



**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE (SOUTH EAST) /  
RETURNING OFFICER (SONACO)  
OLD GARGI COLLEGE BUILDING, LAJPAT NAGAR-IV,  
NEW DELHI-110024.**

No.F.DM(SE)/RO/SONACO/Elec/2024/ 1977-79

Date: 12/08/2024

**Notice**

**(Under rule 19 of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002)**

All Members of Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO),

**Subject: Elections of the Members of Board of Directors of Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO) on 09.09.2024.**

1. Pursuant to the decision of the Board of Directors of SONACO in its meeting held on 30th April, 2024, I have been appointed Returning Officer by the Cooperative Election Authority vide Order no. CEA-12011/77/2024 dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to conduct the elections of Board of Directors and the office bearers of the Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO) under the provisions of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, and rules made there under in this regard. Therefore, the elections of members of Board of Directors of SONACO would be conducted as per provisions of section 45(3)(4) of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 and rule 19 read with Schedule of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002, as given in succeeding Paragraphs of this notification.
2. Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO) has already intimated you vide their letter dated 31st July, 2024 that the General Body Meeting of the SONACO will be held on 07<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Office Complex of SONACO, C-26, Sub-basement, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi-110048.
3. In terms of Bye-law no. 35(a) of the SONACO, the General Body shall elect 07 Directors out of the three constituencies of SONACO such as 1. General-04 Members, 2. SC/ST-01 Member and 3. Women-02 Members. Extract of Bye-law No. 35 (i) (a) is given in Annexure-I
4. The administration of Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO) has provided a list of active members of SONACO who are entitled to vote as per the provisions of the section 11 & 37 of the Bye Laws of SONACO. Each member will have to bring his/her Aadhar Card at the time of Election as a proof of identity to cast his/her Vote.

**Ajay Kumar Gupta, IAS**  
**District Magistrate, South East Delhi &**  
**Returning Officer**  
**Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative**  
**Society Limited (SONACO)**  
**C-26, Sub-basement, Greater Kailash-1,**  
**New Delhi 110048**

5. The extract of the relevant provisions of section 28, 29 and 38(3) and 43(1) of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 are enclosed at Annexure-II. These provisions regulate exercise of members rights, Disqualification for member of a Multi-State Cooperative Society, representation of a Cooperative Society/ a Multi-State Cooperative Society on the board of another multi-State Cooperative Society (in this Case the SONACO) and disqualifications for being a member of Board. In this connection copy of extract of bye-laws no. 8,15, and 37(1)(n) of SONACO are also enclosed at **Annexure —III** for your information and compliance.
6. The election of Board of Directors of SONACO will be held on 07th September 2024 at the office of the SONACO, C-26, Sub-Basement, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi-110048 from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the following Constituencies and number of vacancies to be filled. The election programme is enclosed as **Annexure – IV**.

I.	Area of the Constituencies and Number of Vacancies to be filled as per bye-law 35 (i) (a)	<p>General Constituency- 04 from amongst themselves.</p> <p>SC/ST Constituency- 01 From amongst themselves.</p> <p>Women Constituency- 02 from amongst themselves.</p> <p><b><u>Reserve Seats</u></b></p> <p>As per Bye-law 34 (i)(a) of SONACO as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">Constituency</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Reserve Category</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Constituency No-I</td> <td>General Category-4 Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Constituency No-II</td> <td>SC/ST-One Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Constituency No-III</td> <td>Women-2 Members</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Constituency	Reserve Category	Constituency No-I	General Category-4 Members	Constituency No-II	SC/ST-One Member	Constituency No-III	Women-2 Members
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7. Election will be conducted in accordance with rule 19 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002 and the Schedule appended to the said Rules prescribing the procedure for conducting the elections.
8. The delegate/ representative Contesting from reserve Category shall have to furnish the certificate issued by the competent authority with regard to Caste, tribe, BPL (below poverty line) etc., along with his/ her nomination form. Such Candidate shall also mention applicable Category in his/ her nomination form.
9. A copy of the list of members as it stood 30 days prior to the date of election, together with the names of their authorized delegates, who are eligible to participate in the election has been exhibited on the Notice Board of the office of Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO) at C-26, Sub-basement, Greater Kailash -1, New Delhi 110048 since 08.08.2024. A copy of the list may be obtained from the Managing Director of Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO), on payment of Rs, 10/- after the publication of the list.



