

Delhi State Consumers Co-operative Federation Ltd., New Delhi

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Managing Committee of the Federation held on
19.07.2025

Present:

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| 1. Shri Puran Singh | President |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | Vice-president |
| 3. Shri Surender Kumar Garg | Secretary |
| 4. Shri Som Nath Arora | Treasurer |
| 5. Shri Viney Gupta | Member |

The meeting was presided over by Shri Puran Singh, President.

Item No. 1

Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last meeting of the Managing Committee held on 28.04.2025
The proceedings were confirmed.

Item No. 2

ATR on the decisions taken in the last meeting held on 28.04.2025.
Action taken report was noted.

Item No. 3

Take on record the provisional accounts of the Federation for the period from 01.04.2025 to 30.06.2025.
The accounts were taken on record and the expenses on different heads incurred during the period from 01.04.2025 to 30.06.2025 were approved.

Item No. 4

Review the latest position of retail sale of consumer goods

The MC noted that the scheme of retail sale of Pulses, Rice & Atta through the NCCF have come to an end. The position of sales of these commodities up to 30.06.2025 as explained by the secretary, was noted.

Item No. 5

Establishment matters.

1. Secretary reported that Shri Vipin Bhatiya Asstt. Manager and Driver Shri Anand Singh have not been attending office since 1st May 2025 and 1st April 2025 respectively without any previous notice/intimation and they have thus left the services.
2. Shri Shrikant Kamboj who was appointed as a part-time Accountant with effect from 12th April 2025 also discontinued the services with effect from 01.05.2025.
3. Km. Saloni Singh was appointed as an Office Assistant with effect from 14.05.2025 at a consolidated salary of Rs. 22500 per month, agst an existing vacancy, which was approved.

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Item No. 6

To fix the date and time of the next meeting of the general body of the federation and to decide on the agenda items for the same including holding of the election of the new managing committee.

It was decided to convene the next meeting of the general body of the Federation at 12:30 pm on the 20th September 2025 (Saturday) at the Federation's office, to consider the following agenda items.

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last General Body Meeting of the Federation held on 09.10.2024.
2. Report of the Managing Committee.
3. Audited Accounts of the Federation for the year 2024-25 along with the report of the auditors and audit compliance report.
4. Work Programmer & Budget Estimates for the year 2026-27.
5. Appropriation of net profit for the year 2024-25.
6. Holding of election of the new Managing Committee of the Federation.
7. Any other matter with the permission of the chair,

The secretary was authorized to write to the office of the RCS to appoint a Returning Officer to conduct the election of the Managing Committee of the Federation and issue notice of the AGM.

Item No. 7

Update on celebration of cooperative week.

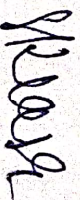
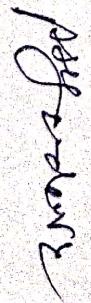
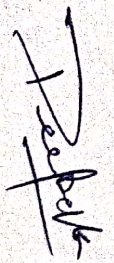
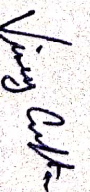
The MC noted that an assembly of the representatives of member societies was organized on 03.07.2025 to celebrate the cooperative week and perused the proceedings of the same.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

New Delhi
Dated: 19.07.2025

Surender Kumar Garg
Secretary

Puran Singh
President

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**Brief note on the gist of discussion, recommendations and views of
representatives of member stores of the federation in the assembly held on
03.07.2025**

1. Introduction

The participants noted that the cooperative movement in our country is a very old one and the movement got the formal approval with the legislation of the first set of Cooperative Societies Act in 1904. Since our country is based on agriculture, the thrust of cooperative movement is mainly on agriculture credit and other allied activities in the rural areas. Gradually, the cooperative movement covered other sectors in the economy including the consumer activities.

The Government of India among other steps, decided to institutionalize the co-operative sector by forming the National Co-operative Consumers Federation in Delhi in the year 1965 with state funding, in association with a few state level consumer federations those existed at that time, with the main objective of coordinating the supply line of essential commodities-especially the food grains and pulses by providing linkage between the producing and consuming areas through the available infrastructure of state level consumer co-operative societies to be coordinated by the national federation .

2. Structure

The existing 4-tier structure of consumer co-operatives, though functioned initially, did not survive in the long run. Whereas, the retail/wholesale societies had been patronizing the state and national level federations for purchase of subsidized goods and items of short supply, these were not for any centralized procurement arrangement and purchase of free market goods. These societies are in fact competing with each other in the same line of trading activities. There are conflicting interests in the management line as well, since the same persons manage the societies at different tier.

It is felt that the existing structure of the societies needs to be modified to maintain only 3 types of societies – the apex body and the retail societies in the states to avoid multiplicity of the societies and state level Federations to coordinate the activities.

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3. National Policy on Co-operatives

The present national policy of the Government of India on co-operatives which are under review and revision, envisages the following :

- ❖ Recognizes the co-operatives as a distinct economic sector and an integral component of the socio-economic system of the country and an effective and potential instrument of socio-economic development .
- ❖ Recognizes the role of the Government in ensuring that the benefits of liberalization and globalization in the emerging economic environment are extended to the co-operatives in equal measure through suitable fiscal policies and pledges to provide support and protection to the co-operatives a level playing field vis-à-vis other competing enterprises especially in the field of agro-processing and marketing;
- ❖ Recognizes the need to provide preferential treatment, as far as, possible, to the co-operatives engaged in areas such as credit, labour, consumer, services, housing, development of underprivileged people, women and development of emerging areas as well as sectors requiring people's participation especially in rural areas.

