Kerala exempted all societies which were affected by sub-section (1) of section 16A and section 19A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), as amended by the Kerala Co-operative Societies Amendment Act, 2013 (8 of 2013) for a period of one year from 14th February, 2013 to 13th February, 2014 and as per notification issued under G.O. (P) No. 68/2015/Co-op. dated 25th May, 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 337/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1268 dated 25th May, 2015, the Government again exempted all societies which were affected by sub-section (1) of section 16A and section 19A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), for a further period of one year ten months and fifteen days from 14th February, 2014 to 31st December, 2015. As per the Kerala Co-operative Societies (Second Amendment) Rules, 2014, rule 18A was inserted into the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969 specifying the minimum level of services to be availed by a member in respect of different classes of societies so as to ascertain the eligibility of a member to continue to be a member of that Co-operative Society or of a member to exercise the right of a member in that society. It has been brought to the notice that in some societies where annual general body meeting could not be conducted for the last three years and above and some members could not achieve the minimum level of services in advance as intended by sub-section (1) of section 16A of the Act. The Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that it is necessary in public interest to extend the exemption granted as per G.O. (P) No. 68/2015/Co-op. dated 25th May, 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 337/2015 in Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1268 dated 25th May, 2015, for a further period of one year, one month and fourteen days from 1st January, 2016 to 14th February, 2017 to the societies where annual general body meeting could not be conducted for the last three years and above and in case of societies where some of their members could not achieve the minimum level of services in advance as intended by sub-section (1) of section 16A of the said Act.

The order is intended to achieve the above object.
(b) has not attended three consecutive general meetings, of the society and such absence has not been condoned by the members in the general meeting;

And Whereas, under section 19A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), no member of a society shall exercise the right of a member unless he has attended the minimum required general body meeting and minimum level of services as may be prescribed;

And Whereas, under rule 18A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969 which was inserted through the Kerala Co-operative Societies (Second Amendment) Rules, 2014 issued under G.O. (P) No. 142/2014/Co-op. dated 25th November, 2014 and published as S.R.O. No.733/2014 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2867 dated 26th November, 2014, stipulates the minimum level of service to be availed by a member in respect of different classes of societies so as to ascertain his eligibility to continue to be a member of that Co-operative Society or to exercise the right of a member of that Society;

And Whereas, as per notification issued under G.O. (P) No. 84/2013/Co-op. dated 20th June, 2013 and published as S.R.O. No. 503/2013 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1781 dated 20th June, 2013, the Government of Kerala exempted all societies which were affected by sub-section (1) of section 16A and section 19A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), for a period of one year from 14th February, 2013, the date of commencement of the Kerala Co-operative Societies (Second Amendment) Act, 2013 (8 of 2013);

And Whereas, as per notification issued under G.O.(P) No. 68/2015/Co-op. dated 25th May, 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 337/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1268 dated 25th May, 2015, the Government of Kerala again exempted all societies which were affected by sub-section (1) of section 16A and 19A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), for a further period of one year, ten months and fifteen days from 14th February, 2014 to 31st December, 2015;

And Whereas, it has been brought to the notice that in some societies where annual general body meeting could not be conducted for the last three years and above and some members could not achieve the minimum level of services in advance as intended by sub-section (1) of section 16A of the said Act;

And Whereas, the Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that it is necessary in public interest to extend the exemption granted as per G.O. (P) No. 68/2015/Co-op. dated 25th May, 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 337/2015 in Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1268 dated 25th May, 2015 for a further period of one year, one month and fourteen days from 1st January, 2016 to 14th February, 2017 to the societies where annual general body meeting could not be conducted for the last three years and above and in case of societies where some of their members could not achieve the minimum level of services in advance as intended by sub-section (1) of section 16A of the Act;

Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 101 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), the Government of Kerala hereby exempt all societies which are affected by sub-section (1) of section 16A and 19A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969) for a further period of one year, one month and fourteen days from 1st January, 2016.

By order of the Governor,

VALSA, V.,
Additional Secretary to Government for Special Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the order, but is intended to achieve its general purport.)

As per notification issued under G.O. (P) No. 84/2013/Co-op. dated 20th June, 2013 and published as S.R.O. No. 503/2013 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1781 dated 20th June, 2013, the Government of