



ELECTION URGENT

Rc.No.251/2013/CE5-(2)

Dated : 27.03.2013

To

The State Election Officers.

Sir,

Sub : Election – Election of Members of the Boards and
Office Bearers of Co-operative Societies in the State –
Certain Doubts – Publication of list of Contesting
Candidates – Clarifications – Regarding.

Ref : Commission's Letter even number dated 27.03.2013.

I invite your kind reference to the letter cited, wherein detailed guidelines have been issued in the matter of ballot papers.

2) Under Para 4(A) (4) of the said instructions, it has been instructed, that the ballot paper should have three separate parts for (a) Women (b) S.C/S.T and (c) General and strictly in that order.

3) Doubts have been raised as to the manner in which the list of contesting candidates has to be prepared and published.

4) In conformity with the instructions stated under Para (2) above, the following guidelines are issued in the matter of preparation and publication of the list of contesting candidates.

5) Rule 52(8) (i) read with Rule 52 (9) (b) requires that the Election Officer shall prepare a list of candidates whose nominations have been accepted and publish the same in Form No.20 allotting a serial number to each such candidate according to their names in the English language alphabetical order.

6) Accordingly, and in conformity with the guidelines issued earlier as stated under Para (2) above, and to facilitate easy understanding and clarity for the voter while choosing the numbers allotted to the candidates contesting for the reserved and non reserved seats, the following guidelines are issued.

- (a) The Election Officer, should prepare a single list of contesting candidates split into three parts separately for (1) Women (2) S.C./ S.T and (3) General, and strictly in that order and also according to their names in the alphabetical order in English language.

- (b) The serial numbers should be allotted to the Candidates, in the order of (1) Women, (2) SC/ST and (3) General, commencing from serial number 1 to the first name appearing under Women and ending with the name appearing last under General category. To illustrate, if there are 5-Women, 5-SC/ST and 6- General and in all a total of 16 candidates, the serial numbers allotted should be from 1 to 5 for Women, from 6 to 10 for S.C/S.T and from 11 to 16 to General Candidates.
- (c) The segregation of parts in the order of (1) Women, (2) SC/ST and (3) General and arranging the names in English alphabets and allotment of serial numbers accordingly, should be attended to with utmost diligence and care.

The State Election Officers are requested to issue appropriate instructions in this regard and to kindly report the action taken at once.

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