



No. CEA-12011/173/2024
Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
The Co-operative Election Authority

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Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi -110029
Dated: 11 December, 2024

ORDER

Sub: Appointment of "Returning Officer" and the "Election Programme" for Conduct of Bharathi Inter-State Fisherman Cooperative Ltd. (BIFCO).

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 45 K (1) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (MSCS) Act 2002, as amended by the MSCS amendment Act 2023 read with Rule 19F (a) of the MSCS Rules 2002, as amended with MSCS Rules in 2023, the Co-operative Election Authority hereby appoints **Regional Administrator, Mahe District, Pondicherry** as Returning Officer for conducting Elections as under:

Elections of the Bharathi Inter-State Fisherman Cooperative Ltd. (BIFCO),	
Number of Board of Directors	Twelve Director (General 9, Women 2 & SC/ST 1)
Office Bearers (2)	(i) Chairman -01 & (ii) Vice Chairman- 01

- RO may submit proposal for appointment of adequate number of ARO.
- The Constituency shall be as per registered and approved Bye-Laws of the Society.
- Further, in view of Rule 19(1)(2) of the MSCS Rules 2002 as amended in 2023 with MSCS Rules as 2023, the Election Programme for conducting election of the aforementioned Society is enclosed for further necessary action. RO is requested to ensure the election is conducted as per the MSCS Act, 2002 and Rules framed thereunder.
- After conduct of Elections of Board of Directors, the RO is mandated to submit the requisite details in Format 19 M (for members of the Board of Directors) under rule 19 M for seeking **prior approval** of the Co-operative Election Authority.
- After conduct of elections of Office Bearers, the RO shall submit the requisite details in Format 19-N for seeking **prior approval** of CEA before declaration of results.
- Returning Officer shall ensure that the Society prominently displays the **List of Eligible Voters, Election Programme and Final List of the Contesting Candidates**, and other related important documents on the website of the Society for enabling free, fair and transparent elections.
- Wide publicity be given for holding of Elections in terms of provision of the MSCS Act and the rules framed thereunder including advertisement in each state of operation. RO shall also issue a press release.

9. Instructions for filling-up of the Format- M and N have been appended below the Format M and N, the same should be scrupulously followed by the Returning Officer.



By Order

Ved Prakash Dwivedi

Assistant Registrar (Cooperation)