

**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**BY SPEED POST**

**No. R-11017/2/2013-L&M**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**  
**Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare**  
**(Office of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies)**

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**Dated 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

To

The Secretary (Cooperation) of all States/UTs  
(As per list annexed)

Subject: Bringing of Multi State Cooperative Societies under the jurisdiction of Central Vigilance Commission - reg.

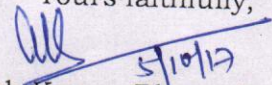
Sir,

I am directed to refer to Office Memorandum No. 399/9//2010-AVD-III dated 01.02.2013 issued by the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India (**copy enclosed**) on the above mentioned subject and to say that in the above said OM, multi-state cooperative societies were brought under the jurisdiction of Central Vigilance Commission. However, the said OM was challenged in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and status quo was maintained in the matter due to the order dated 16.08.2016 passed by the Hon'ble High Court.

2. Government of India is fully committed to abolish corruption in cooperative sector and for giving severe punishment to the culprits in this regard. Hence, this Department proposes to work out a proper and effective procedure to minimize corruption in the cooperative sector for which the cooperation of all State Governments and Union Territories is required. The comprehensive procedure being followed by your State/UT for removing corruption in the cooperative sector and the procedure adopted in your State/UT for punishing the culprits may be furnished to this Department at the earliest.

Encl.: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani)  
Joint Secretary (Cooperation) &  
Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies  
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**Copy to:** Registrar of Cooperative Societies of All States/UTs

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No. 399/9/2010-AVD-III  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions  
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi,  
Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2013.

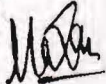
**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Central Vigilance Commission's jurisdiction over employees of Multi-State Cooperative Societies like NAFED, KRIBHCO etc.**

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The undersigned is directed to say that a question has been recently raised as to whether Central Vigilance Commission functioning under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 has jurisdiction/superintendence over the Multi-State Cooperative Societies like NAFED, KRIBHCO etc.

2. A legal opinion of Learned Attorney General was obtained which has been accepted by the Ministry of Law & Justice. The Ld. Attorney General has opined that the Members, office bearers and employees of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies would fall within the purview of Section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and that the Central Vigilance Commission is duly empowered to exercise jurisdiction over NAFED and KRIBHCO and similar societies under Section 8 (1) of the CVC, Act, 2003. ]
3. All Ministries/Departments are requested to take note of the legal position stated above in so far as the societies with which they are administratively concerned for taking appropriate action.

  
(M.M. Maurya)

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To

1. All the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.
2. The Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission, Satarkata Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. ✓ NIC for uploading of the Department's website.