

From :

The Registrar,
Cooperative Societies, Punjab, Chandigarh.

To

1. The Joint Registrars,
2. The Deputy Registrars,
3. The Assistant Registrars, Cooperative Societies, in the State.

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR ELECTIONS TO THE MANAGING COMMITTEES OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN PUNJAB.

Memo :

As you are well aware that matter relating to elections to the Managing Committees was thoroughly discussed in a meeting of the officers of this Department on 18.08.2000.

Accordingly, the Guidelines have been prepared on the basis of existing instructions issued by this office from time to time and these are also in consonance with the provisions of Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961 and Appendix-C to the Punjab Cooperative Societies Rules, 1963

You are, therefore, requested to follow these guidelines meticulously.

Please acknowledge its receipt.

Sd/-

Encl : Election Guidelines

Addl. Registrar (D)
for Registrar, Cooperative Socs.
Punjab, Chandigarh

Dated: 11.12.2000

Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action :-

1. All Managing Directors of Apex Cooperative Institutions.
2. All Gazetted Officers in H.O.
3. All Superintendents in H.O.

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**GUIDELINES/DIRECTIONS FOR
ELECTIONS TO THE MANAGING
COMMITTEES OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES
IN PUNJAB**

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ELECTION OF A NEW COMMITTEE

[The primary responsibility to initiate elections of a new managing committee in accordance with the provisions of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961 and Rules made there under, lies with the managing committee of a cooperative society. Section 26(1-C) provides that each managing committee shall 90 days before the expiry of its term, make arrangements for the constitution of a new managing committee. Accordingly the committee of the society should initiate the process of election by way of passing of resolution, as per law, 90 days prior to the completion of its term.]

1.1 In case the managing committee of a cooperative society fails to initiate the process of elections, it is incumbent upon the Registrar to make such arrangements as may be necessary, to hold elections in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, after making necessary arrangements for management of day-to-day affairs of the cooperative society through an Administrator as per provisions of Section 26 (1-D).

TERM OF AN ELECTED COMMITTEE

2.0 The term of office of an elected managing committee of a cooperative society is five years from the date of its election and not from the date it assumes office.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION MANAGER

3.0 The Registrar should appoint any person as an Election Manager for the purpose of election to the managing committee of a cooperative society. In case no such appointment is made, Chief Executive Officer of the cooperative society would act as the Election Manager.

FORMATION OF ZONES

4.0 It is the responsibility of the managing committee of a cooperative society, except in case of primary cooperative societies, elections for which are

held in a special meeting, to divide its area of operation into zones for the purpose of election of the members of the managing committee. The managing committee should propose such zones as it considers appropriate, to the Registrar for his approval. It should keep in view following parameters for formation of zones:

- i) Contiguity and compactness of area;
- ii) Proportionate distribution of members having voting rights; and
- iii) Norms for formation of zones, if any, prescribed as per bye-laws of cooperative society.

4.1 The Chief Executive Officer of the cooperative society should submit the list of proposed zones to the Registrar at least 60 days before the expiry of the tenure of the managing committee. In case the managing committee of a cooperative society has not initiated the process of elections and the Administrator has been appointed by the Registrar, it should be incumbent upon the Administrator to submit such a proposal as early as possible and not beyond 60 days from the date he is appointed as such. In the event, an Administrator is unable to finalise the list of zones within 60 days, he should clarify reasons for not doing so in writing to the Registrar.

4.2 On receipt of the list of zones, the Registrar or any other Officer authorised by him should invite objections by giving a notice of 15 clear days with reference to formation of zones of the cooperative society specifying therein;

- a) the last date of filing of objections to the constitution of zones;
- b) the date of hearing of objections by the Registrar or any other Officer authorised by him; and
- c) the date of display of final list of zones after approval of the Registrar.

4.3 The notice inviting objections to formation of zones should be exhibited at the registered office of the cooperative society and at some conspicuous places in the area of operation of the cooperative society. This would be in addition to any other mode of notice, which may be specified in the bye-laws or in the resolution of the managing committee or as may be specified by the Registrar by a general or a special order.

4.4 In pursuance of the notice, any voter or shareholder of a cooperative society may submit his objections along with necessary evidence to the Registrar or any other Officer authorised by him.

4.5 The Registrar should after providing an opportunity of hearing to the those who submit objections decide, finalise and approve the zones with or without modifications. He should pass a speaking order in this behalf.

4.6 The zones so approved by the Registrar should remain valid for the purpose of elections to the managing committee of a cooperative society for at least ten years from the date of formation except in cases where addition or deletion, if any, in the opinion of the Registrar is necessary because of registration of new societies, liquidation of existing societies, enrolment of new members and/or deletion of existing members.

4.7 The zones approved by the Registrar should be final and no appeal under Section 68 of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961 lies against such an order of the Registrar. Any dispute with regard to formation of zones can possibly be raised by a shareholder or a member of the cooperative society only through a reference of election dispute under Section 55/56 of the Act, 1961 and the Rules made thereunder.

4.8 There shall be reservation of one seat for the scheduled castes and two seats for women on the committee of every cooperative society consisting of individuals as members and having members from such class or category of persons.

4.9 In case of a cooperative society, which has been divided into two or more zones and where only one candidate is to be elected from each zone, the reservation, if required, under the preceding para 4.8, shall be made as per the following procedure:-

The zones for reservation for scheduled castes and women shall be earmarked by draw of lots, to be conducted in the presence of a nominee of the Registrar, by the managing committee or administrator as the case may be. While conducting the draw of lots in the subsequent elections, the zones reserved earlier for a particular category shall not be included until every zone has been reserved once for that category.

4.10 In case of cooperative society, which has been divided in to two or more zones and where in majority of the zones two or more candidates are to be elected from each zone, the reservation, if required, under the preceding para 4.8, shall be made as per the following procedure:-

One seat for scheduled caste candidate shall be reserved from any one zone, which shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots, to be conducted in the presence of a nominee of the Registrar, to be Managing committee or the Administrator, as the case may be. Similarly, the zones from which seats for women are to be reserved, shall also be determined by draw of lots:

Provided that not more than one seat shall be reserved for women, one zone at one time. While conducting the draw of lots in the subsequent elections, the zones reserved earlier for a particular category shall not be included until every zone has been reserved once for that category.

