## STATE CO-OPERATIVE ELECTION COMMISSION, ODISHA

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Letter No. 568 SCEC-Election-II-1/2022 Dated. 25-63-2922

To

All Collectors

Forwarding of minutes of the preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election in the State held on 22.03.2022 at 11.00A.M under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha.

Sir/Madam,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of the preparatory meeting for Cooperative Election in the State held on 22.03.2022 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha with a request to take necessary follow up action at your end.

Memo No.\_ 569

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Date. 25-03-222

Copy to all Divisional Deputy Registrar of CS/ Assistance Registrar of CS for information and necessary action.

Date 25-63-2022

Memo No.\_570

Copy forwarded to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Odisha/the Director of Industries, Odisha Cuttack/Additional Director of Industries Odisha-Cum- Secretary Odisha Khadi and Village Industries Board/ Director, Handicraft & cottage Industries, Odisha BBSR/ Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Odisha, Cuttack/ Director, Ayush, Odisha BBSR/ Director, Fisheries Odisha Cuttack/ Director, Textiles Odisha BBSR/ Chairman-Cum- Managing Director, OMFED BBSR/ Managing Director, Mahila Vikas Samabaya Nigam Ltd./ Director (ST), ST and SC Development Department/ Director (SC Welfare), ST and SC Development Department/ Director (OBC), ST and SC Development Department for information & necessary action.

### GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA COOPERATION DEPARTMENT

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No. - COOP-LEGAL-CASE2-0003-2022 2627 /Coop., Date: 25.03.2022

From:

Smt. Subhra Mohanty, OAS (SAG) Additional Secretary to Government

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department
Additional Chief Secretary,
Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment Department
Director General of Police, Odisha
Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj & D.W Department
Principal Secretary, MSME Department
Principal Secretary, Finance Department
Principal Secretary, Fisheries and ARD Department
Commissioner-cum-Secretary,
Handloom, Textiles and Handicrafts Department
Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Forwarding of minutes of the preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election in the State held on 22.03.2022 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the above noted subject and forward herewith the minutes of preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election in the State held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary in the Conference Hall of Lok Seva Bhavan on 22.03.2022 at 11.00 Λ.Μ. as per the request of the State Co-operative Election Commissioner.

Yours faithfully,

Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No. 2628

Date: 25.03.2022

Copy alongwith minutes of the preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election forwarded to the Secretary, State Co-operative Election Commission, Odisha for kind information of the Commissioner, State Co-operative Election Additional Secretary to Government Commission, Odisha.

Memo No. 2629

Date: 25.03.2022

Copy alongwith minutes of the preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election forwarded to the OSD to Chief Secretary, Odisha for kind information Additional Secretary to Government of the Chief Secretary, Odisha.

Memo No. 2630

Date: 25.03.2022

Copy alongwith minutes of the preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election to the P.S. to Principal Secretary, School and Mass Education Department for kind information of the Principal Secretary, School and Mass Additional Secretary to Government Education Department.

Memo No. 2631

Date: 25.03.2022

Copy alongwith minutes of the preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election forwarded to the P.S. to Principal Secretary, Co-operation Department for kind information of the Principal Secretary, Co-operation Department.

Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No. 2632

Date: 25 03 2022

Copy alongwith minutes of the preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election forwarded to the Special Secretary, ST & SC Development Department/ Special Secretary, W & CD Department / Special Secretary, Health and FW Department/ Special Secretary, Higher Education Department for kind information.

Additional Secretary to Government

Minutes of the Preparatory meeting on Election to the Cooperative Societies held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha in the Conference Hall of Lok Seva Bhavan on 22.03.2022 at 11 A.M

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On the request of the State Cooperative Election Commissioner, Odisha, a preparatory meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha regarding preparations for conducting Cooperative Elections in the State. The list of Officers present in the meeting is given at Annexure – I.

At the outset, Principal Secretary, Cooperation Department apprised that the State Co-operative Election Commission, Odisha is going to conduct election to 7076 Primary Societies, 132 Central Societies and 21 Apex Societies in the State. The State Cooperative Election Commissioner apprised that a detailed exercise has been done by the Commission to conduct elections of the cooperative institutions in two phases keeping in view the availability of the manpower and statutory requirement of the Act and Rules. It was decided that manpower from other Departments will be mobilized in order to conduct the Phase — I election in respect of Primary Cooperative Societies on two poll dates.

After a detailed discussion on various issues concerning the conduct of the elections to the co-operative institutions and taking into account the process of conducting cooperative elections in the State, the following decisions were taken:

## 1. Notification for Election of Primary Cooperative Societies

The Government will issue Gazette Notification calling upon the Cooperative Societies to elect the members of the Committee of the Societies i.e. Primary, Central & Apex Societies functioning under the Cooperation Department as well as other Departments as per the recommendation of the State Co-operative Election Commission, Odisha.

# 2. <u>Issue of directions to all Concerned Departments to follow</u> the instruction of SCEC

Instructions will be issued to all concerned Departments as well as District Collectors to make all requisite arrangements as directed by the State Cooperative Election Commissioner for conduct of elections.



