- 1. The Chairman, The H.P.State Cooperative Bank Ltd. Shimla, District Shimla (H.P.)
- The Chairman, the H.P.State Cooperative Marketing & Consumer Federation Ltd. Shimla-3.
- The Chairman, the H.P.State Cooperative Development Federation Ltd. (HIMCOFED) Shimla-4.
- The Chairman, the H.P.State Housing Cooperative Federation Ltd.) Shimla-9.
- The Chairman, the H.P.State Cooperative Milk Production Federation Ltd. (MILKFED) Shimla-11.
- The Chairman, the H.P.State Cooperative Wool Federation Ltd. (WOOLFED) Shimla-9.
- The Chairman, the H.P.State Handloom & Handicrafts
 Development Federation Ltd. (HIMBUNKAR) Bhuntar (Kullu).
- The Chairman, the H.P.State Cooperative Advancement of Professional Education Society Ltd. (HIMCAPES) Badhera, (Una)
- The Chairman, the Himachal Labour & Construction Cooperative Federation Ltd. Sai Bhawan, Sector-4, New Shimla.
- 11. The Chief Secretary (Cooperation) to the Govt. of H.P.Shimla-2
- 12. Director of Industries, H.P. Shimla-1
- 13. Director of Agriculture, H.P. Shimla-5
- 14. Shri Mansa Ram, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly of H.P.
- Shri Kishori Lal, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly of H.P.
- Shri Bambar Thakur, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly of H.P.
- Shri Sardar Singh Thakur, Sharda Farm, P.O.Chambaghat, Distt. Solan (H.P.)
- 18. Shri Rajender Mohan, Vill. Chadyana, P.O. Duddar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.)
- 19. Smt. Raksha Bhandari, Vill./P.O.Suni, District Shimla (H.P.)

 Shri Ram Lubhaya, Vill. P.O. Gagret, Distt. Una (H.P.)
 Shri Amir Bharmouri, Village Sachuin, P.O.Bharmour, Distt. Chamba (H.P.)

Dared: Shimla-9 May,2015

Subject: - Proceedings of the H.P. State Cooperative Council meeting held on 07-05-2015.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the minutes of the meeting of the H.P. State Cooperative Council held on 07-05-2015 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh for your kind perusal please.

Yours faithfully,

For Registrar, Cooperative Societies
Himachal Pradesh
(Member Secretary)

Dated: May 2015:

Endst. No. As above

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Registrar, Cooperative Societies Himachal Pradesh (Member Secretary)

No.7-19/2007-Coop(A&S) DIRECTORATE OF COOPERATION HIMACHAL PRADESH

To

The Chief Secretary (Cooperation), To the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171 002.

Dated Shimla-9,the

th May, 2015.

Subject:

Proceedings of the H.P. state Co-operative Council held on

7.5,2015.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the proceedings of the H.P. State Cooperative Council meeting held on 7.5.2015 for your kind perusal and approval please.

Yours Faithfully,

Registrar Co-operative Societies, Himachal Pradesh

Minutes of the Meeting of the H.P State Co-operative Council held on 7.5.2015 at 3:00 P.M. under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh at Armsdale building (Conference Hall), H.P Secretariat, Shimla.

At the outset, a warm welcome was extended to the Hon'ble Chief-Minister by the Chief Secretary.

In his welcome address, Chief Secretary (Co-operation) emphasized the role of the State Co-operative Council in shaping, reorienting and determining the structure of co-operative movement of the State by way of giving valuable suggestions to the State Govt. He further emphasized to conduct the meetings of the Council at regular intervals.

Registrar Co-operative Societies also extended a hearty welcome to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble members of the Council, worthy Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries, other distinguished guests and officials present in the meeting.

He narrated the importance of department of co-operation in overall socio-economic development of the State. He informed that the department serves to the needs of common public and has drastically reduced the role of money lenders in the State. He further stated that the Co-operative movement has been kept vibrant by this department, apart from employment generation and social upliftment of the people.

Though the department has been playing a major role in agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, fertilizer distribution, milk production, assets creation, marketing, banking, etc., he apprehended that the department would lose its relevance unless government extends its patronage to the co-

operative sector and this issue needs to be addressed immediately. He requested the members of the Council to suggest innovative ideas and energies to rejuvenate and strengthen the co-operative movement in the State.

