

member of the society may get a plot /dwelling house/flat in order of his seniority and avail housing finance, common amenities and services.

**72-D. Offences.**-Any of the following acts shall amount to and be construed as an offence under Section 74, namely:-

(i) Transfer of a registered plot, dwelling house of flat to another person, in violation of the provisions of this Act, Rules, Byelaws of the society or any condition of allotment.

(ii) Tampering with the seniority of the members.

(iii) Admitting members in excess of the number prescribed in the byelaws.

(iv) Not developing the land in accordance with the development plans of the society.

(v) Allotment or sale of the land in violation of the approved layout plan of the society's

(vi) Non-development of the land which is reserved for general use of the society such as for community hall, school or hospital, or for any other purpose specified in the byelaws.

(vii) Not maintaining or providing services paid for by the members without just and sufficient cause.

**72-E. Penalties for offences.**-Every committee, officer or past officer or member or past member or an employee or a past employee of a society or any other person shall, without prejudice to any action that may be taken against him under any law for the time being in force, be liable to be punished:-

(a) For an offence mentioned in clause (i) of Section 72-D, with a fine which may extend to Rs.50, 000/- or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with both:

(b) For an offence mentioned in clause (ii) of Section 72-D with a fine which may extend to Rs.50, 000/-;

(c) For an offence mentioned in clause (iii) of Section 72-D with a fine which may extend to Rs.50, 000/-;

(d) For an offence mentioned in clauses (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii) with a fine which may extend to Rs.50, 000/- or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with both.

## **CHAPTER IX**

### **Offences and Penalties**

**73. Prohibition of use of word "Co-operative".**-(1) No person other than a society registered under this Act and a person or his successor in his interests of any name or title under which he traded or carried on business at the date on which this Act came into force, shall, without the sanction of the State Government, function, trade or carry on business under any name or title of which the word "Co-operative" or its equivalent in any Indian Language forms part.

(2) Every person who is a member of a society formed in contravention of sub-section (2) of Sec. 14 and every person contravening the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punishable with a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees and in the case of a continuing offence with further fine of five rupees for each day on which the offence is continued after conviction therefor.