

No. CEA-12011/32/2023
Government Of India
Ministry of Cooperation
The Co-Operative Election Authority

09th Floor, Tower E, World Trade Centre,
Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

Date:- 5th August 2026

Election No. E-50/2026-27

ORDER

Sub: Appointment of "Returning Officer" and the "Election Programme" for Conduct of Election of Office Bearer of Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative Limited (IFFDC)-reg.

1. The Cooperative Election Authority has been established under Section 45 of the MSCS Act, 2002 (as amended in 2023). As per Section 45-I of the said Act, the Authority discharges the following functions:
 - i. Conduct of elections of the multi-state cooperative society;
 - ii. Supervise, direct and control the matters relating to preparation of electoral rolls; and
 - iii. Such other functions as may be prescribed.

2. Background: The election to the Board of Directors of the Society was conducted on **20.06.2024**, and thereafter the election to the Office Bearers was held on 21.06.2024. **Authority approved the election of Vice Chairman only and not approved the election of Chairman. Subsequently re-elections of Office Bearers was held on 25.06.2024, wherein the earlier Vice-Chairman (Shri Guru Prasad Tripathi) was elected as Chairman. Thereafter, Shri Guru Prasad Tripathi resigned from the post of Vice Chairman on 25.06.2024 and the same was approved by the board. Hence caused a casual vacancy of vice Chairman w.e.f. 25.06.2024.**

2.1 The Society has now requested the Cooperative Election Authority vide their letter dated 11.03.2026 to conduct the election for filling the said casual vacancy of office bearer under the provisions of **Section 49(2) (aa)** of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, as amended by the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023. The requisite particulars and documents for conducting the election have been furnished by the Society.

2.2 Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 45 K (1) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (MSCS) Act 2002, as amended by the MSCS amendment Act 2023 read with Rule 19F (a) of the MSCS Rules 2002, as amended by MSCS Amendment Rules in 2023, the Co-operative Election Authority hereby appoints **District Magistrate/Collector, Gurgram** as Returning Officer for conducting Election of Vice Chairman of **Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative Limited (IFFDC)** as per details given in subsequent paras.

