

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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National Cooperation Policy and digital integration

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) how the proposed National Cooperation Policy's 'innovation fund' translates into measurable increases in agricultural credit flow rather than becoming a bureaucratic sinkhole (policy-to-credit linkage);
- (b) what safeguards are built into centralised cooperative database to prevent data monopolisation by State-level entities, to guarantee real-time audit trails for all transactions (Data governance and audit); and
- (c) in the context of 2-lakh new multi-purpose PACS target, the manner in which Ministry plan to reconcile the projected ₹1,400 crore investment in grain-storage infrastructure with Harit Sagar carbon-reduction targets, given the continued reliance on diesel-powered handling equipment (Green-infrastructure financing)?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) There is no provision of 'innovation fund' in National Cooperation Policy, 2025 launched by the Ministry of Cooperation on 24.07.2025. However, this policy calls for establishment of an institutional mechanisms for innovation and incubation in the in the cooperative sector to be led by the "Tribhuvan Sahkari University".
- (b) A 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 National Cooperative Database (NCD) by nodal officers appointed by the States/ UTs for this purpose. The Government is enforcing strict data security policies under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act. The NCD portal maintains audit trails / logs of different activities done by users on the NCD portal. It follows national cybersecurity frameworks and secure cloud storage -mechanisms to ensure data privacy and security. Sufficient checks are built into the NCD for the data consistency.
- (c) Multi-purpose PACS and grain-storage infrastructure projects have no link with the Harit Sagar carbon-reduction targets, which is an initiative of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.
