



Election Urgent

Rc. No.510/2013/CE5

Dated: 28.03.2013

To

The State Election Officers

Sir,

Sub: Election – Conducting Election of members to the Boards and Office Bearers of Cooperative Societies - Supply of voters list to contesting candidates – Guidelines – Regarding.

During the meeting of the State Election Officers, it was represented that arrangements have to be made to provide voters list to the contesting candidates so as to enable them for the purpose of verification, canvassing and identification at the time of polling.

2) The representation was examined with reference to the provisions in the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act, 1983 and the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Rules, 1988, relating to the issue of voters lists.

3) The Commission observed that there are no specific provisions in the Act and the Rules either permitting or restricting or mentioning the supply of voters list to the contesting candidates.

4) The Commission considers that for the conducting a free and fair poll as mandated to the commission, the supply of voters list which forms the basic document for the contesting candidate in any one election is a must.

5) The Commission therefore issues the following guidelines.

- a) The society whose election of members to the Boards is being conducted shall have copies of the voters list, as published by the Electoral Officer, in sufficient numbers, to be supplied to the contesting candidates.
- b) The society shall on receipt of a requisition duly signed from a contesting candidate, and whose name is found in the list of contesting candidate as published by the Election Officer in Form No.20, furnish a copy of the said Voters list, duly attested in each page by the Administrator / Secretary of the society.
- c) For the supply of the said Voters list, the society may levy charges towards cost which shall not exceed Rs.2/- per page and subject to a minimum of Rs.10/-.

The State Election Officers are requested to take appropriate action in this regard.

**(Sd./-)M.R. Mohan
Commissioner**