



ELECTION URGENT

Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission

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To
The State Election Officers

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Sir,

Sub : Elections – Election of Members of the Boards and Office
Bearers of Co-operative Societies in the State – Arrangements
of Polling Materials – Use of Paper Seal – Regarding.

For the election to the members to the boards of Co-operative Societies in the State, taking into account the important twin objects of uniformity and safety and to ensure a fair election, the Commission has now introduced the use of Ballot Boxes that are being used for the Local Body election.

It goes without saying that the use of 'Paper Seal' for such boxes is also a must.

Accordingly the Commission has decided for the use of Paper Seals in the operation of these Ballot Boxes.

The following guidelines are issued in the matter of assessing, printing, supplying and accounting of Paper Seals.

- (1) The State Election Officers have already assessed the number of Ballot Boxes required, and reported the same to the Commission. The total number of Paper Seals required has been arrived at by adding 10% to the number of Ballot Boxes so required and reported.
- (2) The Commission has made arrangements for the printing of the required Paper Seals with the Co-operative Printing Press, Chennai and will be supplied to the State Election Officers.
- (3) As the Paper Seal is an important piece of evidence to establish that the Ballot Boxes that are used in the elections are in tact and not tampered with, utmost care should be taken in all stages of printing, storing, supplying, using and accounting.
- (4) The State Election Officers should arrange to issue these Paper Seals well in advance, through special messengers to the District Election Officers who in turn to the Election Officers under proper acknowledgement.

- (5) It should be ensured that in its every stage there should be proper acknowledgement and accounting by maintaining such of those register/registers as may be required.
- (6) As it is a general rule that all the expenses relating to Co-operatives should be borne by the respective Co-operative Societies, the expenses that are to be incurred in the matter of Paper Seal should also be borne by the Co-operative Societies.

The State Election Officers are requested to report the action taken.

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Commissioner**