Instruction will be issued by the Chief Secretary, Odisha to the concerned Department and the Collectors that the personnel appointed for election duty are not disturbed from their place of posting during the election period. In case of non-availability of District Level Officers to act as District Cooperative Election Officers (DCEOs) the Collectors will ensure that other officers are entrusted with such duties for smooth conduct of election.

The Cooperation Department will provide experienced staff to the SCEC as per the proposal submitted by the Commission.

## 3. Appointment of Election Officers & Polling Personnel

As per Gazette Notification No.1106 dtd.27.10.2014 & No.1201 dtd.07.11.2014 of State Cooperative Election Commission SARCS, ICS, CEOs, SAAGCS & ACS of Cooperation Department, PEOs of Panchayati Raj Department, VAWs of Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment Department, SARCS(Textiles), Inspector of Textiles, Weaving & Production Supervisors, Technical Inspectors & Senior Tassar Assistants of Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts Department, BVOs, Addl. FOs, AFOs, SARCS(Fisheries), Inspector of Fisheries, SFTA, Live Stock Inspectors(LIs), Assistant Manager, Junior Manager & Supervisors (OMFED) of Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department, General Manager & Assistant Manager of ST & SC Development & Minorities and Backward classes Welfare Department, IPOs, Industrial Supervisors (K & VI), Coir Supervisors, General Managers (DIC), Assistant Managers (DIC), S.O, Assistants (MSME) of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises Department have been designated as Election Officers.

In addition to the previous Notifications additional personnel from other departments like, Handicraft Promotion Officers (HPO) of Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts Department and Junior Fisheries Technical Assistants (JFTA) of Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department will be notified as Election Officers.

The Collector and District Magistrates are to ensure that the list of required number of Election Officers are placed with the State Cooperative Election Commission by 31.03.2022. In this regard the Divisional DRCS/ARCS of the Circles will coordinate the matter with their respective district Collector.

In the last election, few ADM and Sub-Collectors were engaged as the Election Officers for societies like Central Cooperative Banks, Urban Cooperative Banks etc. This time also Collectors may place their services with the Commission as per the requisition of the District Cooperative Election Officers (DCEOs).

## 4. Appointment of Nodal Officer

It was decided that Directors of the concerned Departments will act as State Level Nodal Officers for conduct of elections to the cooperative institutions under the fold of their respective Departments. Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Odisha will function as the State Level Coordinator for Nodal Officers to facilitate smooth conduct of the cooperative elections in the entire State as per the direction of the Commission.

The District Level Officers of the concerned Departments will function as the District Cooperative Election Officer-cum-District Level Nodal Officers for cooperative institutions under the fold of the respective Departments and DRCS will function as the District Coordinating Officer for conduct of the cooperative elections in the entire district.

#### 5. Procurement of Ballot Boxes & Other Election Materials

It is decided that the DCEOs will assess the actual requirement of Ballot Boxes and ascertain availability of the same from the District Administration. This is to be communicated to the State Co-operative Election Commission, who in turn will move the State Election Commission for provisioning of the same. In case of any shortfall the PACS/ LAMPCS will procure the requisite Ballot Boxes.

# 6. Budget for Cooperative Election and payment of Remuneration and Honorarium.

The budget proposal submitted by the Commission for conduct of election may be approved by the Finance Department without reducing the funds in major heads. The diversion of funds from one head to another head as proposed by the Commission may be approved quickly. The funds under the head "Law & Order Arrangement" amounting to Rs. One crore will be placed with DG, Police. The DG, Police will allocate the funds to the SPs as per number of societies in their districts and not uniformly.

There is provision for payment of remuneration/Honorarium to the Election Officers & others but their TA/DA shall be borne by the concerned Departments/Institution. The funds towards Remuneration, Honorarium, hiring of vehicles for monitoring & supervision of election works and training expenses at the district/Sub-divisional level shall be placed to the DRCS-cum-DCOs through Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Odisha.

## Law and Order Arrangement.

Adequate Police arrangement will be made for Sensitive and Supersensitive Polling Stations by the Superintendent of Police of the district. The District Collector, Superintendent of Police of the District and the District Cooperative Election Officers (DCEOs) will finalise the list of sensitive and Supersensitive Polling Stations.

## 8. Polling Stations

In case of non-availability of suitable office premises in the Society for conduct of election, nearby School buildings/College buildings will be utilized as polling stations. The School & Mass Education Department & Higher Education Department have to issue an order in this regard.

# 9. <u>Compensation to Personnel on Election duty in case of</u> causalities/accidents

Since there is no provision under OCS Act & Rules for payment of any ex-gratia/compensation in case of any accidents/causalities of officers on election duty, it is decided that any such cases are to be covered under CMRF. The Cooperation Department have to move the file accordingly for taking necessary approval of the Government.

The district administration will ensure that all the Election Personnel are given Booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine before Cooperative Election.

This issues with the approval of Chief Secretary, Odisha

Principal Secretary to Government

Cooperation Department

# Preparatory meeting for Co-operative Election in the State under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha Venue: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Hall

Date:22.03.2022, Time-11.00A.M.

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1	Chief Secretary, Odisha	
2	Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department	√.
3	Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment Department	()
4	Director General of Police. Odisha	a form
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9	Principal Secretary, Fisheries and ARD Department	M
10	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Handloom, Textiles and Handierafts Department	f
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