

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th MARCH, 2025

Budget allocations for the Cooperative Sector

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the reasons behind the fluctuations in budget allocations for the cooperative sector in the last three years;
- (b) whether there have been cases of underutilization or reallocation of funds during 2022-25, if so, the reasons for the same;
- (c) the impact of such budget fluctuations on key cooperative initiatives, including the establishment of 2 lakh Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and other schemes under the Ministry; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure consistent and effective financial planning for the cooperative sector to achieve its long-term objectives?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) The Ministry has its separate budget from 2022-23 only and since then there has been an increase in the Budget Allocation every year without any fluctuation.
- (b) There have been many reasons for some underutilization such as non-receipt of proposals from States/Union Territories, non-readiness of States/Union Territories for receiving funds due to technical reasons, non-compliance of States/Union Territories with Ministry of Finance guidelines/instructions and to meet committed liabilities in some areas leading to reallocation of funds.
- (c) In light of (a) above, there is a steady increase in budget allocation over past 3 years which has a positive impact in enabling Ministry of Cooperation to implement its key cooperative initiatives in an efficient manner.
- (d) Ministry of Cooperation is making constant efforts to regularly monitor expenditure so that actual requirement can be assessed. Monitoring of Unspent balance with implementing agencies/states etc. on quarterly basis, releasing funds as per 'Just in time' rule are few of the steps taken by Ministry to minimize idle parking of funds and forecast future requirements that make the Budgetary exercise more realistic leading to effective financial planning.
