

8. Registration.— (1) If the Registrar is satisfied that a proposed society has complied with the provisions of sections 5, 6 and 7 of this Act, and the rules made thereunder, he may register the society.

(2) Where the Registrar refuses to register a proposed society; he shall communicate his decision, with the reasons therefor, to the person making the application, within forty five days from the date of receipt of the application. ²⁶[].

(3) An appeal against the order of refusal of registration under sub-section (2) shall be filled before the co-operative tribunal within a period of sixty days from the date of such refusal ²⁷[].

(4) The Registrar shall maintain a register of all societies registered under this Act.

The Section 5, 6 and 7 mentioned herein above are as under:-

5. **Societies which may be registered.**— (1) Only such society may be registered as a co-operative society under this Act which provides in its bye-laws for the social and economic betterment of its members through self help and mutual aid in accordance with the co-operative principles.

(2) A Society shall be registered with limited liability.

6. **Conditions of registration.**— (1) No society, other than a federal society, shall be registered under this Act unless it consists of at least ten persons (each of such persons being a member of a different family), who are qualified to be members under this Act and who reside or carry on business or profession in the area of operation of the society:

Provided that a co-operative housing society consisting of at least five such persons who are residing or intend to reside in the area of operation of the society may be registered under this Act:

Provided further that, a lift irrigation society consisting of five or more such persons may be registered under this Act.

(2) No federal society shall be registered unless it has at least five societies as its members.

(3) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect the registration of any society made before the commencement of this Act.

(4) The name of the society shall not have any reference to any caste or religious denomination.

(5) The word "limited" or its equivalent in any language shall be the last word in the name of every society which is registered or deemed to be registered under this Act.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this section and section 7, the expression "member of a family" means wife, husband, father, mother, unmarried son and unmarried daughter.

7. **Application for registration.**— (1) For the purposes of registration; an application shall be made to the Registrar in the form prescribed and shall be accompanied by four copies of the proposed bye-laws of the society and such registration fee as may be determined by the Registrar. Different registration fees may be determined for different classes of societies, regard being had to the service involved in processing an application for registration.

(2) The application shall be signed,—

(a) in the case of a society other than a federal society, by at least ten persons (each of such persons being a member of a different family), who are qualified under this Act; and

(b) in the case of a co-operative housing society, by at least five such persons:

Provided that in case where a co-operative housing society consists of more than five persons in accordance with the scheme of housing on the plot of land mentioned in the objects of the society, the application shall be signed by at least fifty one per cent of the total number of the expected members;

(c) in the case of lift irrigation society, by at least five such persons; and

(d) in the case of a federal society, by at least five societies.

(3) No signature to an application on behalf of a society shall be valid, unless the person signing is a member of the Board of Directors of such society, and is authorised by the Board by a resolution to sign on its behalf, the application for registration of the society and its bye-laws, and a copy of such resolution is appended to the application.

²⁵[7A. **Power of the Registrar to decide certain questions** - Where any question arises at the stage of registration whether a person resides in the area of operation of a co-operative society or not, or whether a co-operative society is of same type as another co-operative society or of different type, such question shall be decided by the Registrar whose decision shall be final.]