

- (b) promote and organize co-operative societies and for this purposes, frame model byelaws and guidelines for making various regulation and policies for consideration by the societies;
- (c) provide co-operative training, education and information, and propagate co-operative principles;
- (d) undertake research and evaluation and assist in preparation of perspective development plans of member societies;
- (e) promote harmonious relations between member societies;
- (f) help member societies in the settlement of disputes among themselves and between a society and its members;
- (g) represent the interest of member societies and lobby for policies and legislation favorable to societies;
- (h) undertake business services on behalf of its members;
- (i) provide co-operation and management of development services to member societies including participation in board meetings where member societies are invited;
- (j) ensure timely conduct of annual audit in member societies;
- (k) ensure timely conduct of elections in member societies;
- (l) assist member societies in regular conduct of general meetings;
- (m) evolve code of conduct for observance by member societies;
- (n) evolve viability norms for member societies;
- (o) provide legal aid and advice to member societies;
- (p) provide any other service in the interest of member societies.

CHAPTER V MANAGEMENT OF SOCIETIES

48. Final authority in society.-(1) The final authority in a society shall vest in the general body of members:

Provided that the byelaws of a society may provide for the constitution of a smaller body consisting of delegates elected in accordance with such byelaws to exercise powers of the general body or as may be specified in the byelaws of the society.

(2) Subject to sub-section (1), the management of every society shall vest in a committee constituted in accordance with this Act or rules made thereunder or byelaws of the society and it shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be conferred or imposed respectively by the Act or rules made thereunder or byelaws of the society.

(3) (a) On the Committee of primary society:-

(i) in which half or more than half the members belong to scheduled castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other backward classes, not less than half the total number of seats shall be reserved for the members belonging to such castes, tribes and backward classes in such proportion as may be prescribed;

(ii) in which one fourth or more than one fourth, but less than half the members belong to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes, three seats shall be reserved for the members belonging to such castes, tribes and backward classes of which one seat each shall be reserved for each class.