack of adequate resources with the newly formed society. Their economic activity may be at nascent stage of development. They have requested that they may be exempted from such remuneration.

5. The matter has been examined in detail and it has been decided to adopt a graded structure for payment of remuneration as proposed in the table below:

S.No.	Nature of Election	Contest for the position	Uncontested election
1.	Regular election of Board of Directors including Office Bearers.		
	A. All societies in Schedule II.	Rs.50,000/-	Rs.25,000/-
	B. Multi State Cooperative Banks.	Rs.50,000/-	Rs.25,000/-
	C. Societies where elections of delegates or election to RGH (constitution of Representative General Body) is involved.	Rs.50,000/-	Rs.25,000/-
2.	Regular election of Board of Directors including Office Bearers of all other societies.	Rs.40,000/-	Rs.20,000/-
3.	Casual Vacancy of Board of Directors.	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.10,000/-
4.	Casual Vacancy of Office Bearers.	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.10,000/-
5.	Election of newly registered societies with less than 250 members.	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.10,000/-

6. There will be no change in the rate of honorarium of Polling personnel which is fixed at present at Rs.1,000/- per election. Additionally, PA to RO or Data Entry Operator would also be treated as Polling Personnel and eligible to Rs.1,000/- per election.

7. This order would be effective from 01.11.2025, where the date of poll is on or after 01.11.2025.

8. This issues with the approval of Cooperative Election Authority.

By Order

(Signature) 16/10/2025.

(Section Officer)

Cooperative Election Authority Officer

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1. All ROs/AROs appointed by CEA.
2. All MD/CEO of MSCS Societies.
3. All RCSs of States.

Copy also to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation.
2. CRCS.
3. Internal circulation to all Officers/Staff.
4. NIC – for posting on the Website.