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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Co-operation (B) Department

ORDER

G.O.(P)No.53/2024/Co-op

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram

19<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

S. R. O. No. 303/2024

06<sup>st</sup> Meenam, 1199.

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, 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 Registrar of Co-operative Societies has reported that in view of the General Election to the Lok Sabha, the Officers of the Co-operation Department 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 sub-section (1) of section 28 of the the said Act and rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969. The Registrar has requested to the Government to postpone all further steps in the process of election in the Co-operative Societies where the date of polling falls due during the period of four months from 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that it is necessary, in public interest, to exempt the Co-operative Societies from the provision of sub-section (1) of section 28 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 and rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969, there is a practical difficulty in conducting the election of Co-operative Societies and to postpone all further steps in the process of election where the date of polling falls due during the period of four months from 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. 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 Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 and rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969, shall apply to such Co-operative Societies in the State, where process of election to form new committees falls due during the period of four months from 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 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 four months" for the words "five years".

By order of the Governor

MINI ANTONY

*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 sub-section (1) of section 28 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 and 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 view of the General Election to the Lok Sabha, the Officers of the Co-operation Department are not in a 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 have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that in view of the General Election to the Lok Sabha, there is practical difficulty in conducting the election in such Co-



operative Societies, 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 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

This order is intended to achieve the above object.

