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To

All the DRCS-cum-District Coordinating Officers,
All the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies &
All the District Cooperative Election Officers

Sub: Putting indelible ink on the finger of a voter.

Madam/Sir,

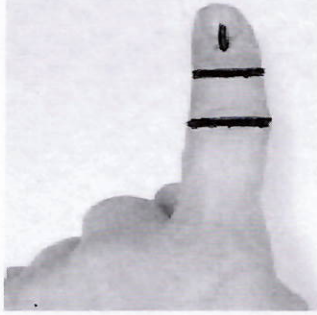
With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that as required under Rule 24 of OCS (Elections to the Committees) Rules, 1992, with a view to preventing personation of voters every voter about whose identity the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer, as the case may be, is satisfied, shall allow his left forefinger to be inspected by the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer and an indelible ink mark to be put on it.

If any voter refuses to allot his left forefinger to be inspected or marked in accordance with Sub-rule (1) of Rule 24 or has already such a mark on his left forefinger or does any act with a view to removing the ink mark, he shall not be supplied with any ballot paper or allowed to vote.

In the case where the voter has left forefinger missing, be construed as a reference to any other finger, of his left hand and shall in the case where all the fingers of his left hand are missing, be construed as a reference to the forefinger or any other finger of his right hand, and shall, in the case where all his fingers of both the hands are missing be construed as reference to such extremity of his left or right arm as he possesses.

Further, a person who is a member and voter in more than one Primary Society and exercised his franchise in one Primary Society then the marking on his finger should not debar the voter to exercise his franchise in other Societies as per Rule-24 of OCS (Elections to the Committees) Rule,1992. However, the said person should submit the proof as a voter of that Society including the name, address, date of Poll of that Society. In such case, another

mark below the mark put in the first occasion in a society should be put. Likewise the indelible ink should be put in other occasions also, if any, prominently in such a manner that each mark is distinguishable from another. An example is given here under for guidance.



1. Indelible ink mark by 1st Society
2. Indelible ink mark by 2nd Society
3. Indelible ink mark by 3rd Society

This instruction be communicated to all Election Officers, Presiding Officers and Polling Officers for their guidance and also explained during training.

This instruction should be adhered to strictly.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Memo No. 1296 / Date 21-05-22

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Secretary