

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 279
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th MARCH, 2025

Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL)

279 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) has started functioning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the yield increases if the farmer cultivates with seeds saved from the previous crops; and
- (d) whether Government hold any share in the Sahkari Samiti?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(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) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 279 FOR REPLY ON 26th MARCH, 2025 ASKED BY Ms. INDU BALA GOSWAMI REGARDING BHARTIYA BEEJ SAHKARI SAMITI LIMITED (BBSSL).

(a) to (b): Yes sir, Ministry of Cooperation has set up Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002. The BBSSL is promoted by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The initial paid up capital of BBSSL is Rs. 250 Cr with contribution of Rs. 50 Cr each by the five promoters and authorized share capital is Rs. 500 Cr.

BBSSL has started functioning since the Kharif season of 2023. As of now, 19,674 Cooperative Societies have become members of BBSSL. It has carried out the production of 1,79,657 quintals of quality seeds through 1,742 farmers from 6,160 hectares of area, covering 13 crops, and has distributed 62,154 Quintals of seeds of various crop varieties. BBSSL has also obtained seed licenses from 13 States.

(c) Farmer Saved Seeds (FSS) are not good for better yield. High Seed Replacement Rate (SRR) and Varietal Replacement Rate (VRR) always ensure better yield due to real utilization of genetic potential of good varieties. Subsequent deterioration in quality of seeds vary with different degree in self/cross pollinated crops for open pollinated varieties while for hybrids it is compulsory to replace seeds every year.

(d) The Government does not hold any share in Bhartiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL).
