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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Co-operation (B) Department

ORDER

G.O(P)No.35/2020/Co-op

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 23rd April, 2020

10th Medam, 1195.

S. R. O. No. 291/2020

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 byelaws and entrust the management of the affairs of the society to such a committee;



AND WHEREAS, due to the spread of covid-19 pandemic, the period of committees of such societies in which the date of polling for the election as declared by the State Co-operative Election Commission which falls due during the period of one month from 25th March 2020 to 24th April, 2020, has been extended for a period of one month as per notification issued as G.O.(P)No.32/2020/Co-op dated 25th March, 2020 and published as S.R.O.No.246/2020 in Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.991 dated 25th March, 2020;

AND WHEREAS, as the restrictions ordered by the Central as well as the Government, in view of spread of Covid 19 pandemic situation still exist, the members of such Co-operative Societies are not in a position to participate the election and the department officers are not in a position to discharge their duties as Electoral Officers and Returning Officers to conduct election in Co-operative Societies as provided in rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969;

AND WHEREAS, as per 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 officers of the Co-operation Department to make arrangements for a free and fair election to the Co-operative Society;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that there is practical difficulty in conducting the election in such co-operative societies and therefore for the administrative convenience and in public interest, it is necessary to postpone all further steps in the process of election in such Co-operative Societies where the date of polling falls due during the period of four months from 25th April,2020, 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 such Co-operative Societies in the State, where the process of election to form new committees falls due during the period of four months from 25th April,2020 and where the election process has already been started, but the process has not been completed, subject to the modification of substituting the words “five years and six 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 section 28 read with rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969 to arrange for the conduct of free and fair elections to the Co-operative Societies. In the context of spread of Covid -19 pandemic situation, the members of the Co-operative Societies are not in a position to participate in the election process and the department officers are not in position 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.The Government,



therefore, are of the view that it is necessary in public interest, to extend the period of the committee of such societies for a period of five months from the date of notification of this order .

This order is intended to achieve the above object.

