

// Elections – Most Immediate//

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To

All the Collectors and District Election Authorities except Hyderabad.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: TSEC – Elections – Ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats, 2019 – Clarification sought – Furnished – Reg.

Ref: Roc. No. 1334/2018/Elections/Clarifications, dtd: 10.01.2019 from the C & DEA, Jangaon.

In the reference cited, the Collector & DEA, Jangaon has sought clarification from State Election Commission that, whether, Members/Directors of the Mutually Aided Society Ltd., are eligible to contest in the ensuing Gram Panchayat Elections or not.

In this regard, it is informed to all the Collectors & District Election Authorities that, the eligibility of persons to contest in the Panchayat Raj Body elections is to be examined with reference to Sec. 20(1) of the TPR Act, 2018 which reads as under:

"No village servant and no officer or servant of the Government of India or any State Government or of a local authority or an employee or any institution receiving aid from the funds or the Government and no office-bearer of anybody constituted under a law made by the Legislature of the State or of Parliament shall be qualified for being chosen as or for being a member of Gram Panchayat."

Hence, it is also clarified that, Cooperative Societies are all organisations registered under the Cooperative Societies Act, 1964. The Cooperative Societies are not directly constituted under the said Act. Therefore, office bearers of Cooperative Societies of all types are entitled to contest elections to Panchayat Raj Bodies.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- M. Ashok Kumar
Secretary

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1. The all the DPOs
2. All the MPDOs through the C & DEAs concerned.
3. All the Returning Officers through the C & DEAs concerned.

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Joint Secretary
10/1/19