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Co-operative Department
Government of Puducherry
V.V.P.Nagar, Puducherry – 605009.

Puducherry, dated **06-12-2011**

CIRCULAR

Sub: The Pondicherry Co-operative Societies Act, 1972 – Sub-section (3) of Section 32 - Reservation of seats for the members of the scheduled castes in the committee of management of registered primary co-operative societies - Amendment – Follow-up action - Requested.

Ref: (1) **Puducherry Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2010 [Act No.9 of 2010]** as published in the Government of Puducherry Official Extraordinary **Gazette No.44 dated 27-9-2010** by the Notification of the Law Department in No.83/Leg./09-10/LD dated 13-9-2010.

(2) **G.O.Ms.No.2/Co-op dated 11-11-2011** of the Chief Secretariat (Co-operation), Puducherry.

It is informed that, sub-section (3) of Section 32 of the Pondicherry Co-operative Societies Act, 1972 was amended, *vide reference 1st cited*, and the said amendment received the assent of the Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry on the **31st August, 2010** and was published in the Official Gazette on the **27th September, 2010**. The Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry has appointed the **15th November, 2011** as the date on which the said Act shall come into force in the whole of the Union Territory of Puducherry, *vide reference 2nd cited*.

2. The said amendment was made for providing **reservation of seats in the committee of management (for short, "the committee") of registered primary societies, for the members belonging to scheduled castes**. The gist of the said amendment is given below:

(1) Reservation of seats in the committee of registered primary societies for the members belonging to scheduled castes:

(a) Reservation of one seat: If the committee consists of **not exceeding nine members, one seat shall be reserved** in the committee for the members belonging to scheduled castes, who shall be elected by and from among the members of such society.

(b) Reservation of two seats: If the committee consists of **exceeding nine members, two seats shall be reserved** in the committee for the members belonging to scheduled castes, who shall be elected by and from among the members of such society.

(c) Co-option: If no member belonging to the scheduled castes is elected to the committee, then the committee shall co-opt the members of the scheduled castes from among the members of the society to the membership of the committee.

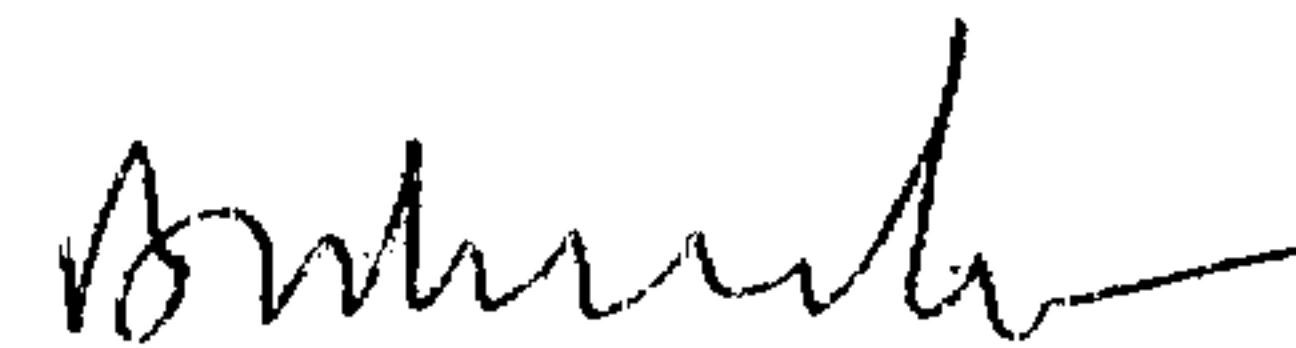
(d) Filling up of causal vacancy through co-option: A casual vacancy, arising out of resignation, death or otherwise of such member belonging to scheduled castes, shall be filled up by way of co-option from among the members of the society belonging to scheduled castes.

(e) Women members or members belonging to weaker sections or scheduled castes are not prevented from being elected to the non-reserved seats in the committee.

(2) Exemption from reservation of seats in the committee: Primary societies, which are formed exclusively for the benefit of students or fishermen or members belonging to the scheduled castes, *shall not be required to provide reservation of seats* in the committee for the members belonging to scheduled castes.

3. In view of the above, ***the Presidents / Administrators / Special Officers of the primary co-operative societies***, except the students cooperative stores, fishermen cooperatives and societies formed exclusively for scheduled castes, ***are requested to arrange to amend their bye-laws expeditiously so as to provide reservation of one seat or two seats, as the case may be, for the members of the scheduled castes in the committee.***

4. The receipt of this circular may be acknowledged.



(B.R. BABU)

REGISTRAR OF COOP. SOCIETIES

To

All registered coop. societies functioning in the Union territory of Puducherry.

Copy to:

- (1) The Director, Department of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry.
- (2) The Joint Registrar of Coop. Societies, Puducherry.
- (3) The Dairy Development Officer, Puducherry.)
- (4) The Deputy Registrar (Audit) / (Credit) /)
(Housing) (Planning) (Consumers) /)
(Handlooms).) For follow-up action
- (5) The Deputy Registrar (Karaikal) / (Mahe))
- (6) The Coop. Officer (Yanam))