

or a society established with the object of facilitating the operations of such a society, may be registered under this Act.

5. Registration of societies with limited or unlimited liability.- A society may be registered with limited or unlimited liability:

Provided that unless the State Government by a general or special order otherwise directs, the liability of a society of which another society is a member shall be limited.

6. Conditions of registration.- (1) No society, other than a society of which another society is a member, shall be registered under this Act unless it consists of at least (twenty) persons competent to contract under section 11 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 (IX of 1873) and belonging to (twenty) different families, not being near relations and, where the objects of the society include the creation of funds to be lent to its members, unless such persons, save where the Registrar by general or special order otherwise directs, reside in the same town or village or in a compact group of villages:

Provided that a society formed exclusively for the benefit of students may be registered, notwithstanding that the members of such society may not have attained the age of majority according to the law to which they are subject:

Provided further that the Registrar may relax the condition of minimum membership to that society which is organized for the welfare of the employees of any organization/establishment.

Provided also that in case of a primary society, there shall be at least 33 per cent. women members at the time of registration:

Provided also that the Registrar may, for sufficient reasons, relax the conditions of the prescribed percentage of women members.

(2) The word "limited" or its equivalent in any Indian language shall be the last word in the name of every society registered with limited liability under this Act.

7. Application and fee for registration.-(1) For purposes of registration, an application to register a society shall be made to the Registrar in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by four copies of the proposed bye-laws of the society. The person by whom or on whose behalf such application is made, shall furnish such information in regard to the society, as the Registrar may such information in regard to the society, as the Registrar may require.

(2) The application shall be signed-

(a) in the case of a society of which no other society is a member, by at least ten persons qualified in accordance with the requirements of section 6; and

(b) in the case of a society of which a member is a registered society, by a duly authorized person on behalf of every such registered society and where all the members of the society are not registered societies, by ten other members, or when there are less than ten other members, by all of them.

(3) A society shall be registered on the payment of such fee and in such manner as may be prescribed.

8. Power of Registrar to decide certain questions.-Where in connection with the formation, registration or continuance of a society or the admission of