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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Co-operation (B) Department
ORDER

G. O. (P) No. 32/2019/Co-op.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 13th March, 2019
29th Kumbham, 1194.

S. R. O. No. 203/2019.—WHEREAS, under sub-section (1) of section 28 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), the general body of a society shall constitute a committee for a period of five years in accordance with the bye-laws and entrust the management of the affairs of the society to such committee;

AND WHEREAS, the Government are of the opinion that in the context of holding election to the Loksabha on 23rd April, 2019, as regards the State of Kerala is concerned, it may not be possible for the officers of the Co-operative Department of the State, to function as Electoral Officers and Returning Officers and to conduct election to the committee of Co-operative Societies, as provided in rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969, as these Officers have to attend the duties in connection with the election to the Loksabha;

AND WHEREAS, rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969 prescribes the procedure regarding conduct of election to the Committee of Societies by the State Co-operative Election Commission, and by virtue of the said rule, it is the duty of the officers of the Co-operation Department to make arrangements for a free and fair election to the Co-operative Society;

AND WHEREAS, the Government is convinced that there would be practical difficulty to conduct elections in the Co-operative Societies, when the election process to the Loksabha is in full swing;

AND WHEREAS, the Government is satisfied that for administrative convenience and in public interest, it was necessary to postpone the process of election in Co-operative Societies falling due during the period of three months from the date of publication of this order, in view of the election to the Parliament Constituencies on condition that in respect of those societies where the election process has already started, all further steps shall be postponed forthwith at the stage, in which it now stands, and that wherever there is specific direction of Hon'ble High Court to conduct election, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court;

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 direct that the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 28 of the said Act, shall apply to those Co-operative Societies in the State, where elections to form new committees are due during the

period of three months from the date of publication of this order and where the election process has already been started, but the process has not been completed before the date of publication of this order, subject to the modification of substituting the words "five years and three months" for the words "five years".

By order of the Governor,

P. S. RAJESH,

Additional Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

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

It is the duty of the Officers of the Co-operation Department under rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969 to make arrangement for a free and fair election to the Co-operative Societies. In the context of election to the Parliament Constituencies in the State on 23rd April, 2019, the Officers of the Co-operation Department may be engaged as the Officers for conducting election to the said constituencies, so their services may not be readily available for the conduct of free and fair elections to administrative committee of the Co-operative Societies. The Government have examined the matter in detail and are of the view that it is necessary in public interest, to postpone the elections to the Co-operative Societies in the State for a period of three months from the date of publication of this order in respect of those societies, where election to form new committees are due during the period of three months from the date of publication of this order and where the election process has already been started, but the process has not been completed. This is for avoiding administrative vacuum in the said Co-operative Societies.

The order is intended to achieve the above object.