After a brief introduction, Hon'ble Chairman agreed to discuss the agenda items, which are as follows:

Old agenda (The State Co-operative Council meeting was held on 6.9.2007)

Item No:-1 Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of H.P. State Co-operative Council.

The Council was apprised that the last meeting of H.P. Cooperative council was held on 06-09-2007 and minutes of its proceeding
were circulated among all the members. Since no objection has been received
from any of the members, the minutes of the last meeting were unanimously
approved and confirmed. However, the action taken report of the last meeting
was deliberated upon in the meeting, which is as follows:-

(1). Enforcement of proposed H.P. Co-operative Societies Bill 2002

In view of the notification issued by the state Govt. vide No.coop.(3)-1/99 volume—III dated 17-02-2009 on the proposed amendment in the H.P. Cooperative Societies Act 1968, the house accepted to drop this item.

(II) Dealership for fertilizers

As needful has been done, house agreed to drop the item.

(III) Co-operative Education Fund

No action is required, hence dropped.

(14) To review Co-operative Movement in the state

The matter is taken up afresh in new agenda. Hence, dropped.

(V) To recommend diversification of activities of Co-operatives

This item is taken along with the issues of Govt's guarantee to avail loan from financial institution for Hydro Co-operatives in the new agenda.

(VI) To recommend to the State Govt. the revision of margin money on sugar and other items, which are being distributed through PDS

Issue needs to be taken with Govt. of India through the State Government and, accordingly, matter is taken up under item No-3 of the new agenda. Hence, dropped

(VII) To recommend to the State Govt. Utilization of Godown capacity of Cooperatives by the H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation and Food Corporation of India.

Since needful has been done, the house was pleased to drop the item.

(VIII) To recommend separate zone on the Board of Directors of HIMFED for Kinnaur District.

Since needful has been done, the house was pleased to drop the item.

(1X) To recommend steam-coal dealership to Kinnaur District Cooperative Federation

Since the state Govt. banned the use of steam coal, the item is dropped.

(X) To recommend rest house facilities to the members of Managing Committee and Officers/employees of the Societies (Tehsil level and above at par with the Govt. officers/Employee).

The issue was taken up afresh in the meeting. While deliberating upon this issue the Hon'ble Chief Minister of H.P. advised to explore the possibilities to build own rest houses in Co-operative Sector, with financial assistance from the National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) or Apex Co-operative Bank at least in the Capital City of Shimla.

Accordingly matter will be examined with the concerned institution as and when the proposal of the same will be received

Action: Directorate of Co-operation

(XI) To extend concession to Labour & Construction Cooperatives

After deliberating upon the issue, it was decided by the house to drop it in the light of the earlier decision taken by the state Govt.

(XII) To recommend to the State Govt. inclusion of chapter on Co-operative Movement in the Social Studies books from class 7th to 10th on the line of Panchayti Rai

The matter is taken up afresh in the new agenda at the item No.4, hence, dropped

(XIII) To recommend to the Govt. posting of Inspectorate staff outside the home sub-division and fill-up vacant posts in Cooperative Department

The house deliberated and dropped this item as there is shortage of staff in the department.

(XIV) To recommend providing of Govt. guarantee to the loans availed by Hvdel Co-operatives. This agenda item is taken up afresh vide item No.5 of the new agenda. Therefore, after deliberation it was dropped.

(XV) To recommend to the State Govt. the case of H.P. Housing Federation for exemption from operation of the provision of section 118 of Tenancy and Land Reforms Act.

The matter is included in the new agenda at item No.6. Hence, it is dropped.

(XVI) (a) Financial assistance to co-operatives from National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC).

NCDC informed that it has formulated a policy to provide financial assistance to the Co-operatives working in the field of Hydropower generation, tourism, etc. This issue is taken up with the item No.5 of the new agenda. Hence it is dropped.

(b) Issue of Ex-servicemen transport Co-operative Society Kullu

The house was informed about the society which is still under winding up process and it will take some time to be finally wound up.

