



Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission

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To
All District Election Officers

Rc.No.3944/2013/CE.5

Dated: 30.11.2015

Sir,

Sub : Co-operative Election – Conduct of Elections to the Members of the Boards and Office Bearers of Co-operative Societies in the State - Preservation of Election Records – Maintenance of Register of Election Records – Regarding.

Ref : Commission's letter Rc.No.3944/2013/CE5 dated 11.09.2014.

The Commission wishes to draw your kind attention to Rule 52(22)(a)(b) and (c) and Rule 53(13)(a)(b) and (c) of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules, 1988, which deal with the procedure regarding handing over, custody and disposal of the election records.

In the matter of destruction of election records Rule 52 (22) (b) and (c) and Rule 53 (b) and (c) state that the election records shall be preserved for a minimum period of one year from the date of declaration of election and shall be destroyed after one year, only when there is no election dispute and if there is any election dispute is referred to the Registrar till the date of final disposal of the dispute, whichever is later.

In view of the above the Commission issues the following guidelines in the matter of preservation and destruction of records.

- (1) The District Election Officers before ordering for the destruction of records of a particular society as mentioned under Rules 52(22)(b) and (c) and Rule 53(13)(b) and (c) shall ascertain that no Election Disputes under section 90 are pending before any of the officers who are empowered to entertain the dispute and that no other election related cases or Writ Petitions in respect of that society are pending before any other judicial forums including High Courts and Supreme Court.

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- (2) District Election Officers after satisfying that there are no disputes or cases pending as mentioned under (1) above and that their retention is no longer necessary may order for the destruction of records of such society as outlined under Rule 52(22)(b) and (c) and Rule 53 (13)(b) and (c).
- (3) The details of the destruction of records in respect of every society shall be recorded in the Register of Election Records now being maintained by the District Election Officer with his specific orders for the destruction and with his certificate for the non-pendency of disputes and cases and duly signed by him.

You are requested to acknowledge positively by 07.12.2015

(Sd./-)

Commissioner.

Separately

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1. All State Election Officers—
With a request to issue appropriate instructions to all the District Election Officers under their administrative control and to send a copy of such instructions to the Commission by 07.12.2015
2. To stock File