ELECTION URGENT

Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission

From
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Commissioner,   The State Election Officers
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Rc 748/2013/CE-5   **Dated: 04.04.2013**

Sir,

    Sub :   Election – Conduct of Election to the Boards and Office
              Bearers of Co-operative Societies – Certain Doubts –
              Issue of Form No. 18 – Guidelines – Regarding.

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It has been brought to the notice of the Commission, that certain contesting candidates have been insisted upon to get Form No. 18 for filing their nomination only from the society with the seal affixed and / or from the Election Officer with his seal and initial.

Rule 52(8) (a) states – "The nomination of a candidate for the election shall be in Form No. 18 and shall be signed by the candidate. The nomination paper shall be signed by two other members whose names are included in the voters' list, one as the proposer and the other as the seconder for the nomination."

Rule 52(8) (b) states – "Every nomination paper shall be presented in person to the Election Officer by the candidate himself or by his proposer or seconder on the date and time specified in the notice of election."

The Commission, observes that the rule only stipulates that the nomination should be only in the form as in Form 18 and does not specify as to the source or the manner of obtaining the same or as to whether the Form -18 should be printed, photo copied or hand written or otherwise.

Accordingly Commission directs that candidates who are desirous of filing nominations should not be insisted upon to get Form No. 18 only in a particular place or source.

The State Election Officers are requested to kindly issue appropriate instruction and to report the action taken by 28.03.2013.

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                                          Commissioner

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