

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 232**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/03/2023

**Registration by societies as buyers on GeM portal**

**232 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) whether Government has given permission to cooperative societies to register as buyers on the GeM portal;
- (b) if so, the benefits cooperative societies would be getting after their registration as buyer on GeM portal, the details thereof;
- (c) number of cooperative societies which have registered themselves as buyers on the GeM portal till now; and
- (d) the total number of cooperative societies registered as buyers on GeM portal in Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2023.**

(a): Yes, sir. On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022, the Government of India permitted the cooperative societies to register as 'buyer' on Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

(b): Purchases through GeM would allow the cooperative societies to get competitive prices through an open and transparent process from nearly 60 lakh vendors, thereby economically benefitting the members of these societies. Following the standard procedures on GeM would reduce procurement time and administrative burden. It would also enhance the credibility of the cooperatives by increasing transparency.

(c): Onboarding of cooperative societies as buyers on GeM is being implemented in a phased manner. In the first phase, 618 cooperative societies/cooperative banks, which have turnover/deposits of more than Rs. 100 crore as per the latest audited financial statement and 'A' grade Audit rating (wherever applicable), have been identified for onboarding on GeM. As on 15 March 2023, 526 cooperative societies have been onboarded as buyers on the GeM portal.

(d): In Uttar Pradesh, 58 cooperative societies have been onboarded as buyers on the GeM portal.

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