



Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission

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To
The State Election Officers.

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Sir,

Sub: Co-operative Elections – Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission – Appointment of Electoral Officers and Election Officers by the District Election Officers - certain – Instructions – Issued.

The Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission under the powers vested with it under sub-rule (4) of Rule 52-A of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules 1988 appoints the officers of the Government not below the rank of Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies in the Co-operative Department of the Government or not below such rank in other departments of the Government as District Election Officers,

2) Under sub-rule 1(c) of Rule 52 of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules 1988, 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.

3) under sub-rule 3(a) of Rule 52 of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules 1988, 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 Sub-ordinate to him or officers and employees of Co-operative Societies or local authorities or undertakings owned by the State or Central Government or educational 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 part of the district.

4) under sub-rule 1(a) of Rule 53 of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules 1988, the District Election Officer appointed by the Election Commission for the conduct of Election of Members of the board of a society shall appoint an officer of the Government or officer sub-ordinate to him or officer or employees of Co-operative Societies local authorities or undertakings owned by the State or

Central Government or educational institutions as may be necessary as the Election Officer for conducting the election of office bearers of the board of the society.

5) Now it has come to the notice of the commission that time and again some of the District Election Officers are appointing very few selected persons as Electoral Officers / Election Officers for conducting of Election to board of Directors, Election Officer for conducting of Election to office bearers etc; to a particular society or select societies. The Commission strongly reiterates again that there should not be any compromise on the part of District Election Officers under any circumstances in ensuring the transparency in the conduct of Elections to the Co-operative societies . The State Election Officers are therefore requested to issue suitable instructions to the District Election Officers that they must always be Judicial in appointing Electoral Officers and Election Officers and issues such as appointing only selected few officials as Election Officer or Electoral Officer to conduct election to a particular society or select societies repeatedly should be avoided. Hence the District Election Officers may be instructed to follow rotation system, by engaging all the officials in their control in appointing the electoral officers and election officers for conducting of regular elections or casual vacancy elections in Co-operative Societies and thus avoid the criticism regarding the possibility of creation of any vested interest in the conduct of Election to the Co-operative Societies. The action taken report in this regard shall be reported to the Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission within a week's time positively.

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Commissioner