

Cooperative Election Authority

Information Note October, 2025

No.10/25

19.11.2025

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.

- 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;
- Latest approved Bye-Laws of the Society; and
- Fact sheet signed Chairperson &CEO/MD of Society

6. The Authority has issued 260 (Two Hundred and Sixty) Election Programmes and appointed Returning Officers to conduct election of MSCS. Generally, District Magistrate / Collectors are appointed as Returning Officer.

7. 197 (One Hundred and Ninety Seven) elections of Board of Directors & Office Bearers have been successfully conducted under supervision of CEA, till the end of October, 2025.

8. 63 (Sixty Three) elections of Board of Directors and of Office Bearers are ongoing as per election program approved by CEA, till the end of October, 2025.

9. During the month of October, 2025, elections of 12 (Twelve) 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	Annapurna Mahila Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Pune	08.10.2025	8	2	1
2	Shree Venkateshwara Multi-State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Pune	07.09.2025	8	2	1
3	Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited, New Delhi	05.10.2025	08**	02	0
4	Deendayal Magasvargiya Sahakari Soot Girni Ltd., Sangli.	05.10.2025	6	3	9
5	Railway Shramik Sahakari Bank Limited, Bikaner	08.10.2025	1 (CV)		
6	Yugandhar Multi-State Cooperative Society Limited, Buldhana	05.10.2025	4	2	1
7	Jay Jagannath Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Yavatmal	05.10.2025	8	2	1

8	Evershine Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Chennai	28.09.2025	6 (2Vacant)	1 (1Vacant)	(Vacant)
9	National Cooperative Organic Limited, (NCOL), Anand	08.10.2025	1 (CV)		
10	Kanti Multi State Agro Cooperative Society Limited, Varanasi	16.10.2025	5	2	1
11	Al-habib Islamia Multistate Cooperative Society Ltd., Howrah	26.10.2025	6	2	1
12	State Bank of India (Bhopal Circle), Karamchari Sahkari Sakh Samiti Maryadit, Bhopal	26.10.2025	13	2	1

** Result of one Director is withheld which is not included in the above list.

10. During the month of October, 2025, election programmes (EP) of 8 (Eight) societies have been issued as per the following details :-

S.No.	MSCS	DM/DC	Issued on
1	Dhanmudra Urban Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited	Nanded, Maharashtra	06.10.2025
2	The Jackson Cooperative Credit Society of the Employees of Western Railway Limited	Mumbai, Maharashtra	17.10.2025
3	Dharampeth Mahila Multi State Cooperative Society Limited	Nagpur, Maharashtra	22.10.2025
4	Krishi Kalyan Multi State Cooperative Society Limited	Gonda, Uttar Pradesh	24.10.2025
5	Kanhaiyya Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Limited	Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra	24.10.2025
6	Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Krishi Sahakari Kharedi-Vikri Society Limited	Kolhapur, Maharashtra	30.10.2025
7	Ambika Multi State Health Services for the Weaker Sections Cooperative Society Limited	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	30.10.2025
8	The Doordarshan & Maintenance Centre Employees Multi State Cooperative Thrift & Credit Society Limited	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	30.10.2025

11. During the month of October, 2025, the Authority held its meetings on 10.10.25 and 15.10.2025. Till October, 2025, Seventy-three (73) meetings have been held by the Authority.

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

S.No.	Date	Name of the Coop. Society/ Federation.
1.	06.10.2025	Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Urban MSC Credit Society.
2.	06.10.2025	NAFSCOB
3.	07.10.2025	The Jackson Coop. Credit Society.
4.	30.10.2025	Shri Warana Sahakari Dudh Utpadak Prakriya Sangh Ltd.
5.	30.10.2025	Shree Satpuda Tapi Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited.
6.	31.10.2025	National Federation of Farmers' Procurement Processing & Retailing Cooperative of India Limited

14. **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.

15. Revision in the rates of remuneration to ROs/AROs for conduct of election of MSCS

Taking cognizance of the requests received from various societies, the Authority issued an order dated 16.10.2025 regarding revision in the rates of remuneration to ROs/AROs for conducting the election of MSCS and the same is available on crcs.gov.in . The revised rates of remuneration to ROs/AROs are as follows:-

S. No.	Nature of Election	Contested Elections	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 RGB (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/-

16. During the month of September, 2025 the Guidelines for Appointment of Observers had been issued vide order no. CEA-12011/218/2025 dated 15th September, 2025 and are available on crcs.gov.in.

(F.No.CEA-12011/158/2024)
