

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 330**  
ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025

**Cooperative sector development in Karnataka**

330 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of primary, district and apex cooperative societies functioning in Karnataka as on today, category-wise;
- (b) the total central assistance released to Karnataka under cooperative sector reforms and digitization schemes in the last three years; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Central Government to strengthen milk, sugar and agri-cooperatives in Karnataka, especially in drought-affected districts?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) As per the National Cooperative Database (NCD), there are a total of 46,798 cooperative societies in Karnataka having 2,38,07,649 members. The sector-wise number of cooperative societies including the number of members in Karnataka, is attached as **Annexure-1**.
- (b) As on 25.11.2025, NCDC has cumulatively disbursed ₹4,67,455.66 crore for the development of cooperative institutions across the country. Out of which ₹4,164.95 crore has been disbursed for cooperative development in Karnataka. The details of disbursement made by NCDC in Karnataka State in last three years is at **Annexure-2**.

Further, the status of funds released to the State of Karnataka under the PACS computerization and ARDB computerization project, is attached as **Annexure-3**.

- (c) The Ministry of Cooperation, since its inception on 6th July, 2021, has undertaken several initiatives to realize the vision of “Sahakar-se-Samridhi” and to strengthen dairy, sugar and agri-cooperatives across the country including Karnataka. These initiatives include:

- i. Notification of Model Bye-laws that enable PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities, improve governance, transparency and accountability in their operations. Now, PACS can operate as PM-Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PMKSKs), Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs), Common Service Centres (CSC) etc.
- ii. Cooperative-led "White Revolution 2.0" aimed at expanding cooperative coverage, employment generation and women's empowerment with an objective "To increase the milk procurement of dairy cooperatives by 50% from the present level over next five years by providing market access to dairy farmers in uncovered areas and increasing the share of dairy cooperatives in organized sector.
- iii. The Government has issued a clarification that cooperative sugar mills would not be subjected to additional income tax for paying higher sugarcane prices to farmers up to Fair and Remunerative or State Advised Price, from April 2016 onwards.
- iv. The Government has made a provision in its Union Budget 2023-24, wherein Sugar cooperatives have been allowed to claim as expenditure their payments to sugarcane farmers for the period before the assessment year 2016-17, giving them a relief of more than Rs.46,000 crore.
- v. The Government launched a scheme through NCDC for setting up ethanol plants or cogeneration plants or for working capital or for all three purposes. The Ministry has released Rs.1000 crore to NCDC (Rs.500 crore in FY 2022-23 and Rs.500 crore in FY 2024-25) under the scheme and NCDC has released Rs.10,005 crore to 56 CSMs.
- vi. Indian Potash Limited, on the suggestions of the Ministry of Cooperation, has taken an initiative for the revival of closed Cooperative Sugar Mills.

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**Sector-wise details of Cooperative Societies and their members in Karnataka**

| <b>S.No</b> | <b>Sector</b>                              | <b>No. of Societies</b> | <b>No. of Members</b> |
|-------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | Agriculture & Allied Cooperative           | 511                     | 4,16,971              |
| 2           | Agro Processing / Industrial Cooperative   | 944                     | 3,06,493              |
| 3           | Bee Farming Cooperative                    | 17                      | 6,260                 |
| 4           | Consumer Cooperative                       | 1,512                   | 4,76,581              |
| 5           | Credit & Thrift Society                    | 5,382                   | 43,74,536             |
| 6           | Dairy Cooperative                          | 18,516                  | 29,44,309             |
| 7           | Educational & Training Cooperatives        | 11                      | 4,743                 |
| 8           | Fishery Cooperative                        | 778                     | 3,31,746              |
| 9           | Handicraft Cooperative                     | 49                      | 7,812                 |
| 10          | Handloom Textile & Weavers Cooperative     | 1,029                   | 2,13,152              |
| 11          | Housing Cooperative Society                | 1,849                   | 7,84,258              |
| 12          | Jute and Coir Cooperative                  | 19                      | 2,232                 |
| 13          | Khadi Gramodyog                            | 3                       | 625                   |
| 14          | Labour Cooperative                         | 157                     | 32,732                |
| 15          | Livestock & Poultry Cooperative            | 1,034                   | 1,96,939              |
| 16          | Marketing Cooperative Society              | 373                     | 4,61,872              |
| 17          | Miscellaneous Credit Cooperative Society   | 153                     | 2,57,295              |
| 18          | Miscellaneous Non Credit                   | 3,853                   | 7,44,970              |
| 19          | Multipurpose Cooperative                   | 3,481                   | 13,93,370             |
| 20          | Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) | 6,318                   | 78,48,739             |
| 21          | Sericulture Cooperative                    | 96                      | 18,483                |

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|----|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 22 | Social Welfare & Cultural Cooperative | 5             | 1,035              |
| 23 | Sugar Mills Cooperative               | 35            | 3,79,573           |
| 24 | Transport Cooperative                 | 13            | 4,090              |
| 25 | Tribal-SC/ST Cooperative              | 10            | 7,461              |
| 26 | Urban Cooperative Bank (UCB)          | 279           | 24,83,351          |
| 27 | Women Welfare Cooperative Society     | 371           | 1,08,021           |
|    | <b>Total</b>                          | <b>46,798</b> | <b>2,38,07,649</b> |

*Source: NCD portal as of 15.11.2025.*

**Annexure-2****Activity wise Disbursement by NCDC in Karnataka in last 3 years****(Rs. in crore)**

| <b>S.No</b> | <b>Activity</b>    | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26<br/>as on<br/>31.10.2025</b> | <b>Total</b>    |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>1</b>    | SERVICE COOP.      | 17.48          | 253.07         | 431.99         | 205.00                                  | 907.54          |
| <b>2</b>    | DAIRY & LIVE STOCK | 87.50          |                |                |   | 87.50           |
| <b>3</b>    | MARKETING          | 3.11           | 2.32           | 1.83           | 0.28                                    | 7.54            |
| <b>4</b>    | STORAGE            | 1.62           | 1.26           | 2.22           | 2.49                                    | 7.59            |
| <b>5</b>    | FPO                | 0.91           | 1.23           | 2.51           | 1.21                                    | 5.86            |
| <b>6</b>    | INPUTS             | 1.59           | 2.00           | 2.00           |   | 5.59            |
| <b>7</b>    | FISHERIES (FFPO)   | 0.06           | 0.16           | 3.75           | 0.69                                    | 4.66            |
| <b>8</b>    | PLANTATION CROPS   |                | 1.31           |                |   | 1.31            |
| <b>9</b>    | M.I.S.             |                |                | 0.48           |   | 0.48            |
| <b>10</b>   | FISHERIES          | 0.07           | 0.01           |                |   | 0.08            |
| <b>11</b>   | FOODGRAIN          | 0.20           |                |                |   | 0.20            |
|             | <b>Total</b>       | <b>112.54</b>  | <b>261.36</b>  | <b>444.78</b>  | <b>209.67</b>                           | <b>1,028.35</b> |

*Source: NCDC.*

**Annexure-3****Total Fund released to Karnataka under PACS computerization and ARDB  
computerization project**

| Project Name         | FY 2022-23            | FY 2023-24         | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 (till<br>date) |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| PACS Computerization | Rs.<br>40,25,00,000/- | Rs. 15,39,00,000/- | Rs. 0      | Rs. 12,19,00,000/-        |
| ARDB Computerization | -                     | Rs.80,27,519/-     | Rs. 0      | Rs. 47,55,806/-           |