

Annexure

TAMIL NADU STATE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES ELECTION COMMISSION

Constitution of Election Commission:-

The Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Societies Election Commission was constituted under the new Section 33-A added to the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act, 1983 to conduct the elections of Cooperative Societies in accordance with Article 243ZK of the Constitution in Part IX-B which was newly added to the Constitution by the 97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011.

Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Societies Election Commission prepares the Election Programme for the Cooperative Societies and monitors the conduct of all elections. It also prepares, directs and controls the electoral rolls of the voters list to the Cooperative Societies under Section 33(11)(b) of the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act, 1983. The Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Societies Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the Government.

Functional Registrars :-

Under Rule 52-A(3) of the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Rules, 1988, Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Societies Election Commission has appointed Registrar of Co-operative Societies, and other Functional Registrars viz., Commissioner for Milk Production and Dairy Development, Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Housing), Chief Executive Officer, Palm Products and Development Board, Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, Chief Executive Officer, Khadi and Village Industries Board, Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Director of Agriculture, Director of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Director of Sericulture, Commissioner of Integrated Child Development Services and Director of Sugar as State Election Officers for the respective Departments.

Functions of Election Commission:

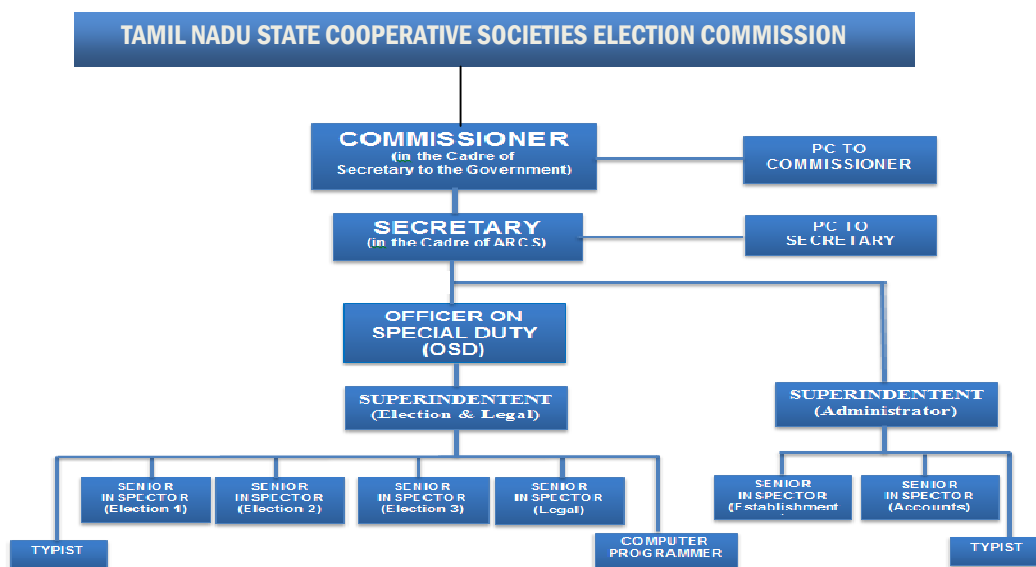
1. To arrange, at any time for the conduct of election of Members (Directors) of the Board of a Society and also to fill up the existing or future vacancies.
2. To give such direction as may deem necessary to District Collector or District Superintendent of Police or any Executive Magistrate or any Police Officer.
3. To issue any direction or guidelines or instructions to the Boards and Office Bearers of Co-operative Societies and also to officers and staff appointed to perform the election duty for the conduct of election.

4. To appoint the officers appointed as the Registrar of Co-operative Societies by the Government under section 3 of the Act as the State Election Officers in respect of those Co-operative Societies under their administrative control.
5. To appoint District Election Officers from Co-operative Department and other Government Departments.
6. Officers appointed for the conduct of these elections during that period shall be subject to the control, superintendence, and discipline of the Election Commission.
7. To issue such general or special directions as may be necessary for the purpose of giving due effect to these rules or holding any election under the Act and the Rules.
8. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of rules 52, 52-A and 53 of the rules or in holding any election may do anything which appears to be necessary for the purpose of removing difficulty.
9. To empower the District Election Officer to fix dates and periods, other than those notified earlier.
10. To recall any officer, if in the Commission's opinion, is found to have been done anything detrimental to the conduct of free and fair election by any of his act of omission or commission and appoint another eligible officer in his place.
11. To cancel the election, if in the Commission's opinion that it is not possible to hold free and fair election.
12. To direct the postponement of the election of Office Bearers or further postponement of the date so postponed.
13. To resume any election stopped, cancelled or postponed, from the stage it was postponed or at an earlier stage as may be decided by the Commission.
14. To Nominate Election Observers.