4.11 In case of a Cooperative Society, the area of which has not been divided into zones, the reservation, if required, under the preceding para 4.8, shall be made as follows:-

The Managing Committee or the Administrator, as the case may be, shall determine the number of seats required to be reserved under the preceding para 4.8 and specify these in the election programme. In case of all Primary Cooperative Societies except Primary

4.12 Agricultural Development Banks and Cooperative Housing Societies, such draw of lots as mentioned in the preceding para 4.9 and 4.10 shall be conducted in the presence of the Inspector in charge of the society. For other societies including Primary Agricultural Development Banks and Cooperative Housing Societies, the draw of lots shall be conducted in the presence of the Assistant Registrar of the Area.

4.13 The earmarking of the reserved zones/seats shall be done before the notification of the election programme.

4.14 Every candidate desirous of contesting the election against a reserved

seat for a particular category shall make a declaration to this effect at the time of filing his nomination papers. In case a candidate wishes to contest for the seat reserved for scheduled caste, he shall submit a valid caste certificate issued by the competent authority to the Returning Officer.]

PREPARATION OF ZONE-WISE LIST OF VOTERS

5.0 The Election Manager of a cooperative society should within seven days of the receipt of the list of approved zones from the Registrar, prepare zone-wise list of voters and exhibit the same at the registered office of the cooperative society. Such a list should be exhibited for at least seven days after notifying the election programme.

5.1 In case a member is not entitled to vote merely because he is a defaulter, his name should also be exhibited in the list clearly marking him as such. Such a member should be eligible to vote if he clears his defaults and produces a 'Clearance Certificate' from the concerned cooperative society on or before the close of withdrawal of nominations.

PREPARATION AND FINALISATION OF ELECTION PROGRAMME

16.0 The Election Manager of a cooperative society should within seven days from the date of issuing of final zone-wise list of voters, draw up a detailed election programme providing for the date, time and place for:

- i) Receipt of resolution by a cooperative society from member societies (wherever applicable);
- ii) Filing of nomination papers;
- iii) Display of list of nominated candidates;
- iv) Filing of objections by nominated candidates or their proposers;
- v) Hearing of objections;
- vi) Scrutiny of nomination papers;
- vii) Exhibition of list of validly nominated candidates;
- viii) Withdrawal of nomination papers;
- ix) Declaration of result of uncontested elections;
- x) Allotment of election symbols;
- xi) Exhibition of list of contesting candidates;
- xii) Poll, if necessary;
- xiii) Counting of votes; and

xiv) Declaration of results.

Illustration detailing the various steps required to hold the election as per Election Programme of PACS divided into zones-
i) For Societies upto 1000 members

DAY 1		
Sn o.	Election activity	Time allowed
1	Filing of nomination papers	9 am to 11 am
2	Display of list of nominated candidates	11:00 am to 11:30 am
3	Filing of objections by nominated candidates or their proposers	11:30 am to 1 pm
4	Hearing of objections	1 pm to 3 pm
5	Scrutiny of nomination papers	3 pm to 4 pm
6	Exhibition of list of validly nominated candidates	4 pm to 4:30 pm
7	Withdrawal of nomination papers	4:30 pm to 5 pm
8	Declaration of result of uncontested elections;	5 pm
9	Allotment of election symbols	5 pm to 5:30 pm
10	Exhibition of list of contesting candidates	5:30 pm

Day 2		
sn o	Election activity	Time allowed
1	polling	9 am to 1 pm
2	Counting of votes	1 pm to 3 pm
3	Declaration of result	3 pm

ii) For Societies upto 1001-2000 members

DAY 1		
Sn o.	Election activity	Time allowed
1	Filing of nomination papers	9 am to 11 am
2	Display of list of nominated candidates	11:00 am to 11:30 am
3	Filing of objections by nominated candidates or their proposers	11:30 am to 1 pm
4	Hearing of objections	1 pm to 3 pm
5	Scrutiny of nomination papers	3 pm to 4 pm
6	Exhibition of list of validly nominated candidates	4 pm to 4:30 pm
7	Withdrawal of nomination papers	4:30 pm to 5 pm
8	Declaration of result of uncontested elections;	5 pm

Day 2

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	Allotment of election symbols	9 am to 9:30 am
2	Exhibition of list of contesting candidates	9:30 am

Day 3

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	polling	9 am to 1pm
2	Counting of votes	1 pm to 3 pm
3	Declaration of result	3 pm

iii) For Societies more than 2000 members :-

DAY 1

Sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0.		
1	Filing of nomination papers	9 am to 11 am
2	Display of list of nominated candidates	11:00 am to 11:30 am
3	Filing of objections by nominated candidates or their proposers	11:30 am to 1 pm
4	Hearing of objections	1 pm to 3 pm
5	Scrutiny of nomination papers	3 pm to 4pm

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6	Exhibition of list of validly nominated candidates	4 pm to 4:30 pm
7	Withdrawal of nomination papers	4:30 pm to 5 pm
8	Declaration of result of uncontested elections;	5 pm

Day 2

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	Allotment of election symbols	9 am to 9:30 am
2	Exhibition of list of contesting candidates	9:30 am

Day 3

[Reserved for printing of ballot paper]

Day 4

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	polling	9 am to 1pm
2	Counting of votes	1 pm to 3 pm
3	Declaration of result	3 pm

Explanation :- The above illustrations seek to give sufficient opportunity to members of cooperative societies so that they may participate in election in free and fair manner and have adequate time to exercise complete Democratic Member Control as enshrined in Cooperative Principles.]

[6.1 The election programme so drawn should be submitted to the

Registrar by the Secretary/CEO/ Election manager of the society within 7 days.]

6.2 On receipt of detailed election programme, the Registrar should convey his approval within seven days unless he has reasons to withhold his consent and in such a situation, he should pass a speaking order in writing.

6.3 No election programme approved by the Registrar should be altered, modified or deferred except in circumstances as follows;

- i) Death of a candidate;
- ii) Serious law and order problem; and
- iii) Wide-spread natural calamity

Provided that the Returning Officer or the Assistant Returning Officer should within 24 hours submit a detailed report to the Registrar regarding alteration, modification or postponement of elections giving reasons thereof, in writing.

APPOINTMENT OF A RETURNING OFFICER AND AN ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER

7.0 The Registrar should appoint an Officer of the Department of Cooperation as Returning Officer for elections to the managing committee of a cooperative society. He should also appoint an Assistant Returning Officer to assist the Returning Officer and if a situation so warrants, to act as Returning Officer to ensure smooth and fair conduct of elections. The Assistant Returning Officer would act under the control and superintendence of the Returning Officer and would have all powers of a Returning Officer, if required to function as such.