(c) Petrol Pump of Kinfed at Bhawanagar.

As per the decision of the Council the proposal of installation of petrol pump at Bhawanagar by Kinfed was forwarded to Forest Department for necessary clearance and the same has been rejected by the Forest Department. After deliberation it was resolved to drop the item.

New Agenda:

Issues discussed in this State Co-operative Council meeting held on 7.5.2015.

Item No.2 Status of Co-operative Movement in the state.

Registrar placed before the house, the status of co-operative movement in the state informing that there were 4793 co-operative societies of different kinds in the state as on 31-03-2014 with the membership of 16.04 lacs and having share capital of Rs 27281.15 lacs, deposits of Rs. 1717721.79 lacs and with working capital base of Rs. 2216782.39 lacs. Besides, Marketing and forwarding of agricultural produces amounting to Rs. 17172.65 lacs were done by these co-operatives. In addition to this, PDS goods amounting to Rs. 79610.25 lacs were distributed by these co-operatives during the year 2013-14 through the network of about 3150 fair price retail outlets.

Chief Secretary (Co-operation) informed the Council that co-operatives are involved in distribution of short term, medium term and long term loans for various purposes to its members in the state. An amount of RS 670418.90 lacs has been advanced during the year 2013-14 by these co-operative societies in the State.

Registrar further stated that co-operative department, at present, is contemplating for diversification of business activities, so that they may become more relevant people oriented in the state. Participating in the deliberation Sh. Shivlal Sharma, Chairman ARDB, suggested that keeping in view of the share capital being held by the co-operative institutions, Co-operative Societies have the capacity and could float government securities and/ or bonds to the tune of about Rs 2000.00 crores which could be invested within the State for developmental purposes.

After deliberating upon the issues and statistics provided by the Registrar, the house appreciated the activities being taken by the co-operatives

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and advised that co-operative be made more friendly towards its members and public to provide the best of its services.

Action: Directorate of Co-operation.

Item No.3 To recommend to the State Govt, the revision of commission on P.D.S goods to the retailers.

Initiating the deliberation, Registrar apprised the Council that in H.P., co-operative societies are presently distributing PDS goods to the consumers through a network of approximately 3150 retail outlets. He further stated that these co-operatives are doing this work with the help of their own financial resources and in return they are getting very meager amount as commission.

The rate of commission has not been revised since 2003, whereas price index, inflation and salaries of employees have been increased manifold. Registrar further stated that at present the commission is being paid by the Govt. of India as well as by the State Govt. to these retailers, i.e. on TPDS goods and on edible oil, pulses and salt respectively. Hence, the Registrar urged the Council for revision of the commission on these items.

Having deliberated upon all these issues, the Hon'ble Chief Minister agreed to this proposal and directed the department to take up the matter with the State Govt. immediately.

Action: Directorate of Co-operation.

Item No. 4 To recommend to the State Govt. for inclusion of a chapter on Co-operative movement in the books of Social Studies from class 7th to class 10th on the line of Panchayati Raj institutions

Registrar urged the Council to include a chapter on 'Co-operative Movement' in the books of Social Studies from Class VII to 10th, on the lines of Panchayati Raj institutions to inculcate co-operative spirit and education among the youths and the society. The Registrar requested the Additional Chief Secretary (Education) to place his views to the council.

Deliberating upon the issue the Additional Chief Secretary (Education) appreciated the suggestion and stated that the NCERT has already incorporated some chapters in the books of Social Studies and ensured that the Department of Education will examine the proposal and will evolve a mechanism to include this proposal in the text books.

The Chairman and the members of the Council decided that the matter be taken with the Department of Education through the State Govt.

Action : Directorate of Co-operation.

Item No.5 To recommend to the State Govt. for providing Govt.
guarantee for the loan to be availed from the financial
institutions by Hydro Co-operatives.

Registrar informed the house that hydro co-operatives have still not succeeded in the State due to unavailability of funds. NCDC accepted to provide loan, if the proposals are routed through the Govt. or Apex bank of the State. However, the State Government had already rejected to stand guarantee for such a proposal. The same view was once again reiterated by the Addl. Chief Secretary (Revenue) and informed the Council, that Govt. has already taken a policy decision not to provide Govt. guarantee for hydro co-operatives.

