

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3524**  
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**Technological initiative ranking framework of Cooperative societies**

3524: Shri Baburam Nishad

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether digitalization and technological platforms have been used in the ranking framework of cooperative societies;
- (b) the improvement seen in data collection and the process of evaluation, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to make this technological initiative more effective?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) & (b) Yes sir. A comprehensive National Cooperative Database (NCD) has been developed by Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, with the support of States / UTs. The data of the Cooperative Societies is collected, entered, and updated in the database by nodal officers appointed by all the States/ UTs for this purpose. This database provides a single-point access to information on over 8.25 lakh cooperatives across the country.

Using this database, a ranking framework has been introduced to rank the cooperative societies, sector wise and state wise. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) of State / UT can generate the ranking of cooperative societies of 7 major sectors through the NCD portal. Further improvements and new data sets with functionalities are added in the NCD as per requirement and is a continuous process.

(c) The Cooperative Ranking Framework is an important step towards strengthening the cooperative sector, providing cooperatives with actionable insights, benchmarks for performance, and an opportunity to foster competition and innovation. This Ranking Framework will help to enhance transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness within the societies, while also improving their credibility and competitive capability. This ranking framework can be used to felicitate top performing and functioning cooperatives in key sectors, in recognition of excellence.

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