

## Cooperative Election Authority

### Information Note December, 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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://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 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 by Chairperson &CEO/MD of Society

6. The Authority has issued 288 (Two Hundred Eighty Eight) Election Programmes and appointed Returning Officers to conduct election of MSCS till end of December, 2025. Generally, District Magistrate / Collectors are appointed as Returning Officer.

7. 217 (Two Hundred seventeen) elections of Board of Directors & Office Bearers have been successfully conducted under supervision of CEA, till the end of December, 2025.

8. 71 (Seventy one) elections of Board of Directors and of Office Bearers are ongoing as per election program issued by CEA, till the end of December, 2025.

9. During the month of December, 2025, elections of 14 (Fourteen) 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	Deshbhakta Ratnappanna Kumbhar Panchaganga Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Kolhapur	14.01.2025	14	2	1
2	Ram Agro Marketing Cooperative Society Limited, Delhi		03	2	1
3	Shreeved Multi-State Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Nanded	30.11.2025	08	2	1
4	Hriday Credit Cooperative Society Limited, Udaipur	07.12.2025	05	2	1
5	Thiruvalluvar Transport Corporation Employees Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.	07.12.2025	08	2	1
6	A.P Mahesh Cooperative Urban Bank Ltd., Hyderabad	07.12.2025	12	2	0 Vacant
7	Bharath Agro Processing and Marketing Cooperative Ltd. (BAMCO)	03.11.2025	08	2	1
8	Hindustan Agro Co-operative Limited, Ahilyanagar (Ahmednagar)	02.12.2025	08	2	0 Vacant

9	Bharati Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune.	07.12.2025	12	2	1
10	Maharashtra Agro Multistate Cooperative Society Limited	07.12.2025	04	2	1
11	The Bank of India Staff Cooperative Thrift & Credit Society Ltd., Chennai	07.12.2025	08	2	1
12	Al-Khair Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. Patna.	18.12.2025	17	2	1
13	Shree Ravalnath Cooperative Housing Finance Society Ltd., Kolhapur	14.12.2025	10	2	1
14	The Jackson Cooperative Credit Society of The Employees of The Western Railway Ltd, Mumbai	22.12.2025	16	2	1

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10. During the month of December, 2025, election programmes (EP) of 14 (Fourteen) societies have been issued as per the following details :-

	Name of the society	DC/DM	E.P issued on
1		2	3
1	Dadasaheb Phalke Cinema & Entertainment Multi State Co-operative Society Limited, Mumbai	Mumbai Suburban	01.12.2025
2	Sai Multi State Credit Cooperative Society Ltd., Dakshin Kannada	Dakshin Kannada	01.12.2025
3	Pas Allied Agro and Marketing Multistate Co-Operative Society Limited, Thrissur	Thrissur	01.12.2025
4	The Kalyan Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd, Thane (MH)	Thane	02.12.2025
5	AAVAM Credit Cooperative Society Ltd, Banswara (RJ)	Banswara	05.12.2025
6	Shivay Multi State Co-Operative Credit Society Limited, Ahmednagar (MH)	Ahilyanagar	08.12.2025
7	Maharaja Multi State Cooperative Credit Society Ltd, Sata (MH)	Satara	08.12.2025
8	The Zoroastrian Cooperative Bank Ltd, (MH)	Mumbai City	08.12.2025



9	Vitthal Rao Shinde Sahakari Sahkar Karkhana Ltd, Solapur	Solapur	12.12.2025
10	Wellcare Professional Multi State Cooperative Society Limited, Thrissur	Thrissur	15.12.2025
11	Family Development Credit & Thrift Multi State Cooperative Society Limited. Puducherry	Puducherry	19.12.2025
12	Tumkur Merchants Credit Cooperative Limited, Karnataka	Karnataka	19.12.2025
13	Solapur Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd, Solapur.	Solapur	22.12.2025
14	Antyoday Multistate Cooperative Credit Society Limited, Sangli	Sangli	29.12.2025

**11.** During the month of December, 2025, the Authority held its meetings on 03.12.2025 and 18.12.2025. Till December, 2025, Seventy Eight (78) meetings have been held by the Authority.

**12.** The Authority has been holding meetings with Societies listed in Schedule-II. Till December, 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. Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited

**12.1** Objective of these meetings is to align their Bye-Laws with amended Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2023 and Rules framed thereunder.



13. During the month of December, 2025, meetings with the MDs/CEOs of following Multi-State Cooperative Societies have been held :

S.No.	Name of the Coop. Society/ Federation.	Date of meeting
1.	Sant Nagebaba MS Urban Credit Society Ltd., Ahilyanagar.	02.12.2025
2.	Tumkur Merchants Credit Coop. Ltd.	03.12.2025
3.	Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited	05.12.2025 17.12.2025
4.	Senapati Bapat MSCS, Ahilyanagar.	08.12.2025
5.	Indian Coffee Marketing Cooperative Ltd.	08.12.2025
6.	Northern Zone Railway Employee CTC Society Ltd., New Delhi.	09.12.2025
7.	Siddhasiri MS Multi Purpose Coop. Society, Vijayapura.	17.12.2025
8.	Aditya-Anagha MS Credit Society, Nagpur.	18.12.2025

14. **Important 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Under Rule 19F(c), the CEA has laid down following code of conduct on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 on the Multi State Cooperative Societies whose election is being conducted:**

**i. Use of Vehicle of the Society during election period**

It has been decided in the 74th meeting of the Cooperative Election Authority held on 06.11.2025 that Society's vehicle which has been allotted/provided to Office Bearers (Chairman/Vice-Chairman or President/Vice-President) can not be used for canvassing/election related purposes.

These instructions will apply for a period of 30 days i.e. 30 days prior to date of polling.

**ii. Convening of Board meeting during election period**

The Cooperative Election Authority in its 74th meeting held on 06.11.2025 decided that meeting of Board of Directors (BoD) of the society under election process, may be convened in respect of all agenda items except agenda which do not influence voting by members and election outcome in the said election.

CEO may take prior approval of the Returning Officer about the agenda items to be placed in the Board.



vi. **AP Mahesh Co-Operative Urban Bank Ltd.**

While conducting election for AP Mahesh Co-operative Urban bank Ltd., questions emerged about (i) eligibility of members as to who can cast vote and (ii) eligibility of members who can contest.

The Authority decided as under:-

**“The bank had not amended their Bye-Laws in terms of master circular therefore the Returning Officer was asked to decide on the matter at his end as per provisions of the Bye-Laws of the bank.”**

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

**16. 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/-



**17. To facilitate the conduct of free and fair election, CEA has prepared the following consolidated instructions:**

- a. Preparation of Member List, Nov., 2025
- b. Preparation of Voters List, December, 2025

These handbooks are also available on <https://crs.gov.in>

**18. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Following elections of Multi State Cooperative Banks have been done after 01<sup>st</sup> August, 2025:

	Name of MSCS	RO	Date of Poll	Elected		
				G*	W*	S*
1	The Mehsana Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Mehsana	DM/DC, Mehsana	03.08.25	6	1	1
2	Railway Shramik Sahakari Bank Ltd., Bikaner	DM/DC Bikaner	08.10.25	1**		
3	A.P Mahesh Cooperative Urban Bank Ltd., Hyderabad	DM/DC Hyderabad	07.12.25	12	2	
4	Bharati Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune.	DM/DC Pune	07.12.25	12	2	1

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\*\* Casual Vacancy

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