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Women in Cooperative Societies

1770. Dr. Dinesh Sharma:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) the role played by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for upliftment of women's co-operative societies across the country;
- (b) the details of funds disbursed to women co-operative societies during the last three years;
- (c) whether any special scheme has been implemented by NCDC for women in co-operative societies; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a): National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), a statutory Corporation under the administrative control of Ministry of Cooperation, plans and promotes programmes for production, processing, marketing, storage, supply chain, export and import of agricultural produce, foodstuffs, industrial goods, livestock, commodities and also promotes services like tourism, rural housing, renewable energy, banking, hospital & healthcare and education etc. on cooperative principles.

NCDC has been playing a significant role over the years to improve socio-economic status of women through women cooperatives enabling them to take up business model-based activities. NCDC encourages women cooperatives to avail financial assistance under its various schemes. Cumulatively as on 31.03.2024, NCDC has disbursed financial assistance of Rs.6426.36 crore for the development of cooperative societies exclusively promoted by women.

(b): The details of funds disbursed to women cooperatives during the last three years are as under:

Financial Year	Amount disbursed (Rs. in crore)
2021-22	1319.52
2022-23	1437.00
2023-24	711.55

(c) & (d): NCDC is implementing the following schemes exclusively for women cooperatives:

- (i) **Swayamshakti Sahakar Yojna** – The objectives of this scheme are to facilitate access to the affordable, cost-effective and reliable financial services to the poor, to facilitate women Self Help Groups (SHGs) to access adequate bank credit to undertake the common/collective socio-economic activities and to promote sustainable livelihood. Under

this scheme, Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs), State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and SHGs Federated Cooperatives/Cooperative Federations are eligible for NCDC assistance.

- (ii) **Nandini Sahakar-** Nandini Sahakar scheme of NCDC is a women focused framework of financial assistance, project formulation, hand-holding and capacity development aimed at assisting women cooperatives take up business model based activities in any sector, except urban housing. The objectives of this scheme are aligned with the principles of Atmanirbhar Bharat. This initiative supports women cooperatives by fostering entrepreneurial dynamism through inputs like enterprise development, business planning, capacity building, and financial support via credit and interest subvention.
