APPENDIX -- I

Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act 1961:
A brief summary of provisions

Chapter I: Preliminary:
Section 1: This part contains short title, extent and commencement that is all the technical-legal aspects of any enactment and section 2: all the important definitions of terms used in the Act.

Chapter II Registration: Sections 3 to 21A delineate all the matters connected with registration, dissolution, reregistration, amalgamation, partnership, classification and division of societies; guidelines for making, amending, modifying, deleting bye laws of a society; liability structure, and more important of all, the duties and powers of the Registrar of cooperative societies.

Chapter III: Membership of societies, rights and liabilities of members.
Sections 22 to 35 are devoted to guidelines pertaining to the aspects of membership of cooperative societies registered under this Act. The provisions include various issues like who can become a member, what are the rights and duties of a member, types of membership, insolvency and expulsion of members, voting rights of members, restrictions on voting and other privileges etc.

Chapter IV: Duties and privileges of societies.
Sections 36 to 49 are a set of guidelines regarding what society is entitled as a body corporate. This status bestows some privileges upon the societies registered under this Act. While the earlier part discusses relation of a society with its members, this part mostly discusses relationship of a society with outside bodies and agencies. Tax benefits, prior claims of society over income of a member certain recovery procedures due from the members etc.

Chapter V: State aid to societies
Sections 50 to 63 are pertaining to the relationship of state with individual and collectivities of cooperative societies registered under this Act. It includes guidelines regarding state partnership whether direct or indirect, role of government funding in assets of societies, the structuring of three tiers of societies i. e. the primary, intermediary and the apex cooperatives and how state funding is related to
these tiers. The control of share holding and transfers etc wherever state funding is involved and such other matters.

Chapter VI : Property and funds of society

Sections 64 through 71A provide guidelines for maintaining accounts of the societies by providing important instructions for holding of funds, utilizing them, allowed dividend and admissible expenses, contributions from society funds to certain other activities of public interest etc.

Chapter VII : Management of societies.

Sections 72 to 80. This is an important chapter from members’ point of view. Detailed guidelines are prescribed for power structure in a society registered under this Act. How elections shall be conducted, how office bearers shall be elected, the rights and duties of general body, various committees and qualifications and disqualification for occupying seats in a committee etc. representation of societies on higher level bodies in the three tier structure as well as other bodies; powers of the Registrar and the government in regulating all such activities and of intervening if the need arises. This chapter can be labeled as the core of the law.

Chapter VIII Audit, inquiry inspection and supervision

Sections 81 to 90 are pertaining to guidelines as well as powers bestowed upon the Registrar’s office and other bodies of higher authority audit and inspect the accounts and other minutes of a society to find out whether proper utilization of funds is being made or not, to disclose, assess and recover the damages, if any, especially of state funding to a society and such other matters related to accounting of a society.

Chapter IX Settlement of disputes

Sections 91 to 101. This part delineates how cooperative courts shall be formed, their powers, appeals on their decisions and recovery procedures from defaulter members etc.

Chapter X Liquidation

Sections 102 to 110. This part of the enactment deals with winding up of societies, appointment of liquidator, powers of liquidator and termination proceedings etc in case of societies under certain conditions.

Chapter X – A Insured cooperative bank

Section 110 – A. This section brings out role of the Reserve bank of India in liquidation of insured cooperative bank.

Chapter XI Land development bank.

Sections 111 to 144 – 1A. This is perhaps the largest part of the law. It covers
most of the details [which are not covered by earlier sections] that serve as
guidelines for making and braking of Land development banks. It delineates
meticulously, and in sufficient details, procedures for forming Land Development
banks, their structuring, elections, appointments and powers of trustees, lease and
mortgage procedures, recovery procedures etc and powers of the Registrar in this
regard.

Chapter XI - A Elections of committees and officers of certain societies.

Section 144 - A to 144 - Y. This part contains detailed outline of elections to be
held for specified societies, which, mostly involve larger geographical areas, a large
number of voters and a power position at stake in the election, such as state level,
district level or sugar factory, spinning mill etc. All the important aspects of such
elections have been covered in this section including qualification for contesting
election, technicalities of electioneering, disputes, resolving disputes etc and role of
the Registrar and government in keeping surveillance on such procedures etc.

Chapter XII: Offences and penalties

Sections 145 to 148 - A. This part defines offences and prescribes the procedures
for treating those offences. The cooperative courts have been already described
which are empowered to take cognizance of offences etc. All the important matters
related with offences have been discussed in this part.

Chapter XIII Appeal, review and revision

Sections 149 to 154. This part mostly deals with powers and procedures related
with the cooperative appellate court, its status, nature of appeals and revisionary
powers of the Registrar and the government in this regard.

Chapter XIII - A Maharashtra state cooperative council

Section 154 - A. This section was inserted in 1986. It delineates the procedures,
duties and rights of the Maharashtra state cooperative council formed under this
section of this Act.

Chapter XIV Miscellaneous

Sections 155 to 167. This part covers almost all of those aspects of the business
of cooperative societies, which have not been covered by earlier sections but have
posed certain practical difficulties for practitioners in real life situations, while
conducting the business of their respective cooperatives. The range of topics it
covers is wide since the range of activities of the cooperative sector is itself very
wide but certain main points can be mentioned here, for example, recovery of dues
from government, Registrar’s powers of recovery as well as exempting certain
issues, delegation of powers of registrar, allowances to members of committees,
indemnity for acts done in good faith etc.

A similar scheme of rules for cooperatives, comprising of 110 rules in all, to prescribe the exact actions expected under the sections mentioned in the Act have been made by the Maharashtra state government on the same date prevails for the purpose of conducting the business of individual cooperative societies.

In addition to this enactment in order to augment the necessities as they arose, certain additional laws also have been enacted which perform a supporting role to this law. The list of allied laws is given below.

1] The Societies Registration Act, 1860.
16] Multi-State Cooperative Societies (privileges, properties and funds, account, audit winding up, Execution of Decrees, Orders and decisions) Rules, 1985 [A Central law]
19] In addition to these enactments, government notifications are published from time to time, a list of which is impossible to give here for want of space and it does not have a direct relevance for this report also.
APPENDIX - II

List of the villages and lift societies started with the help and guidance of Pani Panchayat in the Purandhar tehsil of Pune district:

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Cooperative irrigation schemes at Ralegan Shindi

1] Shri Yadavbaba  Cooperative irrigation scheme
2] Shri Sant Dnaneshvar Cooperative irrigation scheme
3] Shri Sant Tukaram Cooperative irrigation scheme
4] Padmavati Cooperative irrigation scheme
5] Gautam Cooperative irrigation scheme
6] Krishna Cooperative irrigation scheme