

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/12/2022

**Details of Co-operative Schemes in West Bengal**

**5.Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

Will the Minister of **Cooperation** be pleased to state:

- a) the details of schemes being implemented/ funds utilized/work done in the field of Cooperation and the number of institutions registered by the Ministry in the State of West Bengal, district-wise;
- b) whether any special schemes/projects is being implemented in hilly districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong, if so, the details thereof; and
- c) whether any separate scheme is proposed for the benefit of the rural areas, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): In order to revitalize the cooperative sector, bringing transparency, modernization, computerization, creating competitive cooperatives and deepening its reach to the grassroots across the country, including the State West Bengal, the Ministry of Cooperation is implementing the following schemes:

- Project for Computerization of 63,000 Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) across the country at a total estimated cost of Rs. 2,516 Crore.
- Financial assistance of Rs 341.67 Cr in the Year 2021-22 and Rs 47.9 Crore in the current year, in the form of subsidy/grant to the Cooperative societies under erstwhile CSISAC Scheme for the cooperative sector.

Further, Ministry of Cooperation has taken various initiatives to strengthen the cooperative movement which includes the following:

- Preparation of model bye-laws for the PACS to transform them into multipurpose vibrant economic entities at Panchayat Level.
- Creation of National Cooperative Database in consultation with all stakeholders.
- Inclusion of Urban Co-operative Banks, State Co-operative Banks and District Central Co-operative Banks as Member Lending Institutions under CGTMSE.
- Onboarding of Cooperative Societies on GeM Portal as “buyers”.

In addition to the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Cooperation, Other Ministries/Departments are also running various schemes for providing benefits to the Cooperatives such as:

- Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF) provides Interest subvention of 3% and credit guarantee for availing loan upto Rs. 2 crores, for development of infrastructure projects at farm gate.
- Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) provides 25 to 33% subsidy for creation of Agri Infrastructure for marketing facilities.
- Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) provides interest subvention of 2.5% to state dairy federation, district milk unions, etc for the purpose of establishing new milk processing units, milk testing apparatus, etc.
- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY) provides subsidy upto 40% for various fisheries activities.

As on date, NCDC is implementing various schemes in the field of cooperation in the State of West Bengal wherein support for development of PACS as farm machinery hub, establishment of bank service point at PACS, income enhancement initiative for SHGs, rehabilitation of cooperative spinning mills, etc. have been provided across various districts in the State. NCDC has disbursed an amount of Rs 2,006.70 Crore in the State of West Bengal.

Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) under Ministry of Cooperation registers Multi State Cooperative Societies which have presence in more than one State. Headquarters of 69 Multi State Cooperative Societies are situated in the State of West Bengal.

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