

may, by order, declare such officer to be disqualified for being a member of the committee for such period not exceeding (seven years) as he may specify in such order and if the officer is an employee of the society impose on him a penalty not exceeding (five thousand) rupees:

Provided that no order shall be made under this sub-section unless the person concerned is given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(3) The matters before a special general meeting may include all or any of the matters specified in Section 49.

**50-A. Disqualification for being candidate or voter for election to Board of Director or representative or delegate of society.**-(1) No person shall be qualified to be a candidate for election as member of the Board of Directors, representative or delegate of the society if he is in default for a period exceeding 12 months to the society or any other society for any loan or advance taken by him.

(2) A person elected to an office of a society shall cease to hold such office, if he is in default for a period exceeding 12 months to the society or any other society for any loan or advance taken by him, and the Registrar shall declare his seat vacant:

Provided that a person elected to an office of a co-operative bank from a society other than co-operative credit structure, shall cease to hold such office, if such society commits default for any loan or advance for a period exceeding three months, and the Registrar shall declare his seat vacant.

(3) No person shall be entitled to vote at any election of the Board of Directors, representative or delegate of the society, if he is in default for a period exceeding 12 months to the society or any other society for any loan or advance taken by him.

**51. Validation of acts.**- No act of a society or of any committee or of any officer shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only of the existence of any defect in procedure or in the constitution of the society or of the committee or in the appointment or election of an officer or on the ground that such officer was disqualified for his appointment.

**52. Power to appoint Government nominees.**- (1) Where the State Government has subscribed to the share capital of a co-operative society, the State Government, as the case may be, or any person, authorized by the State Government, shall have right to nominate in the Board of Directors, such number of persons, as its member on the following basis, namely:-

(a) where the total amount of issued equity share capital held by the State Government is less than twenty-six per cent. of the total issued equity share capital, one member of the Board of Directors;

(b) where the total amount of issued equity share capital held by the State Government is twenty-six per cent. or more but less than fifty one per cent. Of the total issued equity share capital, two members of the Board of Directors;

© where the total amount of issued equity share capital held by the State Government is fifty-one per cent. Or more of the total issued share capital, three members of the Board of Directors:

Provided that the number of such nominated persons shall not exceed one-third of the total number of members of the Board of Directors: