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This office has come across instances whereby the cooperative societies have expressed their inability to convene Annual General Body meeting on account of prevailing Covid-19 situation and have opined to have Virtual Annual General Body meeting. After assessing the situation and considering the need to maintain social distancing, it is felt that holding the Annual General Meeting virtually is the best option available in the present scenario. Moreover Annual General Body Meeting being a statutory requirement cannot be prolonged indefinitely. As a temporary arrangement, it is felt expedient to advise the cooperative societies to explore the possibilities of holding Virtual Annual General Body meeting wherever it is not possible to observe social distancing due to space constraint and follow/comply with other guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs. It shall be ensured that such virtual Annual General Body meeting is held before the expiry of extended period i.e. 31/12/2021.

In the Virtual Annual General Body Meeting the society shall deliberate all the statutory Agenda Item as required under Section 58(3) of the Goa Cooperative Societies Act, 2001.

The Zonal Assistant Registrars shall take note of the above and accordingly communicate to all the societies functioning under their respective jurisdictions.

**(ARVIND B. KHUTKAR)**

Registrar of Co-operative Societies and  
Ex-Officio Jt. Secretary  
Government of Goa, Panaji-Goa

To,

The Asstt. Registrar of Coop. Societies, Central Zone/North Zone/Bicholim Zone/ Ponda Zone/ South Zone/ Quepem Zone. Panaji/ Mapusa /Bicholim /Ponda /Margao/Quepem with a direction to bring the contents of the order to the notice of the Co-operative Societies /Institutions concerned in the respective jurisdiction.

Copy to:

1. The Asstt. Registrar of Coop. Societies (HQ)/Audit for information and necessary action.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Panaji, with a direction to upload the copy of the order on the departmental website.
3. Office copy.