



GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER/DISTRICT MAGISTRATE (NEW DELHI
DISTRICT)
12/1, JAM NAGAR HOUSE, SHAHJAHAN ROAD, NEW DELHI-110011

F.No.2/ DC/ND/RO/AIHFMCSL/2026/ 3223-3225

Dated: 27/08/2026

ORDER

Subject: *Delegation of the function of scrutiny of nomination forms for election of Delegates to the General Body of All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. to the respective Assistant Returning Officers, in exercise of powers under the proviso to Rule 19G(2) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Rules, 2002.*

1. Reference is invited to the letter dated 12.08.2026 addressed by the Chief Executive Officer, All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd., requesting that candidates be permitted to file their nomination forms for election of Delegates to the General Body of the Society at their respective polling places, and that the requisite powers to receive nomination forms be delegated to the Assistant Returning Officers ("AROs") posted at such places.

2. As per the Revised Election Programme dated 05.08.2026 issued by the Cooperative Election Authority, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India ("the Authority"), the schedule for the Election of Delegates is as under:

Particulars	Date
Filing of nomination forms (opens)	21.09.2026
Filing of nomination forms (closes)	25.09.2026
Intervening non-working days	26.09.2026 (Saturday) and 27.09.2026 (Sunday)
Scrutiny of nomination forms	28.09.2026

3. It is evident from the above schedule that **no working day intervenes** between 25.09.2026, the last date fixed for filing of nominations, and 28.09.2026, the date fixed for scrutiny thereof — 26.09.2026 and 27.09.2026 being a Saturday and Sunday respectively.

4. It is further noted that the Election of Delegates to the General Body of the Society is being conducted simultaneously across multiple polling/nomination centres spread across different States, at each of which candidates are permitted to file their nominations up to the last date, i.e.,

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25.09.2026. A list of such places for filing/receipt and scrutiny of nomination forms is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

5. Also, Rule 19G(2) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Rules, 2002, as amended, provides as under:

"(2) Every Assistant Returning Officer shall, subject to the control of the Returning Officer and general control of the Authority, be competent to perform all or any of the functions of the Returning Officer:

PROVIDED that, no Assistant Returning Officer shall perform the functions of the Returning Officer relating to the scrutiny of nominations unless the Returning Officer is unavoidably prevented from performing the said function."

6. The proviso, being an exception to the general rule that scrutiny is to be undertaken personally by the Returning Officer, is required to be construed strictly, and the satisfaction that the Returning Officer is "unavoidably prevented" must be based on objective circumstances recorded on file, and not on mere administrative convenience.

7. On a consideration of the record, the Returning Officer finds and records the following objective circumstances, each of which is independent of any administrative choice and outside the control of this office:

(i) The election calendar, including the last date for filing of nominations and the date fixed for scrutiny, has been fixed by the Cooperative Election Authority under the Revised Election Programme dated 05.08.2026, and is not a timeline that this office is competent to alter or extend;

(ii) Between the last date for filing of nominations (25.09.2026) and the date fixed for scrutiny (28.09.2026), there is no working day whatsoever, 26.09.2026 and 27.09.2026 being a Saturday and Sunday;

(iii) Nomination forms are being filed simultaneously at numerous polling/nomination centres located across different States, as per Annexure-A, and not at a single location;

(iv) Given (ii) and (iii) above, it is not physically feasible to transport, collate, and verify all nomination forms from such geographically dispersed locations to the Office of the Returning Officer, New Delhi, within the intervening non-working period, nor is it thereafter feasible for the Returning Officer to personally undertake scrutiny of all such forms on 28.09.2026 itself; and

(v) The impossibility so arising is not a matter of preference or expedience, but flows directly from the statutory election calendar fixed by the Authority read with the intervening holidays and the multi-State character of the election, none of which lay within the control of this office.

8. The Returning Officer is accordingly satisfied, for the reasons recorded above, that he/she is **unavoidably prevented** from personally undertaking the scrutiny of nomination forms within the time prescribed, within the meaning of the proviso to Rule 19G(2) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Rules, 2002. This finding is confined strictly to the present election and the facts on record, and shall not be treated as a general or standing delegation for any other or future election.

