

*“No carelessness until there is a cure. Wear Mask, follow physical distancing
& maintain hand hygiene.”*

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION

GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI

M-Block , I.P. Estate (near ITO) Vikas Bhawan: New Delhi-2

Order under Para 2(B) of the PGC Resolution No. F.4/14/94-AR/dt. 25.9.97

Date of hearing: 23.03.2022

Complainant : The Secretary, S.B.I Employees Cooperative
Group Housing Society Ltd.

Respondent : The Registrar,
Department of Cooperative Societies,
GNCT of Delhi through
Shri Harbans Malhotra, Section Officer
Office of RCS – Present.

1. Brief Facts of the Case

1.1 The Secretary, SBI Employees Co-op. Group Society Ltd., Road No. 42, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 has made several allegations against the office and officials of Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi regarding serious irregularities committed by the present office bearers of the Society, some of whom are not even members of the Society, non-supply of information under RTI Act, 2005 by the department, allowing non-members to participate and contest elections and despite there being requisite quorum, disallowing permission to conduct audits for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18, disobeying the orders passed by the Hon'ble Central Information Commission and withholding execution of the award passed by the learned Arbitrator besides others.

2. Facts emerged during the proceedings

2.1 Shri Harbans Malhotra, Section Officer, Office of the Registrar Cooperative Societies filed Minutes of the meeting dated 22.03.2022. The operative part of the said Minutes are reproduced below:-

“An Inspecting Officer u/s 61 of DCS Act, 2003 may be appointed so that the facts regarding membership and other issues may be brought on record. It was also directed by the Special RCS to get the special audit of the Society be conducted and a Special Auditor be appointed.”

- 2.2 Sh. I.C. Trikha, Ex-Secretary of the Society, filed a letter dated 15.10.2015 issued by Sh. A.K. Verma, Asstt. Registrar (Section-VII), Office of the RCS to Sh. T. Tarun Kumar, Asstt. Director (Plg.)/Returning Officer, SBI Employees Co-op. Group Society Ltd., stating therein that *“Since the membership of the following four members i.e. Sh.B.L. Saluja, Sh. V.P. Sachdeva, Sh. S.S. Arora and Sh. A.S. Arora have not been regularized due to absence of requisite documents as per schedule VII, they shall not be eligible for election as a member of the Committee as per provision of sub section 7 of section 35 of the DCS Act, 2003.”*

3. Directions

- 3.1 The Registrar, Cooperative Societies is requested to direct the Inspecting Officer appointed under section 61 of DCS Act, 2003 to look into the grievances of the complainant regarding membership and other issues holistically and resolve these issues in a time bound manner. Further, the special audit of the Society shall be conducted expeditiously and the final audit report shall be shared with the concerned stakeholders for further necessary action in the matter. The respondent department shall intimate the complainant as well as the Commission of the outcome of this grievance. However, if the complainant is not satisfied with the steps taken by the RCS office for redressal of his grievances, he is at liberty to take any other legal course of action for resolution of the same.
- 3.2 With these directions, the case stands disposed of in the Commission.

(MADHU SHARAN)
MEMBER

No.PGC/2018/RCS/17

Dated:

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1. The Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Court's Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Special Registrar, Cooperative Societies, GNCT of Delhi, Old court's Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
3. The Asstt. Registrar (Section-VII), Office of the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
4. The Secretary, RWA, SBI Employees Cooperative Group Housing Society Ltd., Road No. 42, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034.
5. Sh. I.C. Trikha