

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1132
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th JULY, 2025

BHARAT-BANKER PROGRAM FOR RUL COOPERATIVE SKILLING

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rural youth targeted under the Bharat-Banker program launched by VAMNICOM and Syngenta Foundation;
- (b) the key components of the program's curriculum and training model;
- (c) whether the program includes certification and internship opportunities for participants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a): Under the Bharat-Banker Programme, launched by Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM), Pune, in collaboration with Syngenta Foundation India, a total of 25,000 rural youths are targeted to be trained across India.

(b): The key components of the program are as follows:

- (i) Two weeks of instructor-led classroom sessions, involving lectures, case studies, group discussions, role-plays, and skill-building exercises focused on rural banking, cooperative finance, digital technologies, and PACS operations.
- (ii) One-month internship, during which trainees apply classroom knowledge in either PACS/Cooperative banks/Common Service Centers (CSCs) and other cooperatives under the guidance of experienced mentors.

(c) & (d): Yes, the programme includes certification and internship opportunities for participants. The internship component of the Bharat-Banker Programme includes a one-month internship either in PACS/Rural Banking/Any other cooperatives. On successful completion of the programme, each candidate is awarded a certificate jointly issued by VAMNICOM with implementing partners (Syngenta Foundation & National Insurance Academy).