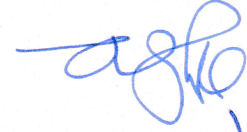
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**Election of office bearers of the Board**

10. As soon as the members of Board of Directors have been elected on 09th September, 2024, a meeting of the newly elected members of Board of Directors of the Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO) will be held in the same venue on 10th September, 2024 at 12.00 Noon for the purpose of election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, as per provisions of rule 19N of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002. The Schedule of the election shall be announced in the meeting of the newly elected members of the Board.

Thanking You

Yours Faithfully,



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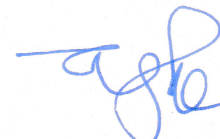
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Copy to:

1. Notice Board of the Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO).
2. The Chairperson, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, Office of Cooperative Election Authority, Floor, Tower-E, World Trade Center, Nauroji Nagar, Delhi-110029
3. Managing Director, Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO), C-26, Sub-basement, Greater Kailash -1, New Delhi-110048.

Encl: As above



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Extract of Bye-law of Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society  
Limited (SONACO)

**CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**35 (i)** The affairs of the society shall be managed by the Board of Directors consisting of the following:

a). Seven Directors to be elected by the members in the general body. One seat will be reserved for SC/ST and two seats will be reserved for Women.

b). The Chief Executive, who is the ex- officio member of the Board of Directors.

c). In addition, the board of directors may co-opt two members of the board having experience in the field of banking, management, finance or specialization in any other field relating to the objects and activities of the society. Such co-opted members shall not have the right to vote in any election of the cooperative society in their capacity as such member or to be eligible to be elected as office bearers of the board.

b). The functional directors of the society shall also be the members of the board and such members shall be excluded for the purpose of counting of total number of directors as specified in section 41 of the MSCS act 2002.

**(ii)** All the directors except be the Chief Executive, Functional Directors or Co-opted Directors shall be elected by the members in the General Body Meeting.

**(iii)** The term of office of the elected members of the board of directors and its office bearers shall be five years from the date of election and the term of office bearers shall be conterminous with the term of the board.

**(iv)** The election of the board shall be conducted before the expiry of the term of the board so as to ensure that newly elected members of the board assume office immediately on the expiry of the office of the members of the outgoing board.

**(v)** The superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections of the cooperative society shall vest in such authority or body as may be provided by the law and the election shall be conducted as per procedure and guidelines provided in the Act and Rules.

Extract of the Relevant Provisions of section 28, 29 and 38(3) and 43(1) of  
the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002

<p>Section 28 of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002</p>	<p><b>Members not to exercise rights till due payment made:-</b> No member of a multi-State cooperative society shall exercise the rights of a member, unless he has made the payment [of all dues to the multi-state cooperative society including the payment in respect of membership, or has availed such minimum level of product or services as in the bye-laws] or has acquired such interest in the society, as may be specified in the bye-laws.</p>
<p>Section 29 of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002</p>	<p><b>Disqualification for member of a multi-State cooperative society.</b> — No person shall be eligible for being a member of a multi-State cooperative society if-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) his business is in conflict or competitive with the business of such multi-State cooperative society; or</li> <li>(b) he fails to use the minimum level of the products or services as specified in the bye-laws for two consecutive years; or</li> <li>(c) he has not attended three consecutive general meetings of the multi-State cooperative society and such absence has not been condoned by the members in the general meeting; or</li> <li>(d) he has made any default in payment of any amount to be paid to the multi-State cooperative society under the byelaws of such society.</li> </ul>
<p>Section 38(3) of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002</p>	<p>Where in any meeting of the general body or the board of a multi-State cooperative society, a cooperative society or another multi-State cooperative society is to be represented, such cooperative society or other multi-State cooperative society shall be represented in such meeting only through the Chairperson or the President or the Chief Executive or a member of the board of such cooperative society or other multi-State cooperative society, as the case may be, if such member is so authorized by the board and where there is no board of such cooperative society or other multi-State cooperative society, for whatever reasons, through the administrator, by whatever name called, of such cooperative society or other multi-State cooperative society:</p> <p>Provided that where the bye-laws of a multi-State cooperative society provide for representation of other institutions in any</p>