ELECTION NOTICE

8.0 In addition to any other mode, which may be prescribed as per bye-laws of a cooperative society or specified by the Registrar through a general or a special order, the Election Manager of a cooperative society should exhibit election notice indicating the election programme for the zones constituted at least 15 days before the date of election at the registered office of the cooperative society and its branch office, if any, and at some other conspicuous places in the area of operation of the cooperative society, in case

of apex and central cooperative societies, notice should also be published in at least one each Punjabi and English newspapers, having circulation in the area of operation of the cooperative society.

FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS

9.0 Any person who is a voter may file his nomination paper in Form I as a candidate for elections from the zone in which he is listed as a voter, provided that such a person should be [committee member] duly authorised by the cooperative society as per its bye-laws, in case he files nomination papers on behalf of that cooperative society. The nomination of each candidate should be made on a separate nomination paper. It should be submitted to the Returning Officer or the Assistant Returning Officer by the candidate himself. The nomination should be proposed by a voter belonging to the zone from which a candidate is seeking election.

¹Provided that a candidate who is contesting election as representative of a society will not require any proposer.]

9.1 The nominated candidate if contesting as an individual should declare on oath that;

- a) he is not in default to any cooperative society in respect of any sum due from him to the cooperative society or does not owe to any cooperative society an amount exceeding his maximum credit limit;
- b) he does not have any direct or indirect interest in any contract to which the cooperative society is a party except in transactions made with the cooperative society as a member in accordance with the objects of the cooperative society as stated in its bye-laws;
- c) he has not been at any time during a period of one year prior to the date of scrutiny of nomination papers, engaged in any private business, trade or profession of any description which is carried on by the cooperative society;
- d) he has not been convicted for any offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude during a period of five years prior to the date of scrutiny of nomination papers;
- e) he is not covered under any of the restrictions as per Rule 29 of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Rules, 1963;

- f) he has not, during a period of 12 months preceding the date of filing of nomination papers, remained inactive as member and or has not been carrying on, through agencies other than the cooperative society of which he is a member, the same business as is being carried on, by the cooperative society;
- g) he has not incurred any other disqualification as laid down in the bye-laws of the cooperative society;
- h) he has not been a member of the managing committee of the cooperative society for two continuous terms and in case, he has served on the committee of the cooperative society for two continuous terms, a period of five years has expired since he last so served; and
- i) he is not a member of managing committees of more than two primary cooperative societies or more than one central or apex cooperative society.

Similar declaration should be made on behalf of a cooperative society by the person authorised by that cooperative society to participate in election. Specimen of Declaration on Oath is attached as annex-I.

REGISTER OF NOMINATIONS

- 10 The Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer should maintain or cause to be maintained a Register in Form-II, in which each nomination paper should be entered. He should also issue an acknowledgement (perforated receipt) of having received the nomination paper to the candidate or his proposer.

SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION PAPERS

- 11.0 The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should scrutinise nomination papers at the place, date and time, specified in this behalf in the election programme. He should hear objections, if any, presented or raised during the course of scrutiny in regard to eligibility of any candidate and dispose of these objections after such enquiries, as he may deem necessary. The decision of rejecting or accepting the nomination papers and brief statement of reasons thereof should be recorded on the nomination papers itself.

11.1 No nomination papers should be rejected merely on the basis of clerical errors or conjectures. Since rejection of nomination papers of an eligible candidate implies denial of a basic right to contest, rejection of nomination papers should be carefully considered. The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should ensure that the person raising objections on nomination papers of a candidate is a candidate or proposer of a candidate of the concerned zone.

11.2 Nomination papers of a candidate should be rejected if he is disqualified to become a member of the managing committee of a cooperative society. A person is disqualified to be a member of the managing committee of a cooperative society, if:

- i) he is in default to any cooperative society in respect of any sum due from him to the cooperative society or he owes to any cooperative society an amount exceeding his maximum credit limit;
- ii) he has any direct or indirect interest in any contract to which the cooperative society is a party except in transactions made with the cooperative society as stated in the bye-laws;
- iii) he has at any time during a period of one year prior to the date of scrutiny of nomination papers, engaged in any private business, trade or profession of any description, which is carried on by the cooperative society;
- iv) he has been convicted for any offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude during a period of five years prior to the date of scrutiny of nomination papers;
- v) he is covered under any of the restrictions as laid down in Rule 29 of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Rules, 1963;
- vi) he has, during a period of 12 months preceding the date of filing of nomination papers, remained inactive as a member or has been carrying on, through agencies other than the cooperative society of which he is a member, the same business as is being carried on, by the cooperative society;
- vii) he has incurred any other disqualification as laid down in the bye-laws of the cooperative society;

- viii) he has been a member of the managing committee of the cooperative society for two continuous terms and in case, he has served on the committee of the cooperative society for two continuous terms, a period of five years has not expired since he last so served, and
- ix) he is a member of the managing committee of more than two primary cooperative societies or one central or apex cooperative society.

11.3 In case a person is representing a cooperative society, disqualification of that cooperative society should be seen while rejecting the nomination papers.

11.4 In case an objection is raised that the candidate is a defaulter, the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should insist for certificate of default/no default from the cooperative society of which the contesting candidate is alleged to be a defaulter. Such a certificate should be produced on or before the close of withdrawal of nominations.

11.5 In case a candidate is allegedly disqualified to contest or become a member of the managing committee of a cooperative society, he may be allowed time to disprove his disqualification, if he so desires, by the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer. However, such a time should be not go beyond the time to close the withdrawal of nomination papers. The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should pass a speaking order in this regard, before the close of withdrawal of nominations.

11.6 The Returning Officer should after scrutiny of nomination papers, prepare and announce a list of validly nominated candidates and the same should be exhibited at the registered office of the cooperative society or the place where nomination papers were filed and at some conspicuous places in the area of operation of the cooperative society or as may be directed by the Registrar through a general or a special order.

LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES

12.0 Immediately after scrutiny of nominations, the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should draw a list of validly nominated candidates in Form III and display the same at the registered office of the cooperative society or the place where nomination papers were filed and at some other conspicuous places in the area of operation of the cooperative

society or as may be directed by the Registrar through a general or a special order.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION PAPERS

13.0 Any candidate may withdraw his nomination papers by a notice in writing, which should be subscribed and submitted by him personally to the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer by the date, time and place as specified in the election programme. The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should carefully consider the withdrawal of nomination papers of a candidate and verify that the withdrawal notice is duly authenticated by him. No candidate should be allowed to cancel his withdrawal once he has submitted the notice of withdrawal and the same has been duly accepted by the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer.

