## **CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES**

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- (A) On 17th Feb, 2022, the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies (Election to Committee) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2021 was notified to replace Rule 74 regarding filling up of Casual vacancies which reads as under:
  - " 74 Casual Vacancies:
  - (1) In the event of the vacancy occurring on account of death, resignation, disqualification or removal of an elected committee member of a society or through such a member becoming incapable of acting, prior to the expiry of his term of office or otherwise, the committee of the society shall forthwith communicate the occurrence of such vacancy to the State Co-operation Election Authority and District Co-operation Election Officer, and the vacancy shall be filled within one month from the date of such communication, by nomination of the eligible members out of the same class of the members in respect of which casual vacancy/vacancies has arisen, in the meeting of the remaining members of the committee, which shall be presided over by an officer authorized by State Co-operation Election Authority:
    - Provided that, at any instance during the tenure of a committee, there shall not be nominated members of the committee exceeding one third of the total strength of the committee.
  - (2) The member so elected or nominated under sub-rule (1) shall hold office so long only as the member of the committee in whose place he is elected would have held it, if the vacancy had not occurred"
- (B) Revenue Dept of Govt of Maharashtra on 22nd Feb, 2022 has issued a notification to regularise the membership of flat purchasers in the cooperative housing societies registered on the government land. For each violations the penalty ranges between 1% of the ready recknor value of the property to 5% of the market value in which the transactions was done.