

(ii) "Scheduled Tribe" means any Tribe, Tribal community or part of or group within a tribe or tribal community specified as such in relation to the State of Madhya Pradesh under Article 342 of the Constitution of India."

Sub-section (5) - as applicable to Chhattisgarh only

(5) There shall be a President/Chairman and two Vice-Presidents/Vice-Chairman in a resource society. Out of the two offices of Vice-Presidents/Vice-Chairman-

(i) One shall be held by a woman member, and

(ii) One shall be held, if the chairman is not elected from amongst persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes, by a person belonging to these categories and otherwise, by any person:

Provided that in case of such resource society other than a Nagrik Co-operative Bank or Urban Co-operative Credit Society or thrift society, operating in a Scheduled area, the chairman or president shall be elected only from amongst persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes.

Explanation.- For the purpose of this section-

(i) "Scheduled Caste" means any caste, race or tribe or part of or group within a caste, race or tribe specified as such in relation to the State of Madhya Pradesh under article 341 of the Constitution of India.

(ii) "Scheduled Tribe" means any Tribe, Tribal community or part of or group within a tribe or tribal community specified as such in relation to the State of Madhya Pradesh under Article 342 of the Constitution of India."

(5-A) There shall be a President or Chairman and Vice President or Vice Chairman in consumer society of whom one shall be a woman.

(6) No person who is individual member in a Central Co-operative bank shall hold any specified office in the Central or Apex Society.

(8) Provided that in case of Co-operative Bank, there shall be at least three Directors (Professional) with full voting right in the Board of Directors of Co-operative Bank having special knowledge or experience in the field of accountancy, law, banking, management, agricultural or rural economy as specified by the Reserve Bank:

Provided further that if the required number of Directors (Professional) are not elected, the Board of Directors of Co-operative Bank shall co-opt them.

Explanation.- A non-borrowing member shall be one who never borrowed from such a Bank or a society in which he is a member:

Provided that the provisions of this sub-section shall apply to the society from the date it commences its lending operations:

Provided further that the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply to the society in so far as its first provisional committee/nominated committee is concerned.

48-A. Disqualification for holding specified office.-(1) No person shall at the same time hold the specified office of more than one Apex Society, one Central Society and one Primary Society:

Provided that the provisions of this sub-section shall be applicable in case of societies of the same classification.

(2) If any person who is holding a specified office in one Apex Society, one Central Society and one Primary Society is elected or appointed to a specified office in any other Apex or Central or Primary society, he may, by a letter in writing signed by him and addressed to the registrar, within a period of