3. The detailed program is as under: -

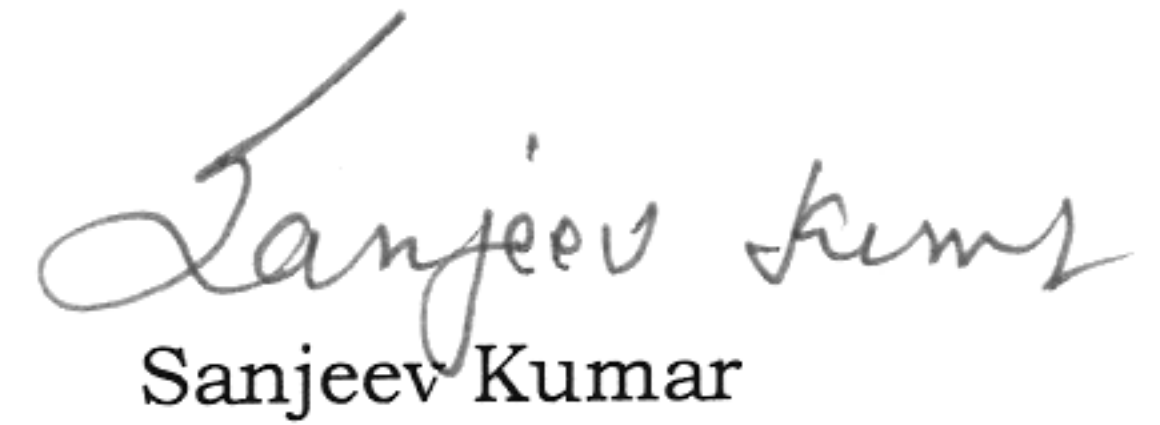
Election program
{Rule 19H(2)}

(A) General Information			
Name of MSCS	Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative Limited (IFFDC)		
Registration Number	MSCS/CR/37/1993 dated 22.10.1993		
Returning Officer	District Magistrate / Collector, Gurugram 1286, Old Delhi Gurgaon Rd, Kapas Hera Extension, Kapas Hera Estate, New Delhi, Delhi 110037		
Number of elected directors in position	8		
Post for which Election being Held	Vice-Chairman		
Contact details of CEO	Name	Mobile No.	Email id
	Madhavi M. Vipradas	9811474948	madhavi@iffco.in
The Returning Officer is requested to publish election notice through letter and personal mail and also to publish election programme on the website of the society.			
(C) Election program of Office Bearer (post of Vice Chairman)			
	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Announcement of Election Schedule & Issue of Notice	17th August, 2026 (Monday)	10:00 AM
	Time window for filing Nomination Papers	17th August, 2026 (Monday)	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
	Scrutiny of Nomination Papers	17th August, 2026 (Monday)	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	Time window for Withdrawal of Nomination	17th August, 2026 (Monday)	12:00 PM – 01:00 PM
	Display of List of Valid Nominations	17th August, 2026 (Monday)	01:00 PM – 01:30 PM
2	Meeting of Board of Directors to elect Office Bearers & Poll (if required)	18th August, 2026 (Tuesday)	11:00 AM Onwards
3.	Submission of Form 19N seeking approval of Cooperative Election Authority (CEA)	18th August, 2026 (Tuesday)	

3	Declaration of Result of Election of Office Bearer	On or before 25th August, 2026 (Tuesday)

5. RO is requested to ensure the election is conducted as per the MSCS Act, 2002 as amended by MSCS (Amendment) Act 2023 and Rules framed thereunder. In case any provision of Bye-Laws of the Society is inconsistent with the provision of Act and Rules made thereunder, then provisions of the Act/Rules shall prevail over such in-consistent provisions of the Bye-Laws and decision taken by CEA in this regard shall be final.
6. The meeting of election has to be chaired by RO as per Rule 19N(2).
7. RO is advised to go through the documents meant for conduct of election- namely preparation of member list, preparation of voter list and information relating to seeking prior approval of Board of Directors and Office Bearers. These documents are available on the website <https://crgs.gov.in> under the heading "**Cooperative Election Authority**" (Handbooks of Returning Officer). Instructions contained in these documents must be followed in letter and spirit so as to ensure free and fair election.
8. A Checklist for RO is attached for monitoring the election process and recording various important information and details. (**Annexure II**).
9. This issues with the approval of Cooperative Election Authority.

Seal:
Date: 5/8/2026


Sanjeev Kumar

Director, Cooperative Election Authority,
Phone No.- 011-20909039

To,

District Magistrate/Collector
First Floor , Mini Secretariat,
Gurugram (Haryana)
Email- dcgrg@hry.nic.in

Copy to:-

1. The Returning Officer / District Collector, Gurugram for necessary action and conduct of election.
2. Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer (Madhavi M. Vipradas), Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative Limited (IFFDC), for information and wide circulation to all Board of Directors.

- a. To meet the RO and brief him about the society and get issued the election notice under the signature of the RO.
- b. To deposit amount on account of remuneration payment for the conduct of election by RO/ARO and Polling Officer(s). Amount of remuneration to be as per order F.No. _____ CEA dated _____ (**Annexure IV**). The requisite amount is to be deposited by the society in CEA's account titled Cooperative Election Authority as details below: -

Name of Account Holder	Cooperative Election Authority
Name of Bank	State Bank of India
Account Number	43320407875
IFCS Code	SBIN0001076
Name of Branch	R.K.Puram, New Delhi
Type of Account	Saving Account

