GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAT OF SOCIETIES, PALACE COMPOUND: AGARTALA

MEMORANDUM

WHEREAS, the Co-operative Election authority (CEA) has been established under Multi-State Co-operative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002 as amended by the MSCS (amendment) Act, 2023 with a view to bring electoral reforms in Cooperative Sector;

AND

WHEREAS, the statutory functions of the CEA are discharged in accordance with the MSCS (amended) Rules as notified on 04-08-2023 and the present CEA consists of one Chairperson, one Vice- Chairpersons and one Member;

WHEREAS, the functions of CEA as per Section 45-I of MSCS Act are to conduct the election of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies, supervise, direct and control the matters relating to preparation of electoral rolls; and such other functions as may be prescribed;

AND .

WHEREAS, the elections of Board of Directors & Office bearer of MSCS are conducted by appointing Returning Officers, viz District Collectors/District Magistrate under section 45L of the MSCS Act;

AND

WHEREAS, to assist Returning officers, Assistant Retuning officers (AROs) normally from the Cooperative Department are appointed by the CEA:

AND

WHEREAS, it has come to the notice of CEA that some MSCS are getting their elections conducted by appointing serving or retired officers of Co-operative Department or other functionaries as Returning Officers themselves and getting their election completed. Election of such Board of Directors and office bearers cannot be treated as legally Elected Board;

AND

WHEREAS, the CEA feels need to appoint observers in few elections of MSCS. In this regard, officers with adequate seniority having experience in Cooperative Sector would be preferred;

NOW, therefore, the undersigned is hereby requested all the DRCS/ARCS as well as other field official of the Department of Cooperation, Government of Tripura not to conduct election of MSCS as Returning Officers as well as assist Returning officers (AROs) appointed by MSCS themselves. Further, it is also requested to send the name of willing officers with adequate seniority having experience in Cooperative Sector either serving or retired for appointing them as observers by CEA.

> Signed by Dasharath (D. Bahharima) Government of Tripura.

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All Concerned

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- 1. P.S to the Secretary, Department of Co-operation, Government of Tripura for kind information of the Secretary.
- 2. The Manager, Government press, Agartala with a request to publish the Memorandum in the Tripura Gazette, extra ordinary issue and send to this Department 5(five) spare copies for office record.
- 3. Guides file of Registration Section O/o the RCS, Agartala for record.
- 4. To the Section In-Charge, IT, O/o the RCS, Agartala for upload the Memo in the Departmental website.

Copy also forwarded to:-

The Chairperson, Co-operative Election Authority, Tower-E, 9th Floor, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029 for kind information. This is issue in reference of your DO. Letter No. CEA/12011/191/2024/211, dated 16-12-2024.