ELECTION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

14.0 The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should, after preparing the list of validly nominated candidates, declare the candidate elected, if there is no contest about his election and communicate the same to the Presiding Officer, if appointed, the Election Manager of the cooperative society and the Registrar. The result of unopposed election should be displayed at the registered office of the cooperative society or the place where nominations were filed and at some other conspicuous places as may be directed by the Registrar through a general or a special order.

DEATH OF A CANDIDATE BEFORE POLL

15.0 If a candidate dies after the last date of filing of nomination papers and before the commencement of poll and a report to that effect is received by the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer, he should countermand the election in respect of the zone, for which the deceased was the candidate. The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should after passing the order to countermand the elections, send the same to the Registrar and the Election Manager of the cooperative society. Election for such a zone should be held denovo in keeping with the Act, Rules and procedures.

ALLOTMENT OF ELECTION SYMBOL

- 16.0 (i) The Returning Officer and/or Assistant Returning Officer should allot to each candidate, an election symbol out of the list of election symbols (Annex-II) approved by the Registrar;
- (ii) The election symbol should be allotted in order of preference of each candidate. As far as possible, a candidate should be allotted the election symbol he has opted out of the list of approved election symbols. In case an election symbol has been opted by more than one candidates, it should be allotted through draw of lots. The candidate, who fails to get his first preference of an election symbol in a draw of lots, should be allotted his second opted election symbol.
- (iii) The Returning Officer and/or Assistant Returning Officer should immediately after the allotment of election symbols to the candidates, prepare a list, in alphabetical order, of the contesting candidates from each zone in Form III-A, showing against each candidate the election symbol allotted to him.

DISPLAY OF LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES

17.0 The Returning Officer and/or Assistant Returning Officer, should display the list of contesting candidates in Form III-A at a conspicuous place in his office. He should also send two copies of the list to the Election Manager of the cooperative society for displaying the same at the registered office of the cooperative society and the place where election for the respective zone is to take place.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER/ALTERNATIVE PRESIDING OFFICER

18.0 The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should appoint a Presiding Officer and an Alternative Presiding Officer for a polling station where polling is to be held. The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should also appoint adequate number of Polling Officials to assist the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer may, if an emergent situation so warrants, himself appoint

Polling Officials at the time of poll for its smooth conduct. The Alternative Presiding Officer would function under the control and superintendence of the Presiding Officer and if a situation so warrants act, as a Presiding Officer.

18.1 The Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer should ensure that no employee of the cooperative society, for which the election is being held or the employees of the Cooperative Department directly, Incharge of that society, are appointed as Presiding Officer, Alternative Presiding Officer or Polling Officials to conduct the poll. The Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should be Incharge of all arrangements and materials at the polling station and may issue such directions/orders, as may be necessary, at the time of poll, for its smooth conduct.

ESTABLISHMENT OF POLLING BOOTHS, PROVISION OF BALLOT BOXES AND PRINTING OF BALLOT PAPERS

19.0 The Returning Officer or an Alternative Returning Officer should establish as many polling booths as he may consider necessary, provided that number of voters at a booth should not exceed 750.

19.1 For establishment of polling booths, provision of ballot boxes and printing of ballot papers, if required, necessary arrangements should be made by the Election Manager of the cooperative society. The Election Manager may seek such assistance, as may be necessary, from the employees of the Cooperative Department. The ballot papers should be printed or got printed by the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer.

ELECTION MATERIAL TO BE SUPPLIED FOR A POLLING STATION

- 20.0 The Election Manager should provide at each Polling Station:-
- (i) two final lists of contesting candidates;
 - (ii) two final lists of voters of the respective zone;
 - (iii) sufficient number of ballot papers bearing the names in alphabetical order written in Punjabi on the left side and the election symbol allotted to each contesting candidate and a space for fixing the seal on the right side;
 - (iv) the requisite number of ballot boxes;
 - (v) three rubber seals of cross mark for the purpose of marking the ballot papers by the voters; and

- (vi) one brass seal for sealing the election papers and other necessary election material such as stamp-pad, sealing wax, candle, gum, needle, thread ball, piece of cloth, envelopes and white cloth bag for sealing the necessary election papers.

APPOINTMENT OF POLLING AGENTS

- 21.0 Each candidate should be allowed to appoint one Polling Agent for each Polling Station.

PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF POLL

- 22.0 (i) Before the commencement of the poll, the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should show the un-used ballot box to each of the candidates or their Polling Agents, as may be present at the polling station, so that they may ascertain that the ballot box is empty. He should, thereafter, lock it up and fix his seal as well as the seals of the candidates or their agents, if they so desire, upon the box in such a manner as to prevent it from being opened without breaking, such seals. This procedure should be repeated for each box to be used subsequently; and
- (ii) The ballot box should be so kept in front of the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer that it is visible to the candidates or their Polling Agents.

CONDUCT OF POLLING

- 23.0 (i) The election should be held by a secret ballot and a voter should exercise his vote in person at a specified place in the zone in which he/she has been enlisted as a voter; and
- (ii) The poll should commence and close at the time fixed in the election programme. All the voters present at the Polling Station before the closing time should be entitled to record their votes even after the closing time provided that they are issued a token recognizing their presence by the Presiding Officer/Assistant Presiding Officer before the closing time.

PROCEDURE FOR VOTING

- 24.0 (i) Before a ballot paper is delivered/issued to a voter by the

Polling Official, the voter should speak out his name, to the Polling Official, who should compare his/her details with those in the list of voters. In case the voter is representing a cooperative society, he should produce a resolution of the cooperative society, authorising him to do so. Such a resolution should have been passed by the cooperative society after notification of election; should be attested by [the Manager or Secretary of the Cooperative Society or by an Officer authorised by a Cooperative Society to do so] and should have been received by the Election Manager four days prior to the date of polling.

(ii) A Polling Official should after comparing the details of the voters with the official copy of list of voters, tick-mark against the serial number of the voter in the list of voters in order to ensure that the voter has received the ballot paper. He should also record the serial number of the ballot paper against the entry pertaining to the voter in the list of voters.

(iii) No voter representing a cooperative society should be issued a ballot paper provided a copy of the resolution of the cooperative society duly attested, authorising the voter to represent it for the election, is received by the Election Manager four days prior to the date of polling and the same is provided to the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer for verification. In case such a resolution is not received by the Election Manager within the stipulated period, such representative of the cooperative society should not be entitled to vote. In the event that the Election Manager has not forwarded the copy of the resolution received by him to the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer for verification, the eligible voter can not be denied his right to vote.

