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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Co-operation (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

GO(P)98/2021/Co-op.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 15th June, 2021,

1st Mithunam, 1196.

S. R. O. No. 451/2021

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 of a period of five years in accordance with the bye-laws and entrust the management of the affairs of the society to such a 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 requested that the restrictions ordered by the State Government in view of spread of second phase 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 sub-section(1) of section 28 of the said Act and Rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969. The Registrar has been 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 six months from 1st May, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that it is necessary in public interest, the spread of second phase of COVID-19 pandemic situation still exist, it is necessary to except the Co-operative Societies from the provision of sub-section(1) of section 28 of Kerala Co-Operative Societies Act, 1969, and Rule 35A of the Kerala Co-Operative Societies Rule, 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 six months from 1st May, 2021. 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 and Rule 35 A of the Kerala Co-Operative Societies Rule, 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 six months from 1st May, 2021 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,

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 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 the context of spread of second phase of COVID-19 pandemic situation still exist, the members of the Co-operative Societies are not in a position to participate in the election and the department officers 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 spread of second phase of COVID-19 pandemic situation still exist, 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 six months from 1st May 2021.

The order is intended to achieve the above object.

