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ARRANGEMENTS THAT EXIST FOR CONSULTATION WITH OR REPRESENTATION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE FORMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

(1) **Representation by the members of the public in the “Puducherry Co-operative Advisory Council”**: Sub-section (1) of Section 166 of the Puducherry Co-operative Societies Act, 1972, empowers the Government to constitute a council called “Puducherry Co-operative Advisory Council”, consisting of 23 members. Six members of the said Council have to be nominated by the Government, out of which one shall be a woman. Further, three members have to be nominated by the Government from the members of the Puducherry Legislative Assembly.

(2) **Functions of the “Puducherry Co-operative Advisory Council”**: Sub-section (3) of Section 166 of the Puducherry Co-operative Societies Act, 1972, envisages the following functions:-

- (a) To advise the Government on all general questions relating to co-operative movements;
- (b) To review the co-operative movement and to suggest ways of co-ordinating the activities of co-operative societies;
- (c) To suggest ways and means to remove the difficulties experienced by the co-operative societies;
- (d) To make recommendations to the Government in regard to any matter relating to the administration of co-operative societies; and
- (e) To report to the Government on such matters as may be referred to it by the Government for its opinion.