While discussing the issue further, Sh. Harsh Mahajan, Chairman Apex bank suggested that if viable proposals are submitted, the apex bank may consider providing guarantee for loans availed from NCDC. Further, he assured that such proposals may be routed through Apex Bank by hydro co-operatives.

Intervening on this issue, Hon'ble Chairman directed all the members to promote hydro co-operatives through the Apex Bank for availing the loan from NCDC in future.

The Chairman directed the Registrar to convene a meeting of NCDC and Co-operative Banks for formulation of the guidelines to provide such funds to the hydro co-operatives.

Action: Directorate of Cooperation.

Item No.6 To recommend to State Govt. for exemption operative Societies from the operation of provision of Section 118 of the Tenancy and Land Reforms Acts, 1972.

The Registrar apprised the distinguished house that prior to 1996, co-operative societies registered under the H.P Cooperative Societies Act were exempt under section 118(2) of the H.P Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1972 and eligible to purchase land without the permission of State Govt. By an amendment made in the above Act in 1996, the exemption was withdrawn. He further stated that the amendments carried out in section 118(2) of the above Act have adversely affected the business prospects of the co-operative societies tremendously. As a result, the societies are finding it difficult to acquire land even for opening a shop or office and get the cases of permissions processed at various levels. Registrar Co-operative Societies suggested that in case of housing Co-operative Societies, the present system may continue to exist but in case of other co-operative societies, the existing provision of section 118(2)

needs to be amended in the interest of cooperative societies. He requested the State Co-operative Council to intervene in the matter in the interest of Co-operative Movement and suggest the State Govt. to amend the above Act to exempt co-operative societies, except housing co-operative societies, from its purview paving the way for development, growth and reorientation of co-operative societies in the State.

In response, Sh. Shiv Lal, Chairman, ARDB, while endorsing the views of the Registrar stated that only bona fide Himachali agriculturists shall be enrolled as a member of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies to avoid the attraction of the provision of the said Act. The Registrar informed that even a co-operative society formed by the bona fide Himachali agriculturists needs to seek permission of the State Govt. under section 118 of the existing Act.

Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) stated that there is no need to amend the said Act, only one executive order issued by the Govt. will suffice to serve the purpose. He further stated that Revenue Department may examine the matter and will issue suitable guidelines in this regard to all concerned or amend the Act.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the Registrar to submit a fresh proposal to the Revenue Department to consider the issue again.

Item No.7 To recommend to State Govt. for constitution of a separate election commission for Co-operatives on the line of Panchayati Raj institutions or State Election Commission may be requested to conduct election.

Registrar stated that 4793 different kinds of co-operative societies have been registered in the State. Conducting the election of these co-operatives

Department of Co-operation. A lot of manpower is required to conduct smooth and fair election of these co-operatives, besides infusing considerable financial resources. However, the department has neither manpower nor financial resources at its disposal. Therefore, it will be appropriate to constitute a regular body for this purpose on the lines of Panchayati Raj system, which will facilitate and introduce a uniform and transparent system of election in co-operatives and will go a long way to bring down the current trend of election disputes. Therefore, it is recommended to the State Govt. to constitute a separate election commission for co-operative societies or in the alternative the State Election Commission may kindly be requested to conduct election in co-operatives.

The Chief Secretary (Co-operation) also endorsed the views of the Registrar and directed to submit a separate proposal. The Council endorsed the views of the Registrar and urged the Hon'ble Chairman to consider the demand. On this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that the State Govt. will consider this issue and further will take up the matter with the State Election Commission.

Therefore, it was resolved to submit a separate proposal to the State Election Commission through the Govt. immediately for its consideration.

Action: Directorate of Co-operation.

Item No. 8 To Review the vacancy position of various functional categories of the employees of the Co-operative Department.