(iv) The voter having been issued a ballot paper should record his vote in the polling compartment. He should affix the rubber

seal of cross-mark(X) on the ballot paper at the name of a candidate in whose favour he wishes to cast the vote or at his election symbol or at the open space against his name and should insert the ballot paper properly folded in the ballot box.

(v) If a voter after obtaining the ballot paper for the purpose of recording his vote decides not to use the same, he should return the ballot paper to the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer and the ballot paper so returned should then be marked as "returned/cancelled" and kept in a separate packet set apart for the purpose and record should be kept by the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer of all such ballot papers.

(vi) If under any circumstance, a ballot paper is found to be defective or otherwise unfit for use, the Presiding Officer at the request of the voter should issue another ballot paper and keep the defective one in a separate packet referred to above.

(vii) If any ballot paper, which has been issued to any voter for the purpose of recording his vote, has not been put in the ballot box but it has been found left by the voter at the Polling Station, it should be presumed as cancelled and dealt with in accordance with the procedure mentioned above.

AUTHENTICATION OF BALLOT PAPER

25.0 The Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should sign ballot papers on the back before these are issued to voters at a polling station.

TENDERED VOTES

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reverse order beginning from the last serial number of the ballot papers to be used at the Polling Station. The voter, after exercising his right of vote should hand over the ballot paper to the Presiding Officer who should keep it in a separate packet super-scribed as "tendered vote". Tendered votes should not be counted for the results of the elections;

(ii) The name of the voter, his serial number in the list of voters and the name of the Polling Station to which the list relates should be entered in a list bearing the heading "Tendered Votes". The persons tendering such ballot paper should sign his name and address thereon or affix his thumb impression against the entry in the list; and

(iii) "List of Tendered Votes", should be prepared by the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer in Form IV.

CHALLENGED VOTES

27.0 If any candidate or a Polling Agent declares and undertakes to prove that any person applying for a ballot paper has committed the offence of impersonation, the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer may require such person to enter in the list of challenged votes, his name and address or if he is unable to write, to affix his thumb impression and may further require such person to produce proof of identification. If the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer is satisfied about his identity as a voter, he should be allowed to vote. The Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should, in every case whether or not the person challenged is allowed to vote, make a note of the circumstances in the list of challenged votes in Form-V.

RE-POLL IN CASE OF DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT BOXES OR DUE TO NATURAL CALAMITY ETC.

28.0 If in an election, any ballot box is unlawfully taken out of the custody of the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer or it is, in any way, tampered with or is accidentally destroyed or lost, the polling of the booth(s) to which the ballot box relates, should be declared void by the Returning Officer and/or Assistant Returning Officer who should report the matter to the Registrar for ordering re-poll provided that such a re-poll is held within 72 hours from the close of the poll.

seal of cross-mark(X) on the ballot paper at the name of a candidate in whose favour he wishes to cast the vote or at his election symbol or at the open space against his name and should insert the ballot paper properly folded in the ballot box.

(v) If a voter after obtaining the ballot paper for the purpose of recording his vote decides not to use the same, he should return the ballot paper to the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer and the ballot paper so returned should then be marked as "returned/cancelled" and kept in a separate packet set apart for the purpose and record should be kept by the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer of all such ballot papers.

(vi) If under any circumstance, a ballot paper is found to be defective or otherwise unfit for use, the Presiding Officer at the request of the voter should issue another ballot paper and keep the defective one in a separate packet referred to above.

(vii) If any ballot paper, which has been issued to any voter for the purpose of recording his vote, has not been put in the ballot box but it has been found left by the voter at the Polling Station, it should be presumed as cancelled and dealt with in accordance with the procedure mentioned above.

AUTHENTICATION OF BALLOT PAPER

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COUNTING OF VOTES OF THE POLL

29.0 The Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should immediately after close of the poll and in the presence of the candidates or their Polling Agents;

- i) Inspect and also allow the candidates or their Polling Agents to inspect the ballot boxes and their seals in order to satisfy that the boxes and their seals are intact;
- ii) Open the ballot boxes, take out the ballot papers from the boxes and arrange them in convenient bundles of 25 votes each;
- iii) Allow the candidates and their agents, who may be present, a reasonable opportunity to inspect all ballot papers, which in the opinion of the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer are liable to be rejected but should not allow them to handle these or any other ballot papers;
- iv) The Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should on every ballot paper, which is rejected, endorse the word "rejected" along with reasons thereof;
- v) The Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should count the valid votes polled to each candidate with the help of the persons appointed to assist him in counting of votes;
- vi) After counting of valid votes, the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should declare who secure majority of votes, elected;
- vii) In case the number of votes in favour of two candidates are equal, the matter should be decided by lots by the PO/APO.
- viii) The result of each election zone should be recorded in Result Sheet in Form VI.
- ix) After declaration of results, the Returning Officer or the Assistant Returning Officer, should prepare a consolidated list of elected candidates including those declared elected unopposed and communicate the names of persons elected under his signatures to the Registrar and the Election Manager of the cooperative society.

The Election Manager of the cooperative society should exhibit the list of persons elected at the registered office of the cooperative society and at some conspicuous places in the area of operation of the cooperative society for a minimum period of seven days after declaration of results.

REJECTION OF BALLOT PAPERS

30.0 A ballot paper contained in the ballot box should be rejected, if;

- (i) it bears any mark or writing by which the voter can be identified.
- (ii) it does not bear the signatures of Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer;
- (iii) the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer is satisfied that the ballot paper is spurious or so damaged or mutilated that its identity as a genuine ballot paper cannot be established; and
- (iv) from the rubber seal of cross mark affixed on the ballot paper, it is not clear in whose favour the vote has been cast.

PREPARATION OF RETURNS

31.0 After declaration of results, the Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should forthwith prepare a statement showing;

- (i) names of contesting candidates;
- (ii) number of valid votes polled by each candidate;
- (iii) number of votes rejected;
- (iv) total votes polled; and
- (v) names of the candidates declared elected.

He should also issue a copy of Return in Form VII to the elected candidate and forward a copy thereof to the Returning Officer and/Assistant Returning Officer, the Election Manager and the Registrar.

