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

+ W.P.(C) 4619/2025
ARUN KUMAR SAXENAPetitioner
Through: Mr. Raunak Jain, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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MRITYUNJAY KUMARPetitioner
Through: Mr. Shrey Kumar, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Siddhartha Shankar Ray, CGSC
with Ms. Smritika Kesri, Adv. for R1
& 2.
Mr. Kapil Dev, GP for R1&2.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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SANJOY KUMAR PAULPetitioner
Through: Mr. Raunak Jain, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Mukul Singh, CGSC with Ms. Ira



Singh and Mr. Aryan Dhaka, Advs. for
UOI.

Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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+ W.P.(C) 4622/2025

BISWAJIT BANERJEE

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Raunak Jain, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Anil Kumar Saxena, SPC with
Mr. Rajendra Rawat, GP for R-1.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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DEO KUMAR GHATAK

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Raunak Jain, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ajay Jain, SPC with Mr. Krishna
Sharma, Mr. M.N. Mishra and Mr.
Manoj Kumar, Advs. for R-1.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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NARENDRAKANT G GITE

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Raunak Jain, Adv.

versus



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+ UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Puneet Yadav, Adv. for UOI.
Mr.
Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha, Mr.
Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and Ms.
Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.
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HIMANI BANSAL
Through: Mr. Shrey Kumar, Adv.
- versus
- UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Sharang Dulia, CGSC for UOI.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.
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SHRI KRISHAN GUPTA
Through: Mr. Shrey Kumar, Adv.
- versus
- UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.
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+ W.P.(C) 6352/2025Petitioner
RAJ GUPTA
Through: Mr. Shrey Kumar, Adv.
- versus
- UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents



Through: Mr. Abhishek Gupta, CGSC with Mr. Shashwat Pandey and Mr. Rajeev Kumar Yadav, Advs.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha, Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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SATYAM AGGARWALPetitioner
Through: Mr. Shrey Kumar, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Jaswinder Singh, Adv. for R-1.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha, Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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MALATHI HARIHARANPetitioner
Through: Mr. Dipak Bhattacharyya, Adv. with Mr. Sohhom Sau and Mr. Faiz Khan, Advs.

versus

THE UNION OF INDIA, THROUGH MINISTRY OF COOPERATION & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. D.V. B. Ramaswamy, CGSC for UOI.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha, Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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+ W.P.(C) 6987/2025&CM APPL. 31527/2025
CHITYALA JAYARAMPetitioner
Through: Mr. Dipak Bhattacharyya, Adv. with Mr. Sohhom Sau and Mr. Faiz Khan,



Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA, THROUGH MINISTRY OF COOPERATION &
ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. D.V. B. Ramaswamy, CGSC for
UOI.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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+ W.P.(C) 6991/2025&CM APPL. 31539/2025
M. RAZI ANWAR

....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Dipak Bhattacharyya, Adv. with
Mr. Sohhom Sau and Mr. Faiz Khan,
Advs.

versus

THE UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. D.V. B. Ramaswamy, CGSC for
UOI.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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+ W.P.(C) 6992/2025, CM APPL. 31541/2025, CM APPL. 43335/2025,
CM APPL. 43496/2025 & CM APPL. 48947/2025
VIJAY DAVE

....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Dipak Bhattacharyya, Adv. with
Mr. Sohhom Sau and Mr. Faiz Khan,
Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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SAURABH AGGARWALPetitioner
Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Rakesh Kumar, CGSC with Mr.
Sunil, Adv. and Mr. Vedansh Anand,
GP for UOI.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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ALOK KUMAR AGGARWALPetitioner
Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Siddhartha Shankar Ray, CGSC
with Ms. Smritika Kesri, Adv. for R1
& 2.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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+ W.P.(C) 9384/2025
PREM KUMAR ARORAPetitioner
Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents



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+ Through: Mr. Sahaj Garg, SPC with Mr. Rudra Paliwal, GP for R1.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

W.P.(C) 9397/2025
CHAND SAROOPPetitioner

Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Rakesh Kumar, CGSC with Mr.
Sunil and Mr. Sarvesh and Mr. P.
Shrivastava, GP for UOI.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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SHUBHANKAR BHATTACHARYAPetitioner

Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Rajesh Mishra, SPC with Ms.
Anita Mishra and Ms.Divya Sharma,
Advs. for R1-3.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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AJAY KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Puneet Yadav, Adv. for UOI.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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+ W.P.(C) 9552/2025
NIRMAL DEVI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Rakesh Kumar, CGSC with Mr.
Sunil and Mr. Sarvesh, GP for UOI.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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NAVNIT GHAI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Piyush Gupta, CGSC with Mr.



Atishay Jain, Mr. Samsul Alam, Ms. Kyati and Mr. Prateek Kapoor, Advs. for R-1 & 2.

Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha, Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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W.P.(C) 11166/2025

ISPAT CO-OP GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY LTDPetitioner

Through: Mr. A Ganguly and Ms. Kriti Mazumdar, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Piyush Gupta, CGSC with Mr. Atishay Jain, Mr. Samsul Alam, Ms. Kyati and Mr. Prateek Kapoor, Advs. for R-1 & 2.

Mr. Viplav Acharya, SPC with Ms. Laavanya Kaushik and Ms. Khyaati Bansal, Advs.

Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha, Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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W.P.(C) 9633/2025

MEENA RANI NAYAK

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar , Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Shagun Sahai Chugh, SPC with Ms. Nandita Mishra, Adv. for UOI. Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,



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W.P.(C) 9691/2025

DHARAM PAL SHARMA

Through:

Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

.....Petitioner

Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

Ms. Kriti Majumdar and Mr. Aveak
Ganguly, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Through:

.....Respondents

Mr. Rajesh Kumar, SPC with Mr.
Yash Narain, Adv. for R1.

Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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W.P.(C) 9731/2025

PURAN CHAND

Through:

.....Petitioner

Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Through:

.....Respondents

Ms. Seema Gulati and Mr. Prashant
Rawat, Advs. for R1.

Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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MAHENDRA KUMAR KATHPAL

.....Petitioner

Through:

Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav



Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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+ W.P.(C) 10055/2025
MITTER SAIN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Hardik Giri, Mr. Hitesh Kumar ,
Mr. Vedant Pradhan and Mr. Pranav
Singh Gautam, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA& ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Manish Kumar, Sr. P.C. and Mr.
Harsh Raj, Adv. for R1-3.
Mr. Salim Ansari, Ms. Anwesha Saha,
Mr. Sabyasachi Roy Chowdhury and
Ms. Shweta Banerjee, Advs. for R-4.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER

11.08.2025

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1. In compliance with the order dated 01st August 2025, an affidavit sworn by the *Under Secretary* from the office of *Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies* is placed on record.
2. It is claimed therein, that in the affairs of the respondent no.4/*Steel Authority of India Employees' Co-operative Credit Society Limited*, an inquiry can be conducted under Section 78 of the Multi-State Cooperative



Societies Act, 2002 (hereinafter '**MSCS Act**') before ordering winding up under Section 86 of the MSCS Act. Such inquiry under Section 78 of the MSCS Act is necessary, to satisfy, regarding the financial health of respondent no.4 / *Steel Authority of India Employees' Co-operative Credit Society Limited*.

3. Para 7 and 8 of the affidavit of respondent no.2/Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies reads as under:

"7. That accordingly, the Respondent No. 2/Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies by Order dated 08.08.2025, has directed an inquiry against Respondent No. 4 Society under Section 78(1B) of the MSCS Act, 2002. The Respondent No. 2 has also authorized the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI) as the competent and independent agency to undertake the said inquiry into the constitution, functioning, and financial status of the Society. Copy of the order dated 08.08.2025 passed by the Respondent No. 2 in compliance with this Hon'ble Court's order dated 01.08.2025 is annexed herewith and marked as ANNEXURE R/6.

8. That a detailed inquiry report is to be furnished within 1 month of the order which shall be duly examined by the Office of the Respondent No. 2/Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies. Based on the outcome of the inquiry, appropriate action, including winding up proceedings under Section 86 of the MSCS Act, 2002 of the above Society may be initiated in accordance with law."



4. While countering the aforesaid submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners has invited the attention of this Court to the inquiry, as was ordered by the Central Registrar in exercise of powers under Section 108 of the MSCS Act, in pursuant to which the *Cooperation Directorate* of the *State Government of West Bengal* submitted a report.
5. According to the counsel for petitioner, one such report is on record; there is enough material to infer that the proceedings under Section 86 of the MSCS Act, for winding up should have been taken and an Administrator should have been appointed.
6. Though, we are not very satisfied with the aforesaid submission, however, we note that while passing the order of directing an inquiry under Section 78 of the MSCS Act, it was expected of the Central Registrar to be sensitive to the report received by them, under their own directions from the State Government of West Bengal referred above.
7. There is no reference, neither in the affidavit, nor in the order passed under Section 78 of the MSCS Act. There is a reference to the aforesaid inquiry report in the order dated 08th August 2025.
8. We are equally sensitive to the fact that the report is based on the balance-sheet of 2022-2023 and the unaudited accounts thereafter.
9. We ably recollect that during the last hearing it was submitted by the newly elected body of respondent no.4/Co-operative Society that the earlier Secretary/Officer Bearer, who is accused of misappropriation of funds of the Cooperative Society, has not handed over the record to the newly elected body.
10. Counsel appearing for respondent no.4/Cooperative Society should have filed their response by this stage, however, have chosen not to do so and



are rather asking for an adjournment in these matters.

11. In such a situation, we deem it appropriate to permit respondent nos.1 and 2 to go ahead with the action proposed by them under para 7 and 8 of their affidavit.

12. However, the action as is initiated under Section 78 of the MSCS Act, in our opinion, must be balanced with that of protecting the interest of the depositors.

13. In that view of the matter, we direct respondent no.2/Central Registrar to pass an order within 72 hours from today as regards the steps that he intends to take in the matter of securing the interest for depositors like the petitioners, in whose favour orders are passed by respondent no.3/*Cooperative Ombudsman* directing repayment of deposits.

14. Interim measures be made by the *Central Registrar* may include restraint order on the powers to be exercised by the newly elected managing committee until further orders, and also in case if any stop gap arrangement in the matter of payments is to be made to the parties, in whose favour the *Cooperative Ombudsman* has passed an order.

15. Let the response be placed before this Court within one week from today.

16. However, we make it clear that the inquiry as ordered under Section 78 of the MSCS Act, shall be completed expeditiously within the time stipulated as mentioned in the affidavit.

17. We also grant one week by way of last chance to the respondent no.4/Cooperative Society to submit their response on record, failing which this Court will be constrained to pass order of costs or initiation of contempt proceedings.



18. No major policy or financial decision be indulged into by the newly elected office bearers of the respondent no.4/Cooperative Society, except day-to-day expenses, till the response of *Central Registrar* is placed on record.
19. Affidavit, filed by the respondents, be taken on record.
20. List on 22nd August 2025.
21. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE, J

ANISH DAYAL, J

AUGUST 11, 2025/mk/sp