Registrar brought to the kind notice of the august house that at present there are 922 sanctioned posts of various functional categories in department, out of which only 370 posts of various categories have been filled

up and remaining 552 posts are lying vacant. Due to the acute shortage of staff, department is facing difficulties to conduct audit, election, liquidation, arbitration, enquiries, surcharge proceedings, compilation of data, and other developmental work in the co-operatives and to implement the various policies and programmes of the Govt. Due to shortage of staff, the department is unable to provide effective and efficient services to the people of the State. He urged the Council to convey its valuable recommendation to the State Govt. to fulfill the functional posts of all categories in the department on priority basis. He also stated that no new recruitment has been made in the department since 1998. Sh. Shiv Lal, Chairman ARDB, endorsed the views of the Registrar Co-operative Societies and stated that if the co-operative movement needs to be strengthened and survived, the department should have sufficient manpower.

The Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) suggested that the Cooperative Department should consider for outsourcing the audit work to third
parties. On this, the Registrar stated that the department has already outsourced
the audit to the CA's and certified auditors but there are number of societies,
which cannot afford to pay the audit fees of CA's. Sh. Harsh Mahajan,
Chairman Apex bank also recommended to revive the co-operative movement
and urged the need to strengthen it. Their views were also supported by other
members of the council and requested the Hon'ble Chairman to consider the
matter sympathetically.

The Chief Secretary (Co-operation) supported the views of Registrar and requested the Chairman to consider the issue earnestly to sort out this long pending demand of the department. Having deliberated on these issues, the Hon'ble Chief Minster in principle agreed to fill 120 posts of

Inspectors, who along with audit perform multifarious duties, and 60 posts of clerks in the department and directed the department to submit a proposal to the Govt. immediately.

Action: Directorate of Co-operation.

Item No.9 To consider providing the functional autonomy to the Cooperative Societies.

The Registrar apprised the house about importance of the 97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011 and part IV of the Constitution under the Directive Principles of State policy in the development of Co-operative Movement. The Registrar requested the Council to take up the issue with the State Govt, whether the Govt, shall amend the Co-operative Act as per the spirit of Article 43B of the Constitution to grant functional autonomy to Co-operative Societies as enshrined in the Directive Principle of the State policy.

Having deliberated on these issues, Hon'ble Chairman directed the department to submit a separate proposal to the Govt. as these issues are related to the policy decision.

Action: Directorate of Co-operation.

Item No.10 Additional Agenda received from the Hon'ble member of the H.P. State Co-operative Council, Chairman of Himcofed and Chairman of Himfed with the permission of the Chair.

1. Sh.Ram Lubhaya:-

Sh. Ram Lubhaya, Hon'ble member of the Council apprised the House that the Shivalik Resin & General Mill Co-operative Society Ltd; Gagret has 150 Kanals of land in surplus which can be utilized for opening of some professional institute in the public sector. He urged the State to take over the

surplus land of the said society and open some institute there. The matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that the Assistant Registrar Co-operative Societies, Una will convene a general house of the said society and an appropriate decision in this regard as per the provision of Act & Rules be taken in the General House.

Action: The Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Una will convey the same to the department for further consideration and necessary action.

II. Chairman HIMCOFED:-

(a) Enhancement of Annual Grant-in-aid for the strengthening of Cooperative Training and Education Programme.

The Chairman HIMCOFED emphasized for additional funds to the HIMCOFED. He further stated that the quantum of Grant-in-aid provided by the State Govt, is not in tune with the actual expenditure being incurred on implementation of these activities. Therefore, the annual Grant-in-aid should be enhanced from existing Rs. 60.50 lacs to Rs. 1.5 Crore. Intervening in the deliberation, the Registrar Co-operative Societies, H.P. stated that the Grant-in-aid is provided on the basis of budget allocation and in past 5 years, the department has provided additional grant-in-aid to the said federation amounting to Rs.30.00 lacs & 45.00 lacs respectively during the year 2011-12 and 2013-14. Besides, a sum of Rs. 2.42 lacs as grant-in-aid is being provided to the said federation every year from the Tribal Sub-Plan. Moreover, HIMCOFED has been authorized to collect the co-operative education fund from all the co-operative societies working in the Himachal Pradesh @ 3% of the profit with maximum ceiling of Rs. 15.00 lacs out of which, the said federation can retain 50% of the amount thus collected from the co-operative

institutions. After detailed deliberation it was decided that the demand for providing more grant-in-aid to the HIMCOFED will be considered only after proper justification and subject to the availability of budget.

