

(iii) in which the number of members belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other backward classes is less than one fourth of total number of members, one seat shall be reserved for a member belonging to such castes, tribes and other backward classes, which has the larger number of members in the society.

(iv) which is operating in a Scheduled Area, the number of seats to be reserved for Scheduled Tribes shall bear as nearly as may be the same proportion as members belonging to Scheduled Tribes bear to the total memberships of the society.

Explanation.-For the purpose of this clause the Co-operative Land Development Bank shall be deemed to be a primary society.

(b) On the Committee of such Central or Apex Society or class of Central or Apex societies as the State Government may having regard to the total membership of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes in the Primary Societies affiliated to such Apex or Central Society, by general or special order, direct, such number of seats as may be specified in the order shall be reserved for the members belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes:

Provided that the number of seat so reserved shall not exceed (two) for each category of members:

Provided further that in the Board of Directors of every Central or Apex Society at least one seat each shall be reserved for the members of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes.

(c) In the event of society falling to elect requisite number of members or to elect less than such number of members, as is specified in clauses (a) and (b), the members of the committee shall co-opt the requisite number of members from amongst members of such society eligible for such representation and in the event of the Committee failing to do so Registrar shall nominate the requisite number of members from amongst members of such society eligible for such representation:

Sub-section (5) - as applicable to M.P. only

(5) There shall be a President/Chairman and two Vice-Presidents/Vice-Chairman in a resource society. Out of the two offices of Vice-Presidents/Vice-Chairman-

- (i) One shall be held by a woman member, and
- (ii) One shall be held by,-

(a) in case of a resource society operating in a non-scheduled area, by a member belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes, and

(b) in case of a resource society operating in a scheduled area, by any member:

Provided that in case of a resource society operating in the scheduled area the President or Chairman shall be elected from amongst the members belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes.

Explanation.- For the purpose of this section-

(i) "Scheduled Caste" means any caste, race or tribe or part of or group with a caste, race or tribe specified as such in relation to the State of Madhya Pradesh under article 341 of the Constitution of India.