	<p>meeting of general body or the board of such multi-State cooperative society, such institutions shall be represented through its nominee.</p>
<p>Section 43(1) of Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002</p>	<p>No member of any multi-State cooperative society or nominee of a member, society or a national cooperative society shall be eligible for being chosen as, or for being, a member of the board of such multi-State cooperative society or a national cooperative society, or of any other cooperative society to which the multistate cooperative society is affiliated, if such member-</p> <p>(a) has been adjudged by a competent court to be insolvent [or has been a director of an insolvent company] or of unsound mind;</p> <p>(b) is concerned or participates in the profits of any contract with the society;</p> <p>(c) has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude;</p> <p>(d) holds any office or place of profit under the society;</p>
	<p>Provided that the Chief Executive or such full-time employee of the society as may be notified by the Central Government from time to time or a person elected by the employees of such society to represent them on the board of such society shall be eligible for being chosen as, or for being, a member of such board;</p> <p>(e) has been a member of the society for less than twelve months immediately preceding the date of such election or appointment;</p> <p>(f) has interest in any business of the kind carried on by the society of which he is a member;</p> <p>(g) has taken loan or goods on credit from the society of which he is a member, or is otherwise indebted to such society and after the receipt of a notice of default issued to him by such society, has defaulted-</p> <p>(i) in repayment of such loan or debt or in payment of the price of the goods taken on credit, as the case may be, within the date fixed for such repayment or payment or where such date is extended, which in no case shall exceed six months, within the date so extended, or</p> <p>(ii) when such loan or debt or the price of goods taken on credit is to be paid in instalments, in payment of any instalment, and the amount in default or any part thereof has remained unpaid on the expiry of six months from the date of such default:</p> <p>Provided that a member of the board who has ceased to hold office as such under this clause shall not be eligible, for a period of one year, from the date on which he ceased to hold office, for re-election as a member of the board of the multi-State cooperative society of which he was a member or for the election to the board of any other multi-State cooperative society;</p> <p>(h) is a person against whom any amount due under a decree, decision or order is pending recovery under this Act [or any other Act specified in the Third Schedule];</p>

(i) is retained or employed as a legal practitioner on behalf of or against the multi-State cooperative society, or on behalf of or against any other multi-State cooperative society which is a member of the former society.

Explanation. — For the purpose of this clause "legal practitioner" has the same meaning as in clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Advocates Act 1961 (25 of 1961);

(j) has been convicted for-any offence under this Act;

(k) is disqualified for being a member under section 29;

(l) has been expelled as a member under section 30;

(m)absents himself from three consecutive board meetings and such absence has not been condoned to by the board;

(n)absents himself from three consecutive general body meetings and such absence has not been condoned by the members in the general body.

## Extract of Bye-law of SONACO

### **8. Shares**

- (a). The authorized share capital of the Society (SONACO) is Rs. 20 crore divided into 20 lakh shares of Rs. 100/- (One Hundred) each.
- (b). Money on shares shall be paid in full at one time and share certificates shall be issued on realization of the full amount subscribed for.
- (c). The society at its General Meeting, may from time to time, increase the authorized share capital by creation new shares of such members and amount as may be deemed expedient with the prior approval of the Central Registrar.
- (d). No Member other than the authorities referred to in clauses (c) to (g) of sub section 1 of section 25 of the Act, shall hold more than 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the total share capital of the society.

### **15. Disqualification for Membership**

No person shall be eligible for being or continue to be a member of the society If:-

- a). His/her business in in conflict of competitive with the business of the society;
- b). He/she did not make annual transactions of the value of at least Rs.5,000/- for two consecutive years.
- c). Has not attended three consecutive General Body Meetings of the society and such absence has not been condoned by the members in the General Body Meeting of the Society;
- d). He/she has made any default in payment of any amount to be paid to the society under bye laws of the society and has not cleared the amount even after thirty days' notice for clearance of default.