Action: HIMCOFED

(b) Recruitment of qualified staff on vacant posts:-

The Chairman HIMCOFED requested that the federation may be permitted to fill up the vacant posts. On this, the Registrar stated that there is no proposal pending with his office, Moreover, if any proposal resolved by the BOD for fresh recruitment, the same will be considered and shall be sent to the State Govt. for approval, keeping in view of the involvement of non-plan expenditure.

Action: HIMCOFED shall submit the detailed proposal to Registrar and action will be initiated further.

(c) Proper infrastructure for Training Centres.

Chairman HIMCOFED apprised the House that HIMCOFED is running two Co-operative Training Centres in the State in rented premises. The management of Himcofed has recently decided to set up a modern co-operative training institute at Panjawar in Distt. Una in the memory of Late Sh. Mian Hira Singh, Pioneer of Co-operative Movement in India. For this purpose, this federation has selected a piece of land at Panjawar in Distt. Una. He requested to provide adequate financial assistance to Himcofed for execution of the above stated work. Matter was deliberated in the meeting.

Intervening in the matter Hon'ble Chairman/ Chief Minister of H.P. desired that all the Co-operative Institutions shall contribute to the HIMCOFED for the construction work of proposed training centre at Una and Shimla, in addition to the contribution of regular co-operative education fund.

Action: HIMCOFED will pursue the matter with the all concerned for raising the funds for above purpose and inform the department of Co-operation.

III. Chairman HIMFED:-

(a) Grant of Revolving Fund:-

Chairman Himfed stated that the Himfed is an authorised agency of the Govt. For the procurement and distribution of chemical fertilizers along with IFFCO in the ratio of 60:40. He further stated that Himfed has to make advance payments to various suppliers of fertilizers by paying of huge interest to the banks on cash credit limits. Distribution margins on fertilizers are merely 1.5% of annual turnover, whereas the margin required to cover up the cost of establishments works out to 11.53%.

He further stated that distribution margin on fertilizer is stagnant from the year 1980, whereas the cost of fertilizers have gone up manifold. Besides this, Himfed has to keep 15% to 20% fertilizer in buffer stock to avoid its scarcity, which costs around Rs. 16 Crore to 18.00 Crore attracting monthly interest liability of Rs. 25 lacs to Rs. 30.00 lacs.

In view of these facts, he requested to consider his demand to made available interest free revolving fund to the tune of at least of Rs. 30.00 Crore in favour of the Himfed for the procurement and distribution of fertilizer throughout the State.

The Chief Secretary (Co-operation) supported to resolve the issue raised by the Chairman of HIMFED. He further suggested sorting out these issues by convening a meeting of all concerned, specially Department of Agriculture and Department of Horticulture.

Intervening in the matter, Hon'ble Chairman directed Himfed to submit a proposal to State Govt. for interest components.

Action: HIMFED should prepare a complete proposal of interest component and send it to the Govt. for consideration.

IV Shri Raghubeer Singh Thakur, Chairman Woolfed.

Participating in the deliberation, Shri Raghubeer Singh Chairman Woolfed requested to continue the earlier system of providing managerial subsidy to the co-operatives. He further suggested that to strengthen the recovery mechanism, more posts of Tehsildar (Recovery) may be given to the department. On this issue, Hon'ble Chairman/ Chief Minister of H.P. observed that Govt. will consider this demand to appoint Tehsildar (Recovery) at Divisional Commissioner level. Accordingly, a proposal may be submitted to the Govt. for its consideration.

Action: Directorate of Co-operation

After discussion Hon'ble Chairman directed to convene the Council meeting regularly and directed the department to fix the next meeting in November, 2015.

Action: Directorate of Co-operation

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chief Secretary and the Registrar Co-operative Societies, H.P. The Registrar further expressed his heartiest gratitude and thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for his encouragement and new directions for the development of co-operative movement in the State. He also thanked all the Council members for their active participation and valuable suggestions. He also extended his thankfulness to the Chief Secretary and other departmental officials present in the meeting.

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Chairman,

H.P. Cooperative Council.

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(Member Secretary)
Registrar Co-operative Societies,
Himachal Pradesh