- c. This may be ensured by C.E.O / M.D that the following documents must be uploaded on Official Website of the Society.
 - i. Order of CEA for appointment of Returning Officer and election programme.
 - ii. Notification issued by Returning Officer giving details of election schedule.
 - iii. List of nomination received by the Returning Officer.
 - iv. List of nomination which has been rejected along with reasons for rejection.
 - v. Publication of final list of contesting candidates.
 - vi. Declaration of result of Office Bearer.
 - vii. Election Notice under signature of RO to be circulated to all Board Members.
3. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Govt. of Haryana.
4. The Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies – for information
5. NIC with a request to upload on (www.crcs.gov.in)._____

Important Instructions

The following instructions are part of the order dated 5/8/2020 RO shall follow these instructions in letter and spirit so as to ensure free and fair conduct of election.

1. **Issue of election notice under the signature of Returning Officer:** Returning officer shall specify the date and time, place of receipt of nomination, and for all other stages of the election process clearly in the notification. Election Programme shall also be published on the notice board of the society and circulation to all board members.

2. **Publication of election programme on website of the society:** Returning Officer is requested to publish election programme on the website of the society.

3. **Report to CEA on nomination:** Returning Officer is requested to send the list of candidates with the details- (i) filed nominations (ii) rejected nominations with reasons (iii) withdrawal of nominations and (iv) valid nomination with reference to the number of post of directors to CEA through e-mail and publish it on the Website of the Society.

4. **Election of Office Bearers:** Returning Officer shall preside over the meeting for the purpose of election of Office Bearers as per Rule 19N (2) and after conduct of elections of Office Bearers, the RO shall submit the requisite details in Format 19-N alongwith a report for seeking **prior approval** of CEA before declaration of results.

5. **Payment of remuneration:** The rates of remuneration for conduct of election is as per the office order dated 16.10.2025 (**Annexure-IV**)

6. **Code of Conduct:** The Authority in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 45 L of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (MSCS) Act 2002, read with Rule 19F I of the MSCS Rules 2002, has decided to enforce the following code of conduct on multi-state cooperative societies whose election is being conducted, to be implemented in the area of operation of MSCS, as under:

a. **Use of Vehicle of the Society during election period**
Society's vehicle which has been allotted/provided to Office Bearers (Chairman/Vice-Chairman or President/Vice-President) should not use for canvassing/election related purposes.

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

b. **Convening of Board meeting during election period**
Meeting of Board of Directors (BOD) of the society whose election are being conducted may be convened in respect of all agenda items except agenda which influence voting by members and election outcome in the said elections.

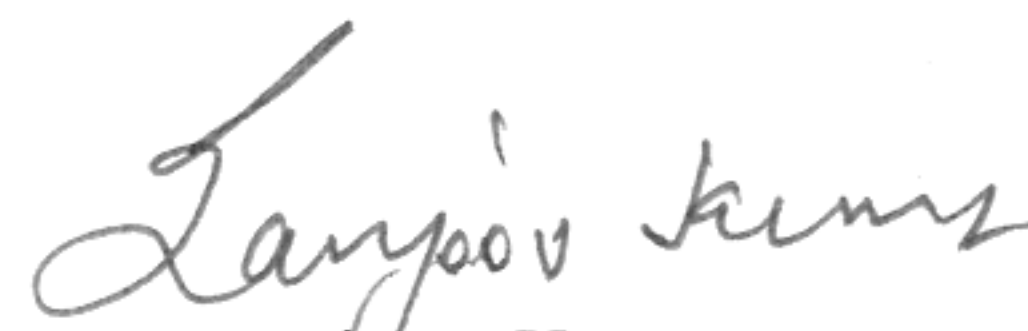
CEO may take prior approval of the Returning Officer about the agenda items to be placed in the Board in respect of meetings of Board of Directors held 30 days prior to date of poll.

7. RO may note the provision relating to Accounts of election expenses (Rule 19U), Particulars of account of election expenses (Rule 19W) and notice by RO for inspection of accounts (Rule 19X) and submit the details to CEA within 30 days of declaration of result.

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5/8/2026



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