



Co-operative elections / urgent

Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission, Chennai – 18.

From

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Commissioner,
Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies
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To

The State Election Officers,
All the District Election Officers,
Commissioner of Police
Chennai, Madurai, Trichy, Coimbatore,
Erode, Salem, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur,
Tuticorin.
All the Superintendents of police,
All the Observers.

Rc. No.44/2013/CE1

Dated: 29.03.2013

Sir,

Sub : Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election
Commission – Conduct of elections to co-operative
societies under Phase – I – Safe custody of ballot
boxes – Instructions – Issued – Regarding.

The Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission constituted under Sec. 33-A of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act 1983 has already communicated the Election programme for conduct of elections to 22,194 co-operative societies under Phase – I in four stages. In this connection the Superintendents of Police and Commissioners of Police have already been directed by this Commission to provide necessary Police bandobasth and to deploy necessary police officers / Personnel for co-operative election related work as and when requested by the State Election Officers / District Election Officers and render necessary assistance for smooth conduct of Co-operative Elections in the State.

- 3) Now the polling date is nearing and first stage of polling will be held on 5.4.2013 and the subsequent three stages on 12.4.2013, 19.4.2013 and 27.4.2013 respectively, the first priority is to give Police protection to the polling stations on the polling dates referred above, which will be followed by giving police protection to the ballot boxes kept in safe custody either in the society premises itself or in some public place where polling is held. In this connection it is reiterated again that between the polling date and counting date the ballot boxes should be kept in safe custody under police protection. No chance should be given for any sort of lapses in this regard. The District Election Officers and Election Officers will be personally held responsible for any lapse in safeguarding the ballot boxes till counting is over and results are declared. The State Election Officers are requested to instruct their District Election Officers and Election Officers accordingly. The District Observers, as overall incharge to oversee all the activities of the elections to all co-operative society in the District are instructed to exercise utmost care in this regard and

personally approach the top Police Officers of the District and ensure police protection for the ballot boxes kept in safe custody. The District collectors are also requested to impress upon the Police Officers of the District to ensure compliance of the request from the District Election Officers and Observers in the District. The Commissioners of Police and Superintendents of Police are again requested to deploy necessary Police Officers / Personnel on the date of Polling and thereafter for the safe custody of ballot boxes kept in the society premises or in the public place as the case may be as notified in the election programme communicated by the District Election Officers.

- 4) In short from the time of the close of poll and to the date and time till it is opened, votes counted and results declared by the Election Officers, the ballot boxes must be kept in safe custody under police protection and all concerned should ensure that the above direction of the Commission is strictly adhered to by all concerned.

**Sd./- XXX
Commissioner**

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