

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2570
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th DECEMBER, 2024

NCDC funded projects in Tamil Nadu

2570. Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is introducing to enhance the financial sustainability of National Cooperative Development corporation (NCDC) funded projects in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the manner in which Government plan to collaborate with the State of Tamil Nadu to ensure NCDC loans support long-term economic growth;
- (c) whether Government is providing tools or training to improve Tamil Nadu's management of NCDC loan funds; and
- (d) the platforms set up for better coordination between Government and the State of Tamil Nadu on NCDC projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a): National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), a statutory corporation under Ministry of Cooperation provides financial assistance directly to cooperative societies which fulfill direct funding guidelines, subject to economic viability. There is an ongoing focus on ensuring that cooperative sector projects, funded by NCDC, are financially viable in the long term. This includes continuous monitoring and support for the effective implementation of these projects, ensuring that funds are utilized in a manner that promotes both short-term and long-term sustainability.

(b): NCDC provides financial assistance through State Government or directly to the Cooperative Societies in the form of loans (short term & long term) and subsidy for their development. The loan component is provided from out of NCDC's own funds while the eligible subsidy is provided after dovetailing with other Central Sector Schemes. The objective of NCDC-funded projects aligns with the broader economic goals of the State.

(c): NCDC Regional Training Centre at Chennai organizes various capacity-building initiatives, including workshops, seminars, and training programs for cooperative leaders and managers at the state and district levels. These programs focus on improving financial management skills, project monitoring, and fund utilization efficiency.

(d): NCDC has set up a separate Regional Directorate in Chennai to coordinate between NCDC and State Government. Regional Director acts as liaison officer between NCDC and various Departments of the State Government in order to avail loan from NCDC for the development of the Cooperative Societies in Tamil Nadu. Further, regular joint meetings with representation of NCDC in various district level and state level meetings facilitate information exchange and decision-making.