9. In exercise of the powers available under the proviso to Rule 19(G)(2) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Rules, 2002, as amended from time to time, and for the reasons recorded hereinabove, the function of scrutiny of nomination forms for the election of Delegates to the General Body of the All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. is hereby entrusted to the respective Assistant Returning Officers at their respective polling/nomination centres as per Annexure-A, subject to the following directions:

(a) Every Assistant Returning Officer shall ensure proper receipt, safe custody and documentation of all nomination forms filed at his/her centre;

(b) Scrutiny of nomination forms shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Rules, 2002, as amended by the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Rules, 2023, and the Revised Election Programme dated 05.08.2026;

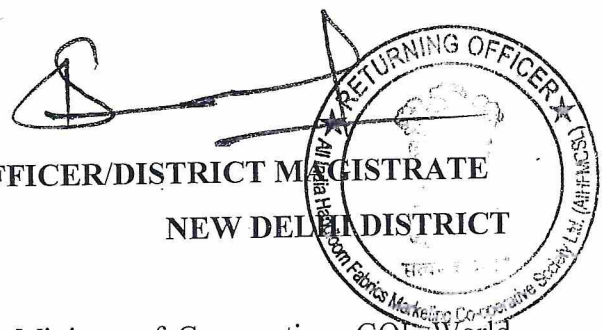
(c) Each Assistant Returning Officer shall record, in writing, brief reasons for acceptance or rejection of every nomination form scrutinised by him/her;

(d) Complete records of scrutiny, including the reasons recorded under clause (c), shall be forwarded to the Returning Officer without delay for consolidation, record, and any further action as may be required under the Rules; and

(e) This delegation is confined to the scrutiny of nominations for the present Election of Delegates to the General Body of the Society under the Revised Election Programme dated 05.08.2026, and shall stand exhausted on completion of the said scrutiny.

10. The list of places for filing/receipt and scrutiny of nomination forms for the election of Delegates is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

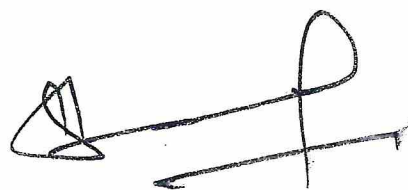
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Copy for necessary action and information to:-

1. The Chairman, Cooperative Election Authority, Ministry of Cooperation, GOI, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-
2. All AROs, (New Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Varanasi and Mumbai)

3. CEO, All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd with the request to circulate the above order to all concerned and make the necessary arrangement in coordination with AROs.



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The list of places for filing/receipt and scrutiny of nomination forms for the election of Delegates to the General Body of the All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd.

S. No.	STATE	PLACE OF NOMINATION/SCRUTINY	FOR STATE/UTS/CLASS
1.	NEW DELHI	O/o Returning Officer/District Magistrate (New Delhi District) All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-op, Society Ltd., 12/1, Jam Nagar House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi-110011	Haryana, Special/separate Constituency (as per bye-laws clause no. 20 (b) (iii) and Class-'A' members
2.	CHENNAI	O/o Assistant Returning Officer All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-op, Society Ltd., Export Department, 6, Sunkurama Street, Chennai-600001, Tamil Nadu.	T.N, Kerala, Karnataka
3.	HYDERABAD	O/o Assistant Returning Officer All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-op, Society Ltd., Handloom House, Machani Somappa Bhavan,5-5-395 Mukhramjahi Road, Nampally, Hyderabad-500001, Telangana.	A.P, Telangana
4.	KOLKATA	O/o Assistant Returning Officer All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-op, Society Ltd., Zonal Procurement Center, 2, Garstin Place, Kolkata-700001 West Bengal.	Manipur, Assam, Tripura, W.B, Jharkhand & Odisha



5.	VARANASI	O/o Assistant Returning Officer All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-op, Society Ltd., Zonal Procurement Center, J-12/35-E, Dhoopchandi, Nati Imli, Varanasi-221002, Uttar Pradesh.	U.P
6.	MUMBAI	O/o Assistant Returning Officer All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-op, Society Ltd., Zonal Procurement Center, 211-219, Bharati Bhavan, 2 nd Floor, P.D.' Mello Road, Opp. St. George Hospital, Mumbai-400001, Maharashtra.	Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, MP and Gujarat.