ELECTION PAPERS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE ELECTION MANAGER

32.0 The Presiding Officer/Alternative Presiding Officer should submit to the Election Manager against a regular receipt, election papers in separate sealed covers, which should carry the description of their contents as follows:-

- (i) the ballot papers counted as valid;
- (ii) the ballot papers rejected as invalid;
- (iii) the un-used ballot papers;
- (iv) the issued tendered ballot papers;
- (v) the cancelled and returned ballot papers;
- (vi) the list of tendered votes;
- (vii) the list of challenged votes;
- (viii) the copy of result sheet in Form VI;
- (ix) the marked copy of the list of voters of the cooperative society;
- (x) the marked copy of the list of voters of the cooperative society; and
- (xi) nomination papers

CUSTODY OF ELECTION PAPERS

33.0 The Election Manager

The Election Manager should retain the sealed packets handed over to him in his custody till the next election.

II FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIMARY COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, IF HELD IN A SPECIAL MEETING

PREPARATION AND FINALISATION OF ELECTION PROGRAMME

34.0(i) The Election Manager of the cooperative society should:

- (a) display the list of voters at least 30 days before the date of election indicating disqualifications, if any;
- (b) issue of notice for special general meeting at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- (c) prepare an election programme specifying date, time and place for the following:
 - i) Attendance of members of society;
 - ii) Filing of nomination papers;
 - iii) Display of list of nominated candidates;
 - iv) Filing of objections by nominated candidates or their proposers;
 - v) Hearing of objections;
 - vi) Scrutiny of nomination papers;
 - vii) Exhibition of list of validly nominated candidates;
 - viii) Withdrawal of nomination papers;
 - ix) Declaration of result of uncontested elections;

- x) Allotment of election symbols;
- xi) Exhibition of list of contesting candidates;
- xii) Poll, if necessary;
- xiii) Counting of votes; and
- xiv) Declaration of results.

He should submit the same to the Registrar at least 30 days before the date of the special general meeting.

- (ii) the Registrar should within seven days of receipt of such programme, convey his approval, failing which, he should record the reasons in writing for not according the approval.

Illustration for Election programme of PACS in single village/ societies whose election is held in GBM

i) For Societies upto 1000 members

DAY 1		
Sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0.	Filing of nomination papers	9 am to 11 am
1	Display of list of nominated candidates	11:00 am to 11:30 am
2	Filing of objections by nominated candidates or their proposers	11:30 am to 1 pm
3	Hearing of objections	1 pm to 3 pm
4	Scrutiny of nomination papers	3 pm to 4 pm
5	Declaration of result of uncontested elections	

6	Exhibition of list of validly nominated candidates	4 pm to 4:30 pm
7	Withdrawal of nomination papers	4:30 pm to 5 pm
8	Declaration of result of uncontested elections;	5 pm
9	Allotment of election symbols	5 pm to 5:30 pm
10	Exhibition of list of contesting candidates	5:30 pm

Day 2

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	polling	9 am to 1pm
2	Counting of votes	1 pm to 3 pm
3	Declaration of result	3 pm

ii) For Societies upto 1001-2000 members

DAY 1

Sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0.		
1	Filing of nomination papers	9 am to 11 am
2	Display of list of nominated candidates	11:00 am to 11:30 am
3	Filing of objections by nominated candidates or their proposers	11:30 am to 1 pm

4	Hearing of objections of Scrutiny nomination papers	1 pm to 3 pm
5	Exhibition of list of validly nominated candidates	3 pm to 4pm
6	Withdrawal of nomination papers	4 pm to 4:30 pm
7	Declaration of result of uncontested elections;	4:30 pm to 5 pm
8		5 pm

Day 2

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	Allotment of election symbols	9 am to 9:30 am
2	Exhibition of list of contesting candidates	9:30 am

Day 3

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	polling	9 am to 1pm
2	Counting of votes	1 pm to 3 pm
3	Declaration of result	3 pm

iii) For Societies more than 2000 members:-

DAY 1

Sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0.		
1	Filing of nomination papers	9 am to 11 am

2	Display of list of nominated candidates	11:00 am to 11:30 am
3	Filing of objections by nominated candidates or their proposers	11:30 am to 1 pm
4	Hearing of objections	1 pm to 3 pm
5	Scrutiny of nomination papers	3 pm to 4 pm
6	Exhibition of list of validly nominated candidates	4 pm to 4:30 pm
7	Withdrawal of nomination papers	4:30 pm to 5 pm
8	Declaration of result of uncontested elections;	5 pm

Day 2

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	Allotment of election symbols	9 am to 9:30 am
2	Exhibition of list of contesting candidates	9:30 am

Day 3

[Reserved for printing of ballot paper]

sn	Election activity	Time allowed
0		
1	polling	9 am to 1 pm
2	Counting of votes	1 pm to 3 pm
3	Declaration of result	3 pm

Day 4

Explanation :- The above illustrations seek to give sufficient opportunity to members of cooperative societies so that they may participate in election in free and fair manner and have adequate time to exercised complete Democratic Member Control as enshrined in Cooperative Principles.]

CALLING OF GENERAL MEETING

35.0 (i)

The meeting for the election of the members of the managing committee should be convened by the Election Manager or Secretary of the cooperative society under the directions of the managing committee and should be held in the manner prescribed in the bye-laws of the cooperative society. At least 15 day's clear notice specifying the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting should be given to all members.

(ii)

In case the Election Manager or Secretary fails to convene the general meeting as above, the Registrar, should convene the meeting.

(iii)

The notice of the meeting should be given :

- by affixing a copy of the notice at the office of the co-operative society; and
- by circulation of the notice book and getting the signatures of members on it; or
- by sending the notice to members by registered post; or

- (iv) by beat of drum in the area of operation of the cooperative society provided the area of operation consists of one village only; or
- (v) by any other mode as may be prescribed by the Registrar through a special or a general order.

PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING

36.0 The meeting should be presided over by the Returning Officer and/or Assistant Returning Officer.

PROPOSALS OF CANDIDATES FOR CONTESTING ELECTIONS

- 37.0 (i) The names of the candidates should be proposed and seconded by any of the members present in the meeting, and
- (ii) The Returning Officer and/ or Assistant Returning Officer should ask and permit the candidates to withdraw their names immediately after such proposal has been made.

