

- (d) with fine not exceeding Rs.2,000, provided that he is convicted of an offence referred in sec.74(d); or
- (e) with fine not exceeding Rs.2000, provided that he is convicted of an offence referred to in section 74(e); or
- (f) with fine not exceeding Rs.250, provided that he is convicted of an offence referred to in section (f); or
- (g) with fine not exceeding Rs.250, provided that he is convicted of an offence referred to in Sec.74 (g); or
- (h) with fine not exceeding Rs.2,000, provided that he is convicted of an offence referred to in sec. 74(h); or
- (i) with fine not exceeding Rs.500, provided that he is convicted of an offence referred to in section 74(i); or
- (j) with fine not exceeding Rs.1,000, provided that he is convicted of an offence referred to in Sec.74(j); or
- (k) with fine not exceeding Rs.250, provided that he is convicted of an offence referred to in sec. 74(k).

76. Cognizance of offences.-(1) No Court inferior to that of a Magistrate of the First Class shall try any offence under this Act.

(2) No prosecution shall be instituted under this Act without the previous sanction in writing of the Registrar and such sanction shall not be given without giving to the person concerned an opportunity to represent his case.

CHAPTER - X (S.77 to 80-B) (Applicable to M.P. only)

Constitution of Tribunal

77. Madhya Pradesh State Co-operative Tribunal.-(1) The State Government shall, by notification, constitute a Tribunal called the Madhya Pradesh State Co-operative Tribunal to exercise the powers and to discharge the functions conferred or imposed on the Tribunal by or under this Act and the Madhya Pradesh Swayatta Sahkarita Adhiniyam, 1999 (N0.2 of 2000).

(2) The Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman and two other members.

(3) (a) No person shall be qualified to be the Chairman of the Tribunal unless he had been a Judge of a High Court or has held the office of a District Judge for not less than five years.

(b) Of the other two members, one shall be an officer of Co-operative Department not below the rank of Joint Registrar and the other shall be non-official closely associated with the co-operative movement or an Advocate or a Pleader having practical experience in the co-operative movement for a period of not less than fifteen years:

Provided that if the State Government thinks fit, the Tribunal may consist of a single person.

Explanation. - For the purpose of this sub-section "non official" shall mean a person who on the date of his appointment as a member, does not hold any office of profit under the Government of India or the Government of any State.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), a person shall be disqualified for being appointed as, or for being a Chairman or a