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[Under Section 69 of the Goa Co-operative Societies Act, 2001(Goa Act no.36 of 2001)]

Subject: Management of Cooperative Societies and Appointment of Administrators.

Instances have come to the attention that the term of administrator or committee of administrators appointed under Section 67A of the Goa Cooperative Societies Act, 2001, by the Zonal Offices, is extended for over a year without justified reasons. The primary objective of appointing these administrators was to streamline the operations of the societies and facilitate a timely transition to a democratically elected board.

The ongoing extensions of the terms for appointed administrators or committee of administrators beyond the reasonable timeframe outlined in the appointment orders set a concerning precedent. This practice undermines the democratic principles that are fundamental to the cooperative sector. It has also led to a situation where cooperative societies operate under the control of administrators, thereby neglecting the necessity for a democratically elected board.

To address this issue, it is imperative that the concerned Zonal Offices take immediate action to ensure the affairs of the societies are handed over to democratically elected boards by conducting timely elections.

Accordingly, all Assistant Registrars are hereby instructed to ensure that no administrator or committee of administrators is appointed for more than nine months in aggregate to manage the affairs of any society. There should be valid reasons preventing the formation of a board within this nine-month period, an extension of up to three months may be granted. However, under no circumstances should the total duration exceed twelve months.

In instances where, despite all efforts, members do not come forward to contest elections and form a board, immediate action must be taken to issue notices to all members. These notices should require members to show cause as to why the society should not be deregistered.

The Cooperation of all the Asstt. Registrars in adhering to these guidelines is essential to uphold the democratic principles in the cooperative societies and also adhering to the principles of lesser Government and more Governance.

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