

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3683**  
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**Competition Among Dairy Cooperatives**

**3683.** # Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has collected or compiled data on inter-State expansion of dairy cooperatives during the last five years, including the number of cooperatives operating in more than one State and the volume of milk procure outside their home States;
- (b) State-wise details of procurement volumes, market share and retail presence of such cooperatives;
- (c) whether any assessment has been conducted on the impact of such inter-State competition on the financial viability and procurement capacity of district and State-level cooperatives and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to strengthen cooperative federalism and safeguard the interests of local farmer-led cooperatives?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (b): Most of the District Cooperative Milk Unions and State Milk Federations primarily procure milk within their respective States. However, some dairy cooperatives have expanded their procurement operations beyond their States. Though NDDDB collects data on total milk procurement by the dairy cooperatives (Milk Federation and Unions), the data on inter-state expansion of dairy cooperatives is not being collected by it.

(c): No specific assessment has been conducted by the Government regarding the impact of inter-State competition on the financial viability and procurement capacity of district and State-level cooperatives.

(d): In order to strengthen cooperative federalism and safeguard the interests of local farmer-led cooperatives, the Ministry of Cooperation has taken initiatives to ensure that the benefits of milk procurement accrue directly to farmers. In this regard, an initiative has been undertaken to bring the Milk Collection Centres (MCCs) across 22 states and Milk Pooling Points (MPPs) across 9 states of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) and the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) under the cooperative framework.

Under this initiative, approximately 45,000 MCCs/MPPs are proposed to be registered as Multi-Purpose Village Cooperative Societies (M-VCS) and enrolled as members of Sardar Patel Cooperative Dairy Federation Limited (SPCDF) and National Cooperative Milk Producer Organisation Ltd. (NCMPOL), as applicable, both being multi-State cooperative societies.

Such conversion of MCCs and MPPs into multi-purpose village cooperative societies will ensure that the dairy farmers get assured markets, remunerative prices for the milk poured by them, patronage bonus, dividend on shareholding etc.

Additionally, they get benefits such as input services (cattle feed), veterinary services etc.

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