

(y) "Resource Society" means a society formed with the object of obtaining for its members the credit, goods or services required by them and includes a service society and a primary credit society;

(y-i) "Returning Officer" means a person appointed or approved by the Registrar by general or special order for performing the duties of a Returning Officer under this Act or the rules made thereunder and includes an officer subordinate to the Returning Officer nominated in writing by him to perform the duties of Returning Officer and to assist him;"

(y-ii) "Scheduled area" means the area which has been declared under the Scheduled Area (State of Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa) Order, 1977.

(z) "Society" means a co-operative society registered or deemed to be registered under this Act;

(z-i) "Specified office" means the office of the President or Chairman and the Vice-President or Vice-Chairman;"

(aa) "State Co-operative Bank" means the Madhya Pradesh State Co-operative Bank, Limited;

(bb) "Student" means a person studying in any educational, vocational or training institution;

Clause (cc) - as applicable to M.P. only

(cc) "Tribunal" means the Madhya Pradesh State Co-operative Tribunal constituted under section 77.

Clause (cc) - Omitted in Chhattisgarh only

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**CHAPTER II
REGISTRATION**

3. Registrar and other officers.-(1) The State Government shall appoint a person to be the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the State and may appoint one or more officers of the following categories to assist him, namely:

- (a) Additional Registrar of Co-operative Societies;
- (b) Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies;
- (c) Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies;
- (d) Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies;
- (e) such other categories of officers as may be prescribed.

(2) The officers appointed to assist the Registrar shall, within such areas as the State Government may specify, exercise such powers and perform such duties conferred and imposed on the Registrar by or under this Act as the State Government may, by special or general order, direct:

Provided that no officer other than the Additional Registrar or the Joint Registrar shall be directed to exercise the powers to hear appeals under section 78.

(3) The officers appointed to assist the Registrar shall be subordinate to him and shall work under his general guidance, supervision and control.

4. Societies which may be registered.- Subject to the provisions of this Act, a society which has as its objects the promotion of the economic interest of its members or their general welfare in accordance with co-operative principles