Directorate of Co-operation, Himachal Pradesh.

No.: 5-290/76-Coop. (C&M)-

Dated: Shimla-9, // Sept, 2025.

"OFFICE ORDER"

Whereas, the election process for constituting a new Board of Directors of the Kangra Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") has been initiated with effect from 01.08.2025, as approved by the Additional Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Dharamshala, vide order dated 31.07.2025.

And whereas, for persistently disobeying the lawful directions issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), and this office, proceedings under Section 37 of the Himachal Pradesh Co-operative Societies Act, 1968 have been initiated against the members of the present Board of Directors of the Bank by issuance of a show cause notice, requiring them to explain as to why they should not be removed from office and disqualified from being elected to any committee of a co-operative society under Sections 37(1)(a) and 37(6) of the said Act respectively, for their aforesaid acts of omission and commission; and, simultaneously, they have been placed under suspension and an Administrator has been appointed to manage the affairs of the Bank.

And whereas, the Government of Himachal Pradesh, vide notification dated 1st September, 2025, has declared the entire State as "disaster affected" under Section 34 of the National Disaster Management Act, 2005, in view of the widespread devastation caused by incessant monsoon rains, landslides, and cloudbursts since June, 2025.

And whereas, the operational area of the Kangra Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. extends over five districts, namely Kangra, Una, Hamirpur, Kullu, and Lahaul & Spiti, which are among the worst affected on account of the heavy rains and cloudbursts; and in such prevailing circumstances, the



situation is not conducive for the smooth conduct and completion of the ongoing election process of the Bank.

Now, therefore, keeping in view the aforesaid developments, and in order to ensure transparency and propriety in the electoral process, it is hereby ordered that the election process initiated with effect from 01.08.2025 for the constitution of the new Board of Directors of the Kangra Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., as approved by the Additional Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Dharamshala, vide order dated 31.07.2025, shall stand cancelled forthwith. It is further ordered that fresh elections shall be undertaken only after normalization of the flood and rain situation in the State, or upon the conclusion of the proceedings initiated against the members of the present Board, whichever is later.

> (Dorje Charring Negil IAS) Registrar Co-operative Societies, Himachal Pradesh.

Endst. No.: 5-140/76-Coop.(C&M)-V Copy to:

Dated: Shimla-9, 1174 Sept. 2025.

1. The Secretary (Co-operation) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information please.

2. The Divisional Commissioner, Kangra at Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra, H.P. for

information and necessary compliance.

3. The Additional Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra, H.P. for compliance.

4. Managing Director, the Kangra Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra, H.P. for information and compliance.

> (Dorje Chhering Negi, IAS) Registrar Co-operative Societies, Himachal Pradesh.