ANNEXURE VII

SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE EVOLUTION AND GROWTH OF CO-OPERATIVE LEGISLATION

1. All India Rural Credit Survey Committee Report (1951-54):
The Committee recommended that State partnership in co-operatives was the only means by which rural people could be freed from the clutches of the vested interests and could grow in strength and prosperity.

2. Committee on Co-operative Law (1956-57):
One of the important recommendations of the Committee was the provision regarding constitution of managing board in a tripartite body representing the State (not more than 3 members), the societies and the individual members.

The Council favoured for setting up smaller but viable units like service societies by re-structuring the large-sized co-operative societies.

4. Committee on Co-operation (1964-65):
It was on the recommendations of this Committee that the provisions regarding refusal of membership to various vested interests in the co-operative societies, nomination of Government servants instead of non-officials to the managing committees of the societies and entrenchment of office-bearers from the societies were made in the Co-operative Law.

The study while suggesting a "Model Co-operative Societies Law" recommended that legal provisions with regard to admission, withdrawal, expulsion of members; purchase of shares by States, division of surplus, etc., should not find place in the Act or Rules, but in the Bye-laws itself.

6. Central Guidelines:
These guidelines seek to improve the management of societies, to provide more protection to weaker sections and to prevent the growth of vested interests in co-operatives. These were revised in 1976 keeping in view the various aspects of de-officialisation of the co-operative movement.

It was resolved that the co-operative movement shall be built up as an autonomous, self-reliant movement, free from undue outside interference and excessive control, as also from politics. It also resolved that the autonomy of the co-operatives shall be based, interalia, on increasing generation of internal resources, mobilising savings in rural and urban areas, and decreasing dependence on resources from outside financial institutions and Government.