VOTING

- 38.0 (i) If the number of candidates left after the withdrawal is equal to or less than the number of persons to be elected, all the persons should be declared elected by the Returning Officer and/ or Assistant Returning Officer;
- (ii) If the number of candidates is larger than the number of persons to be elected, the election should take place by secret ballot;
- (iii) Each voter present should be supplied with an improvised ballot paper having approved election symbols, indicating against each, the name of the candidate to whom such election symbol has been allotted and bearing the stamp of the cooperative society. The voter should affix a rubber stamp having inscribed cross mark (X) on the election symbol against the name of the candidate in whose favour he wants to cast his vote; and
- (iv) The improvised ballot paper on which vote has been recorded should be cast in a closed ballot box.

(iv)

The poll should commence and close at the time fixed in the election programme. All the voters present at the polling station before the closing time provided that they are their votes even after the closing time by the Presiding Officer/ Assistant Presiding Officer before the closing time.

COUNTING OF VOTES

- 39.0 (i) The ballot boxes should be opened immediately after the close of polling in the presence of contesting candidate or their respective authorized agents. Votes polled to each candidate should be counted separately. The candidates found to have secured largest number of votes in order of merit should be declared elected by the Returning Officer and/ Assistant Returning Officer. In the event of candidates securing equal number of votes, the matter should be decided by draw of lot. The Returning Officer and/ or Assistant Returning Officer should, immediately after the completion of counting, declare the result in the meeting itself. After the declaration of the result, he should communicate the same to the Election Manager and the Registrar; and
 - (ii) The proceedings of the meeting should also be recorded in the minutes book and should be signed by the Returning Officer and/ or Assistant Returning Officer.
- 139-A: Notwithstanding anything in these guidelines:-
- i) In case of a zone reserved under the preceding para 4.9, the candidate obtaining the highest number of votes out of the candidates who are contesting for the reserved seat in the zone shall be declared elected from that reserved seat.
 - ii) In case of a zone reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates under preceding para 4.10, the candidate who obtains the highest

number of votes out of the candidates contesting for that reserved seat shall be declared elected. Similarly, the woman candidate who obtains the highest number of votes out of the candidates who are contesting for the seat reserved for women in that zone shall be declared elected from that reserved seat. For unreserved seats, the candidates obtaining highest number of votes in order of merit shall be declared elected. The eligible candidates who contested the reserved seats but were not elected therefrom will also be included while determining this merit.

iii) In case of seat reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates preceding para 4.11, the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes out of the candidates contesting for that seat shall be declared elected. Similarly, the women candidates who obtain the highest and second highest number of votes out of the candidates who are contesting for the two seats reserved for women in that society shall be declared elected from those reserved seats.

For unreserved seats, the candidates found to have obtained largest number of votes in order of merit shall be declared elected. The eligible candidates who contested the reserved seats but were not elected therefrom will also be included while determining this merit.

40.0 Save as otherwise provided, the procedure for appointment of Election Manager, appointment of Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer, and disqualifications of candidates should be same as in case of elections to the managing committee of other cooperative societies, where elections are held by dividing the area of operation into zones.

GENERAL

41.0 The 'Registrar' means the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Punjab at the appropriate level. It includes as following:

- i) All Primary Cooperative Societies except Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies concerned
- ii) Primary Cooperative House Building Societies, Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies concerned
- iii) Urban Cooperative Banks, PADBs, Cooperative Marketing cum- Processing Societies, District Labour Unions and District Cooperative Unions, Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies concerned
- iv) All Apex Cooperative Societies Registrar/Additional Registrar, Cooperative Societies

42.0 These guidelines/directions are issued in keeping with the provisions of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961 Appendix 'C' to the Punjab Cooperative Societies Rules 1963 and in exercise of powers vested with the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Punjab under clause 12 of appendix 'C'. In case of any conflict between these guidelines/directions and the Act and the Rules made thereunder, the provisions of the Act and the Rules would prevail. If an issue needs to be clarified, the matter should be referred to the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Punjab.

Sd/-
 Registrar, Cooperative Societies,
 Punjab, Chandigarh

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ਮਿਤੀ 24.07.06

ਵੱਲੋਂ :

ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ

ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ,

ਵੱਲੋਂ :

ਸਮੂਹ ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਸਮੂਹ ਉਪ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਸਮੂਹ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ,
ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ।

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ : ਸਿਵਲ ਰਿਟ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਨੰ. 4980 ਆਫ਼ 2000 ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਨਾਮ
ਐਫ.ਸੀ.ਸੀ. ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ।

ਯਾਦ ਪੱਤਰ :

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਅੰਕਿਤ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਹਾਈ ਕੋਰਟ ਨੇ ਮਿਤੀ 23.5.06 ਨੂੰ ਹੇਠ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ
ਹੁਕਮ ਪਾਸ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਨ।

The Administrator appointed in the Society are not taking steps to perform this statutory duty in holding the election within the stipulated period and therefore, we would like to direct that in future if and when any Administrator is appointed in a Cooperative Society he shall be bound to hold the election during his tenure and in case of failure to do so the State Government/Registrar, Cooperative Societies should take disciplinary action against them/him and no supervisory officer/Committee is appointed/constituted.

ਇਸ ਲਈ ਅੱਗੇ ਤੋਂ ਹੁਣ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸੁਪਰਵਾਇਜਰੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀ ਮਿਅਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਧਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਹਰ ਹਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਕਰਵਾਉਣੀਆਂ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

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ਵਧੀਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ (ਡੀ)

ਵਾ : ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ

FORMS

Form-1

(Under Para-9.0 of the Election Guidelines) NOMINATION PAPER

(Where election of the society is held by forming zones)

To be filled in by the candidate for election to the committee of _____

(NAME OF THE SOCIETY)

1. Number of zone to which the candidate belongs and seeks election _____

2. PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATE.

- Name in Block Letters _____
- Father's Name _____
- Age _____ Years _____
- Present Occupation _____
- Full Address _____
- Serial No. of the representative (Individual or Cooperative Society) according to the zonal list of the voters _____
- If the candidate is authorised representative of the cooperative society, the complete address of the cooperative society being represented _____

NOTE : In case of a candidate being representative of a cooperative

society, a certified copy of the resolution of the cooperative society, being represented, be attached.

3. PARTICULARS OF THE PROPOSER

- Name in Block Letters _____
- Father's Name _____

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- Age _____ years _____
- Present Occupation _____
- Full Address _____
- Serial Number of the proposer (Individual or cooperative society) _____
- In the zonal list of the voters _____
- If the proposer is authorised representative of a cooperative society, complete address of the cooperative society being represented _____

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Signature/Thumb Impression
of the proposer with date.

