



ELECTION IMMEDIATE

Rc.No.35/2013/CE-5

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Sir,

Sub : ELECTION – Conduct of election of the Members of the Boards and Office Bearers of the Co-operative Societies in the State – Arrangements – Appointment of Electoral Officers and Election Officers – Certain doubts – Regarding.

Doubts have been raised regarding the appointment and functions of Electoral Officers and Election Officers in the conduct of election to the Co-operative societies.

As the designation themselves suggest, they are distinctly separate and clear. Sub-Rule 1(c) and sub-rule (3)(a) of rule 52 (as amended) of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules, 1988, which speak about these appointments, are reproduced below for a better reading and understanding.

ELECTORAL OFFICER (Sub-Rule (1)(c))

"The District Election Officer shall appoint as many officers of the Government not below the rank of Senior Inspector in the Co-operative Department or not below such rank in other departments as may be necessary as Electoral Officers. The Electoral Officers shall be responsible for preparation and publication of voters list of the society or the societies concerned".

ELECTION OFFICER (Sub-Rule (3)(a))

"(a) The District Election Officer appointed for a district or a part of a district by the Election Commission shall appoint as many officers of the government or officers subordinate to him or officers and employees of Co-operative societies or local authorities or undertakings owned by the state or central government or education institutions as may be necessary as Election Officers for conducting the election of members of the board of Co-operative societies in the district or a part of the district. The District Election Officer may also appoint alternative election officer or officers.

It may be seen from the above that: –

(1) Only officers of the Government not below the rank of Senior Inspectors in the Co-operative Department or not below such ranks in other departments shall be appointed as Electoral Officers.

(2) In the case of Election Officers, apart from the officers of the Government, other persons as mentioned under sub-rule(3)(a) may also be appointed.

(3) The Electoral Officers are entrusted only with the duties related to the preparation and publication of voters list where as the Election Officers are entrusted with the duties of conducting the election of members of the board.

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To

The State Election Officers.