

Cooperative Election Authority

Information Note **September, 2025**

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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 :

- 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.

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:

- 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 and submit the request.
 - 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

6. The Authority has issued 252 (Two hundred and fifty two) Election Programmes and appointed Returning Officers to conduct election of MSCS. Generally, District Magistrate / Collectors are appointed as Returning Officer.

7. 185 (One hundred and eighty-five) elections of Board of Directors & Office Bearers have been successfully conducted under supervision of CEA, till the end of September, 2025.

8. 67 (Sixty seven) elections of Board of Directors and of Office Bearers are ongoing as per election program approved by CEA, till the end of September, 2025.

9. During the month of September, 2025, elections of 18 (Eight) MSCS have been completed. The names of the Societies and date of elections of Board of Directors are as under: -

	Name of MSCS	Date of Polling	Elected		
			G*	W*	S*
1	Shantishwar Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Maharashtra.	31.08.2025	4	2	1
2	Madhav Multi State Cooperative Society Limited, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	29.08.2025	5	1 (1 Vacant)	2
3	Krishi Pragati Cooperative Limited, Panchkula, Haryana	31.08.2025	4	2	Vacant
4	Shri Sahyadri Agro Multi State Cooperative Society Limited, Dhule	31.08.2025	6	2	1
5	Shree Balaji Multi state Coop Credit society Ltd., Pune	30.08.2025	8	2	1
6	Kissan Mithra Multi State Cooperative Society Limited, Thrissur, Kerala	30.08.2025	5	2	1
7	Deccan Multistate Housing Co-operative Society Ltd, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	03.08.2025	4	2	1
8	The Sahyadri Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd., (Multi State), Belgaum	21.09.2025	10	2	1
9	Sahya Mithra Agro Multi State Cooperative Society Limited, Idukki	18.09.2025	3	2	1
10	Axis General Multi State Housing and Construction Coop. Society Ltd. Kozhikode.	07.08.2025	10	2	1
11	Sarathi Research Consulting and Management Services Cooperative Limited, New Delhi	18.09.2025	8	2	1

12	Shine Agri Allied and Marketing Multistate Cooperative Society Limited, Banaskantha	31.08.2025	5	2	1
13	Sree Dharma Agro Processing and Marketing Co-operative Limited, Ernakulam	07.09.2025	8	2	1
14	Sudha Krishi Kalyan Multistate Cooperative Society Limited, Lucknow	18.09.2025	4	2	1
15	The Central Financial Credit and Investment Coop. India Ltd., Kottayam.	22.09.2025	7	2	1
16	Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar MS Coop. Credit Society Ltd., Thane.	21.09.2025	4	2	1
17	Union Bank of India Staff Coop. Thrift & Credit Society Ltd., Chennai.	07.09.2025	10	2	1
18	Shri Venkateshware MSC Credit Society Ltd., Pune	07.09.2025	8	2	1

10. During the month of September, 2025, election programmes (EP) of 7 (Seven) societies have been issued as per the following details :-

	Name of the society	DC/DM	E.P issued on
1	The Central Govt. Staff coop. Thrift & Credit society Ltd.	Chennai	01.09.2025
2	Ajara Urban Co.op Bank	Kolhapur	08.09.2025
3	The Varachha Cooperative Bank Limited, Surat, Gujrat	Surat	08.09.2025
4	Shri Veershaiv Cooperative Bank	Kolhapur	19.09.2025
5	Hriday Credit Cooperative Society Limited	Udaipur	09.09.2025
6	Maharashtra Agro Multistate Cooperative Society Limited	Ahmednagar/ Ahilyanagar	19.09.2025
7	Shine Agri Allied And Marketing Multistate Cooperative Society Limited (For the post of Office Bearers, Chairman and Vice-Chairman)	Banaskantha	19.09.2025

11. During the month of September, 2025, the Authority held its meetings on 10.09.2025. Till September, 2025, Seventy-One (71) meetings have been held by the Authority.

12. The Authority has been holding meetings with Societies listed in Schedule-II. Till September, 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 September, 2025, meetings/video conferences with the MDs/CEOs of following Multi-State Cooperative Societies have been held :

S.No.	Date & Time	Name of the Coop. Society/ Federation.
1.	10.09.2025	CEO/MD of Mahakali Sahakari Sakar Karkhana.
2.	16.09.2025	CEO of Indian Cooperative Credit Society Ltd., Karnataka.
3.	16.09.2025	CEO of Larsen & Toubro Group Emp. Cooperative Thrift & Credit Society Ltd., Chennai.
4.	17.09.2025	CEO of Dhanmudra Urban MSC Credit Society Ltd.
5.	18.09.2025	CEO/MD of Dharampeth Mahila MSCS

14. **KRIBHCO** : Election for positions of Office Bearers of KRIBHCO was concluded on 15-16 September, 2025.

Status of Re-elections :

15. 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.

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.

17. During the month of September, 2025 the Guidelines for Appointment of Observers have been issued vide order no. CEA-12011/218/2025 dated 15th September, 2025.

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