4. DECLARATION BY THE CANDIDATE :

I do hereby solemnly declare that :-

- I agree to this nomination.
- I do not possess any of the disqualifications mentioned in the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961, the Rules framed thereunder and the bye-laws of the cooperative society.
- Neither the cooperative society, which I represent, nor I possess any of the disqualifications mentioned in the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961, the Rules framed thereunder and the bye-laws of the cooperative society.
- The particulars given above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NOTE : (1) In case of a candidate being the authorised representative of the cooperative society or the proposer being authorised representative of the cooperative society, this form shall be accompanied by copies of the resolution of their respective cooperative society duly certified in the manner prescribed in Rule 30 of the Punjab Cooperatives Rules 1963.

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Signature/Thumb Impression

of the candidate with date

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in the nomination papers in regard to numbers to be corrected in order to bring them in conformity with the corresponding entries in the list of voters. The Returning Officer may direct any printing error in the said entries may be overlooked.

(b) The Returning Officer may direct any printing error in the said entries may be overlooked.

5. Space for use by the Returning Officer for scrutinising the nomination papers.

i) **Date and time of the receipt of the nomination papers**

ii) Nomination papers accepted/rejected (Grounds in brief be recorded in case the nomination papers of the candidate are to be rejected).

Place _____
Date _____

**Signature of the Returning Officer
and seal indicating his official designation**

iii) Election Symbol allotted in case of voting Place

Place _____
Date _____

**Signature of the Returning Officer
and seal indicating his official designation**

RECEIPT

Received Nomination form, from Shri _____

S/o. Shri _____ for contesting election of _____

Society on the _____ day of _____ month _____ year.

Returning Officer _____

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Name of the Cooperative Society

Sr.No.	Number and/or Name of the Zone	Name and full address of the candidate alongwith name of Coop. Society, if any, he represents	Name of the proposer and also full name of the coop. society, if any, he represents	Date and time of receipt of the Nomination Paper	Signatures of the Returning Officer or in his absence any other officer authorized in his behalf	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Certified that nomination papers from serial No. _____ to Serial No. _____ were received today from _____ a.m. to _____ P.M.

Date : _____

Signature of the Returning Officer and/or Assistant Returning Officer

Name of the Cooperative Society

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List of contesting candidates alongwith election symbols allotted to each

Number and/or name of the Zone _____

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FORM-IV
(Under Para-26 (iii) of the Election Guidelines)
LIST OF TENDERED VOTES

1. Name of the Cooperative Society and Zone _____

2. Polling Station

Sr.No.	Name of the Voter	Number in the list of Voters	Signature/thumb impression of the voter
1	2	3	4
<p>Dated :</p> <p>Signature of the Presiding Officer and/or Assistant Presiding Officer</p>			

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FORM-V
(Under Para-27 of the Election Guidelines)
CHALLENGED VOTERS LIST

1. No. and name of the Polling Station _____

2. Sheet No. _____

Name of the coop. society	Serial No. in the Voters list	Name and Address	Signature/thumb impression of the Voter	Name and other particulars of Challenger	Name and other particulars of identifier, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>Orders of Presiding Officer in each case</p> <p>Dated : _____ Signature of the Presiding Officer and/or Assistant Presiding Officer</p>					

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FORM-VI
(Under Para-29 (viii) of the Election Guidelines)
RESULT SHEET

Name of the Cooperative Society _____

No. & Name of Zone _____

Sr. No.	Name of the Candidate	Votes Polled	Valid & Invalid	Whether elected or not
1	2	3	4	5

Signature of the Presiding Officer and/or Assistant Presiding Officer _____

Dated : _____

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FORM-VII
(Under Para-31 of the Election Guidelines)
BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT

Name of the Cooperative Society _____

No. & Name of Zone _____

Ballot papers issued for the Polling Station		Ballot papers used		Ballot papers not used		Discrepancy, if any and reasons thereof
From Serial No. _____ to Serial No. _____	Total No. _____	From Serial No. _____ to Serial No. _____	Total No. _____	From Serial No. _____ to Serial No. _____	Total No. _____	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.

Signature of the Presiding Officer and/or Assistant Presiding Officer _____

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ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE 1

DECLARATION ON OATH

(Under Para-9.1 (i) of the Election Guidelines)

I, _____, having been nominated as a candidate to the elections to the Managing Committee/BOB of _____ cooperative society,

do swear in the name of God solemnly affirm that:

- a) I am not in default to any cooperative society in respect of any sum due from me to the cooperative society or do not owe to any cooperative society an amount exceeding my maximum credit limit;
- b) I do not have any direct or indirect interest in any contract to which the cooperative society is a party except in transactions made with the cooperative society as a member in accordance with the objects of the cooperative society as stated in its bye-laws;
- c) I have not been at any time during a period of one year prior to the date of scrutiny of nomination papers, engaged in any private business, trade or profession of any description which is carried on by the cooperative society;
- d) I have not been convicted for any offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude during a period of five years prior to the date of scrutiny of nomination papers;
- e) I am not covered under any of the restrictions as per Rule 29 of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Rules, 1963;
- f) I have not, during a period of 12 months preceding the date of filing of nomination papers, remained inactive as member or have not been carrying on, through agencies other than the cooperative society of which I am a

member, the same business as is being carried on, by the cooperative society:

- g) I have not incurred any other disqualification as laid down in the bye-laws of the cooperative society;
- h) I have not been a member of the managing committee of the cooperative society for two continuous terms and in case, I have served on the managing committee of the cooperative society for two continuous terms, a period of five years has expired since I last so served; and

- i) I am not a member of managing committees of more than two primary cooperative societies or more than one central or apex cooperative society.

Sign/




















Thumb Impression

Name & Address
Place: _____

Date: _____

of the Candidate _____

LIST OF APPROVED ELECTION SYMBOLS (Under Para-16.0 (i) of the Election Guidelines)

1	ਮੋਟਰਸਾਈਕਲ		11	ਮੋਸ਼	
2	ਮੁਰਗ		12	ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ	
3	ਸਾਈਕਲ		13	ਘੰਟੀ	
4	ਟਰਕ		14	ਮੋਮਬੱਤੀ	
5	ਜਹਾਜ਼		15	ਫੁੱਲ	
6	ਅਲਮਾਰੀ		16	ਰੇਡੀਓ	
7	ਕੁਰਸੀ		17	ਬੱਸ	
8	ਖਾੜੀ		18	ਪਤੀਲਾ	
9	ਸੋਢ		19	ਪੇੜੀ	
10	ਕੈਰੀ		20	ਟੈਲੀਵਿਜ਼ਨ	