

Brief history

Tripura is a small hilly state in the North-eastern region of India and surrounded by Bangladesh on the three sides. The state of Tripura is connected with the rest of the country through a single track National Highway No- 44 and a meter gauge line of Railway. Air route is the other means of communication with Kolkata and other cities which are very much costly, insufficient and also beyond the reach of the poor people of Tripura. Agriculture and other Agri allied activities like Fishery, Animal Husbandry, and Village & Cottage Industry has a significant role in the State economy. Under this background, Cooperative movement in the state has been playing a vital role for the socio-economic development and cultural advancement of the people in general. The Cooperative movement in Tripura started in the year 1949, with the registration of Cooperative Society namely "Swasti Samabaya Samity Ltd", under Kanchanpur Sub-division in North Tripura District and its activities started with the strength of more than 500 hundred members on the 4450 hac land. The movement acquired a comprehensive character with the enactment of Tripura Cooperative Societies Act. 1974 & Tripura Cooperative Societies Rules 1976, respectively. Most recently, the aforesaid Act has been amended to give more autonomy to the Management of Cooperative Societies based on the recommendation of the Vaidyanathan Committee for revival of STCCS, i.e LAMPS/PACS/FSS. The State Government through its Budgetary Provisions and National Apex level Institutions are providing financial assistance to the Coop. Societies for their all round development and growth.

Date & year of establishment

The office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies was established in the year 1961 and first headed by Sri P.K. Deb Barma the first Registrar of Cooperative Societies in Tripura. At present Mr. Khagendra Jamatia, Hon'ble Minister of the Department of Co-operation, Mr. Santanu Das, IAS. Secretary to the Government of Tripura and Mr. Pratapaditya Datta, IAS. Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of Tripura, is looking after the Department. The department at a glance with its core/main activities and areas of concern may kindly be perused at following pages.

Number of Employees (as on March 2012)

Sanctioned strength		Working strength		Vacant Post	
Group A	8	Group -- A	06	Group -- A	02
Group B	100	Group -- B	60	Group -- B	40
Group C	393	Group --C	275	Group --C	118
Group D	98	Group D	96	Group D	02
Total: -	599	Total: -	437	Total: -	162

Organizational set up till March, 2012

Administration

a) Directorate set up

- i) Registrar of Cooperative Societies.
- ii) Addl./Jt. Registrar of Cooperative Societies.
- iii) Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies.
- iv) Law Officer-Cum-draftsman.
- v) Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies
- vi) Accounts Officer.
- vii) Office Superintendent.
- viii) Cooperative Officer.
- ix) Cooperative Inspector.
- x) Auditor/Investigator.

- xi) Ministerial staff.
- xii) Driver.
- xiii) Group-D (Peon/Night guard etc.)

b) District Level Setup.

- i) Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies.
- ii) Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies.
- iii) Office superintendent.
- iv) Cooperative Officer.
- v) Cooperative Inspector.
- vi) Head Clerk/Accountant.
- vii) U.D.Clerk.
- viii) L.D.Clerk
- ix) Driver.
- x) Group- D (Peon/Process Server etc.)

c) Sub-Divisional Level Set up.

- i) Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies.
- ii) Cooperative Officer.
- iii) Cooperative Inspector.
- iv) Auditor/Investigator (Coop.)
- v) U.D. Clerk.
- vi) L.D. Clerk
- vii) Driver
- viii) Group- D (peon/process server etc.)

d) . Registration of Cooperative Societies:-

There are 1732 Cooperative Societies registered under TCS Act, 1974 and 6594 Societies (NGO) registered under Societies Registration Act.1860 up to 31-03-2013. The profile of the Cooperative Societies for the year 2012-13 is as under:-

i) No. of Cooperative Societies	1732 Nos
ii) No. of Members of the Cooperative Societies	6.51 Lakhs
iii) Share Capital	109.12 crore
iv) Working Capital	915.12 crore
v) No. of Societies Regd. Under SR Act, 1860	6594 Nos