These realisations of the Government need to be converted into practical implementation.

It is necessary to encourage Government procurement/ purchases from co-operative societies as far as possible and treat these at par with the MSME in the matter of providing relaxations from earnest money/ security deposits etc. in participating in e-commerce business of the Government.

Co-operative societies should be involved in implementing various Government sponsored schemes in the states.

4. Re-structuring and Action plan for improvement

Government policies of withdrawal of subsidy as well as financial assistance to the consumer co-operatives have gradually slowed down progress of consumer co-operatives in India, since these were predominantly dependent on Government schemes and financial assistance in the past.

Nevertheless, the presence of consumer co-operatives all over the country is still quite substantial. Its usefulness has been felt by the consumers belonging to the lower/middle income groups, at least in some areas.

It is felt that a one-time restricting of the consumer co-operatives may be necessary to ensure sustainability and economic viability.

5. Problems and Difficulties to be addressed

Consumer co-operatives received a good deal of support from the Government in the past through various Government sponsored schemes which have been withdrawn now as a part of Government policy on open and free economy.

The co-operatives have not been able to meet the requirement for quality goods, efficient handling/management, clean environment and after-sales services as per the concept of modern retail management.

The whole sector is plagued with the problems of lack of:

- Vertical linkage with other national and state federations, wholesale and other co-operative societies and members;
- Synergy among the member societies and with other national and state level co-operative bodies;
- Government support in promoting consumer co-operative movement including extending preferential treatment and develop it to act as an instrument in intervening the market;

6. Summary of proposed/suggested Action Plan

A. Government-NCCF Collaboration

1. Connecting producers to consumers without long chain of intermediaries is a challenge, which could be best met by the consumer movement in co-operative sector and therefore the role of NCCF in this regard is quite important. Establishment of integrated value chains from small scale producers to the large cross section of consumers could be a significant step in this direction.

There is a need for providing financial support by the Government to develop infrastructure at different levels to ensure distribution of essential consumer goods at affordable prices.

2. To prepare a workable business plan for each state after conducting detailed study of the working of the consumer co-operatives. The study in respect of the state level federations may be conducted by the NCCF and their short-term and long-term business work programme may also be prepared by NCCF in consultation with the state authorities. The study within the state may be undertaken by the concerned Registrars of Co-operative Societies in association with the state federations.

3. The Government may engage NCCF and other consumer co-operatives as major conduits for procurement of reasonable quantity of agricultural commodities (food grains/pulses) under Government schemes.

NCCF and other consumer co-operatives should be associated for providing supply support to various Government welfare schemes,

Small sized societies should merge together to ensure sustainability.

The present status of members of societies at all levels (apex, wholesale and primary societies) both institutional and individuals needs be verified to eliminate the defunct and non-existent ones.

B. Internal Compliance

- ✓ NCCF as the national apex body has to establish direct linkage with the producers/manufacturers of select consumer goods.
- ✓ Consumer co-operatives led by NCCF should maintain the supply line of essential consumer goods.
- ✓ NCCF should have adequate storage facility at strategic locations, for which warehouses and cold storages should be established to be utilized by the consumer co-operatives.
- ✓ To establish vertical linkage with member organizations to facilitate exchange of views with the member co-operatives on various aspects of management in mutual interest and for development of a sound and sustainable infrastructure of consumer co-operatives in all states.
- ✓ NCCF should develop its own products and brand names in the consumer co-operative sector.

Tha other steps such as internal control measures, training of staff, professional management and development of relations with members co-operatives by the national Federation are also useful in addition to:

- ✓ Making available cereals and pulses in semi-processed or processed form from farmers' fields to the consumers' houses through integrated chains.
- ✓ Creating an end-to-end value chain for procurement of oil seeds, their small or large scale processing and distribution up to the consumer end.

NCCF should develop commercial relations with its member societies of different states and assist them in working out their business work programme directed at taking up responsibilities for distribution of consumer goods and implementation of various welfare schemes of the Government in association with the NCCF.

NCCF should also co-coordinate with other National Federations to diversify its commercial activities.

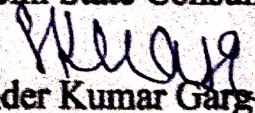
The Indian consumer co-operatives have to take urgent and important steps like adoption of modern management techniques, professionalization and capital formation etc., to keep pace with the changing economic scenario and to survive the challenges from the private sector enterprises in the retail trade.

7.Expected Impacts of Action Plan/ Suggestions

- ❖ A strong and viable co-operative sector, capable of undertaking socio-economic activity through infrastructure development in the form of creating storage space, processing plants, particularly for agro-based products, setting up large-sized retail outlets and procurement of items of mass consumption such as food-grains and pulses for sale at reasonable rates and to maintain the supply line.
- ❖ Disciplined approach with diversified business activities.
- ❖ Dedicated supply line for essential commodities.
- ❖ Available infrastructure for crisis management in case of need.
- ❖ Positioning the consumer co-operatives as instrument in market intervention for price stabilization.
- ❖ Making available quality consumer goods at reasonable prices by re-establishing consumer confidence on the infrastructure of consumer co-ops all over the country.

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03.07.2025

For Delhi State Consumer Coop. Fed. Ltd.


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Secretary