Election Commission contact Numbers:-

S.No	Officers	Contact Number
1	Election Commissioner	044-24331402
2	Secretary	044-24321407
3	Office	044-24351403

Organisational Set up:



No.of Societies functioning under the control of Registrar and all Functional Registrars

S.No	Names of the Functional Registrars	Total number of Societies	Primary	Central	Apex
1	Registrar of Co-operative Societies	7628	7490	131	7
<u>Other Functional Registrars</u>					
2	Commissioner for Milk Production and Dairy Development	10449	10423	25	1
3	Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare	1456	1443	12	1
4	Director of Handlooms	1348	1332	14	2
5	Director of Textiles	7	0	6	1
6	Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Housing)	749	748	0	1
7	Chief Executive Officer, Palm Products and Development Board	729	720	8	1
8	Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce	300	287	11	2
9	Chief Executive Officer, Khadi and Village Industries Board	154	153	1	0
10	Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services	107	107	0	0

11	Director of Agriculture	102	92	10	0
12	Director of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment	100	99	1	0
13	Director of Sericulture	26	25	0	1
14	Commissioner of Integrated Child Development Services	25	25	0	0
15	Director of Sugar	17	-	16	1
Total		23197	22944	235	18

Empowering Women and Providing Social Justice:-

In 2013, Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act, 1983 has been amended as per 97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011 for the empowerment of Women and to guarantee social justice.

It provided for the 18% reservation to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and 30% reservation to Women in the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Institutions.

Phases and stages of Cooperative Societies En masse elections:-

Phases	Stages
<u>Phase I:-</u> All Primary Co-operative Societies (except Co-operative Marketing Societies)	Stage 1
	Stage 2
	Stage 3
	Stage 4
<u>Phase II:-</u> Co-operative Marketing Societies, Co-operative Sugar mills and Central Level Societies under the control of the Functional Registrars of Co-operative Societies.	
<u>Phase III:-</u> District Central Co-operative Banks, All Apex Co-operative Societies (except Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, Tamil Nadu Consumer Co-operative Federation and Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union) and District Co-operative Wholesale Stores	
<u>Phase IV:-</u> District Co-operative Unions, Co-operative Press, Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, Tamil Nadu Consumer Co-operative Federation, Tamil Nadu Industrial Co-operative Bank	
<u>Phase V:-</u> Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union (Election Programme not announced)	

En masse Elections 2013:-

In Tamil Nadu, Elections to the Cooperative Societies were conducted in the year 2013 for a total of 22,552 Cooperative Societies functioning under the control of Registrar of Cooperative Societies and 14 Functional Registrars and 2,04,889 Board Members were elected.

En masse Elections 2018:-

In April 2018, on completion of 5 years, the term of office of the members of the Cooperative Societies elected in 2013 had expired. Election Programme was issued for 18,805 Cooperative Societies in 4 phases under the control of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and 14 Functional Registrars by the Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Societies Election Commission.

Out of 18,805, elections were conducted to 18,249 Cooperative Societies and Board of Directors were elected and assumed charge

Presently, there are around 23,197 Cooperative Societies functioning under the control of Registrar of Cooperative Societies and 14 Functional Registrars in Tamil Nadu.

Meanwhile, a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed in the Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.P.No.5171/2023. The Hon'ble Madras High Court in its final order, dated 28.04.2023 has ordered to add eligible members and delete the names of dead/migrated members in the all the Cooperative Societies and granted six months' time and ordered to conduct elections to the Cooperative Societies thereafter.

Further, after the completion of five years tenure of the elected Board of Directors, the Administrators has been appointed for the tenure ended Cooperative Societies.

Therefore, the steps are now being taken to purify the members list of the Cooperative Societies.

REGISTRAR OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES

Registrar of Cooperative Societies:-

The Government of Tamil Nadu inserted a new Section 33 A in the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act, 1983 by Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies (Fourth Amendment) Act 2012.

The Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Societies Election Commission has been constituted for the conduct of election to the Cooperative Societies in Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Societies Election Commissioner was appointed and the Election Commission started to function from 08.02.2013. In Tamil Nadu, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies acts as the State Election Officer for Cooperative Department

En masse Elections 2013:-

Out of 22552 Cooperative Societies, elections were conducted to 7422 Cooperative Societies under the control of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and 79090 Board of Directors were elected; Of them 7351 Presidents and 7350 Vice-Presidents were elected and assumed office.

Phases and stages of En masse elections 2018:-

Phases	Stages	No. of Cooperative Societies for which Election Programme was issued
<u>Phase I:-</u> All Primary Co-operative Societies (except Co-operative Marketing Societies)	Stage 1	7084
	Stage 2	
	Stage 3	
	Stage 4	
<u>Phase II:-</u> Co-operative Marketing Societies		113
<u>Phase III:-</u> District Central Co-operative Banks, All Apex Co-operative Societies (except Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, Tamil Nadu Consumer Co-operative Federation and Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union) and District Co-operative Wholesale Stores		61
<u>Phase IV:-</u> District Co-operative Unions, Co-operative Press, Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, Tamil Nadu Consumer Co-operative Federation.		57

Phase V:-

Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union (Election Programme not announced)

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Out of 18805, elections were conducted to 7101 Cooperative Societies under the control of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and 77204 Board of Directors, were elected and assumed charge. Among them, 7049 persons were elected as President and 7074 persons were elected as Vice President and assumed charge.

Presently, as on 18.10.2023, there are 7,628 Cooperative Societies functioning under the control of Registrar of Cooperative Societies in Tamil Nadu. The five year tenure of the elected boards of the ended on the month of April.

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