

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/12/2022

Co-operatives in Punjab

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

- a) the details of schemes functional in the country in the field of Co-operatives;
- b) the schemes being implemented for development of this sector in Punjab and the total funds allocated by Government for the said purpose; and
- c) whether Government has received any proposal from Punjab Government for work in this sector and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) & (b): 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 of Punjab, 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.

Further, as on date, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has disbursed an amount of Rs. 1,169.86 Crore in the State of Punjab.

(c): Following proposals have been received from State of Punjab for cooperative sector:

1. A proposal for Computerization of 3,523 PACS has been received from State of Punjab which has been taken up under the “Computerization of PACS” project.
2. A proposal for paddy MSP operations of Rs. 10,000 Crore for Punjab MARKFED from Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Punjab has been received, which has been sanctioned by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
