

The Goa Command Area Development Act, 1997

Section 15 - Formation and registration of water distribution co-operative societies.—

1) When the Command area having not less than 100 hectares in area or less, as may be approved by CAD Board under a single hydraulic or more Unit(s) is identified, the farmers/beneficiaries of that Command Area shall be advised to form water distribution co-operative society by the concerned Canal Officer. Then, the Canal Officer shall supply the list of such farmers and the Command area map of that unit to the Credit-In-Charge, who in turn shall take up the job of conducting a meeting of farmers/beneficiaries, forming of society, preparation of feasibility report and making all other necessary formalities. Then, the Superintending Engineer, Command Area Development Board Circle, shall recommend to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to register the society. The Credit-In-Charge shall follow up the process with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and get the Society registered. (2) As soon as the society is registered, the concerned Canal Officer shall hand over the existing water distribution system by executing the approved agreement with the Chairman of the society. The Central and State assistance shall be released to the society for performing its functions. The Credit-In-Charge shall render all necessary guidance to the society in performing its functions and duties and ensure the smooth functioning as stipulated in the Co-operative Societies Act or this Act. (3) No officer or servant of the Government of India or the Government or any State Government or of a local authority or an employee of any institution receiving aid from the funds of the Government shall be qualified for being chosen as or for being a Chairman, or President or a member of a managing committee of any water distribution Co-operative society.

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