

File no.CEA-12011/232/2025
Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
The Co-operative Election Authority

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Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi -110029
Dated: 25.3.2025

ORDER

Sub: Appointment of "Returning Officer" and the "Election Programme" for Conduct of Election of the Visakhapatnam Cooperative Bank Limited, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 45 K (1) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (MSCS) Act 2002, as amended by the MSCS amendment Act 2023 read with Rule 19F (a) of the MSCS Rules 2002, as amended with MSCS Rules in 2023, the Co-operative Election Authority hereby appoints **District Magistrate/Collector Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh** as Returning Officer for conducting Elections as under:

<u>Elections of the Visakhapatnam Cooperative Bank Limited, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh</u>	
Number of Board of Directors - 21	General-11, Depositor Category- 07, Women 2 & SC/ST - 1
Office Bearers (2)	(i) Chairman -01 & (ii) Vice Chairman- 01

2. RO may submit proposal for appointment of adequate number of ARO
3. The Constituency shall be as per registered and approved Bye-Laws of the Society.
4. Further, in view of Rule 19(H)(2) of the MSCS Rules 2002 as amended in 2023 with MSCS Rules as 2023, the Election Programme for conducting election of the afore-mentioned Society is enclosed for further necessary action. RO is requested to ensure the election is conducted as per the MSCS Act, 2002 and Rules framed thereunder.
5. **Preparation of Member's List:** Returning Officer is requested to refer to Sec 29 of MSCS Act and Rule 19-I while publishing the list of eligible voters. The list of members should also be got posted on website of society. The list should be drawn as on 31st March of the year which is immediately preceding to the expiry of Board.

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6. **Disqualification for being a director:** While scrutinizing the nomination RO is requested to refer to Sec 29, 43 and 44 of MSCS Act and also Rules 19J, 19K and 19L of MSCS Rules (as amended time to time).
7. **Report to CEA on nomination:** RO to submit the list of final contesting candidate after withdrawal stage to CEA through e-mail.
8. **Prior approval of result of Board of Director:** After conduct of Elections of Board of Directors, the RO is mandated to submit the requisite details in Format 19 M (for members of the Board of Directors) under rule 19 M for seeking **prior approval** of the Co-operative Election Authority.
9. **Prior approval of result of Office Bearers:** After conduct of elections of Office Bearers, the RO shall submit the requisite details in Format 19-N for seeking **prior approval** of CEA before declaration of results.
10. **Display of Notification/orders on website of society:** Returning Officer shall ensure that the Society prominently displays the **List of Eligible Voters, Election Programme and Final List of the Contesting Candidates**, and other related important documents on the website of the Society for enabling free, fair and transparent elections.
11. **Submission of account of election expenses by the candidate:** The provisions of MSCS Rules 19(U), (V), (W), (X) relating to expenditure to be incurred by the candidate in connection with elections are annexed herewith. RO is requested that these may be posted on the Notice Board and a copy may also be supplied to the person filing the nomination.
12. Wide publicity be given for holding of Elections in terms of provision of the MSCS Act and the rules framed thereunder including advertisement in each state of operation. RO shall also issue a press release.
13. Instructions for filling-up of the Format- M and N have been appended below the Format M and N, the same should be scrupulously followed by the Returning Officer.
14. Copy of the election programme is attached.



By Order

R. Nanda

(Authorized Signatory)

25.3.2025

To

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