### **37. Disqualification for being a member of the Board**

1. A Member of the Society shall be ineligible for being elected as, or for being a member for the board, if such member:

- a). Has been adjudged by a competent court to be insolvent or of unsound mind;
- b). Is concerned or participates in the profits of any contract with the society;
- c). Has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude;
- d). Holds any office or place or profit under the society:

Provided that the Chief Executive or such full-time employee of the society as may be notified by the Central Government from time to time or a person elected by the employees of such society to represent them on the board of such society shall be eligible for being chosen as, or for being, a member of such board;

- e). Has been a member of the society for less than twelve months immediately preceding the date of such election or appointment;
- f). Has interest in any business of the kind carried on by the society of which he is member;
- g). Has taken load or goods on credit from the society of which he is a member, or is otherwise indebted to such society and after the receipt of a notice of default issued to him by such society, has defaulted;

i). In repayment of such loan or debt or in payment of the price of the goods taken on credit, as the case may be, within the date extended, which in no case shall exceed six months, within the date so extended, or

ii). When such loan or debt or the price of goods taken on credit is to be paid in instalments, in payment of any instalment, and the amount in default or any part thereof has remained unpaid on the expiry of six months from the date of such default;

Provided that a member of the board who has ceased to hold office as such under this clause shall not be eligible, for a period of one year, from the date on when he ceased to hold office, for re-election as a member of the board of the multi-state Cooperative Society of which he was a member or for the election to the board of any other multi-state Cooperative Society.

h). Is a person against whom any amount due under a decree, decision or order is pending recovery under the Act.

i). Is retained or employed as a legal practitioner on behalf of or against the society, or on behalf of or against any other multi-state cooperative society.

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l). Has been expelled as a member under Section 30;

m). Absents himself from three consecutive board meetings and such absence has not been condoned by the board;

n). Absents himself from three consecutive General Body Meetings and such absence has not been condoned by the members in the General Body.

2. A person shall not be eligible for being elected as member of board of the society for a period of five years if, the Board fails;

a). To conduct election of the Board under Section 45 of the Act; or

b). To call the General Body Meeting under Section 39 of the Act; or

c). To prepare the financial statement and present the same in the annual general meeting

Annexure—IV

Issue Date: 12/08/2024

Election Program of Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO)

Election for Board Members

**NOTIFICATION FOR ELECTION OF SEVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SONARTARI MULTI-STATE AGRO COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED (SONACO)**

Election of Seven Board of Directors of Sonartari Multi-State Agro Cooperative Society Limited (SONACO) shall take place on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at SONACO Office, C-26, Sub-Basement, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi 110048 as per the following programme:

**A** Number of Vacancies Seven (07) - (Gen-04, SC/ST-01, Women-02)

**B. Election Program for Board of Directors**

SN.	Particulars	Date	Time
1.	Publication of provisional list of members/delegates, Eligible to Vote	12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 (Monday)	11:00 AM
2.	Time Window for Raising Objection& Scrutiny (if any) to the Provisional List	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 to 20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 (Wednesday to Tuesday)	11:00 AM to 3:00PM (Every Day)
3.	Publication of Final List of Members/Delegates, Eligible to Vote	21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2024 (Wednesday)	11:00 AM
4.	Issue and Filing of Nomination Forms*	22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2024 to 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 (Thursday to Wednesday)	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Every Day)
5.	Publication of List of Nominations Received	28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 (Wednesday)	5:00 PM
6.	Scrutiny of Received Nomination Forms	29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 (Thursday)	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
7.	Publication of List of Valid Nominations	29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 (Thursday)	5:00 PM
8.	Withdrawal of Nominations	30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2024 (Friday to Saturday)	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
9.	Publication of final list of Contesting Candidates	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2024 (Saturday)	5:00 PM
10.	Date of Polling, if Necessary	07 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (Saturday)	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
11.	Counting of Votes and Declaration of Results	09 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (Monday)	8:00 AM to 2:00 PM


**C. Election Program of Office Bearer**

1	Announcement of Election Schedule	09 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (Monday)	After Declaration of Result of Board Members' Election
2.	Meeting of Newly Constituted Board & Publication of List for Valid Nominations, Polling (If required) & Declaration of Result of Election of Office Bearers	10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (Tuesday)	12:00 Noon Onwards

The Constituencies are as follows:  
Constituency No-I : General Category-4 Members  
Constituency No-II : SC/ST-One Member  
Constituency No-III : Women-2 Members

\* Note: The filing of Nomination Forms, Scrutiny and Withdrawal of the Candidature will be in the office of The Returning Officer at office of the District Magistrate, South East Delhi, Old Gargi College Building, Lajpat Nagar IV, New Delhi 110024.

For more information visit: [www.sonacoindia.in](http://www.sonacoindia.in)

  
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