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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 8292/2025 & CM APPL. 36093/2025

KARTAR SINGH DAHIYA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Yadunandan Bansal, Mr. Abdul Qadir, Ms. Shawariya Muzaffar, Ms. Mallika Rani and Ms. Smirit Saxena, Advs.

versus

REGISTRAR COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES & ANR.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Urvi Mohan, Adv. for R-1/RCS.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER

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03.09.2025

1. It is unfortunate that the Administrator was appointed and continued under Section 37 of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003 ('*Act of 2003*'), from 21st July 2023, perhaps on the grounds that the audit for last couple of years has not been carried out.
2. Even after the appointment of Auditor, things have not changed, and the Administrators have been substituted one after another for the last two years.
3. This is abject failure of the Registrar Cooperative Societies ('**RCS**') in discharging the statutory duties under the Act of 2003.
4. In that view of the matter, we were expecting a response from RCS on



the aforesaid issues.

5. As per the very object of the Act of 2003, the Society is required to be administered and managed in accordance with the principles of democracy.
6. It appears that the RCS has chosen not to file its reply in the matter.
7. As prayed by *Ms. Urvi Mohan*, learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 1/RCS, we defer the hearing for two weeks by way of last chance, to enable the RCS to file its reply on affidavit in the matter, thereby proposing time-bound action to ensure that the Society is governed in a democratic manner.
8. Re-notify on 19th September 2025.
9. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE, J

ANISH DAYAL, J

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025/sky/bp