

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 486
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026

Expansion of cooperative societies

486. Dr. Dinesh Sharma:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of registered cooperative societies in the country, including Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the steps taken by Government for the revival of cooperative societies, to bring transparency, to modernize, to create competitiveness and for capacity building of these societies, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is providing financial assistance for the capacity expansion of these societies after the constitution of a separate Ministry, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) As per the National Cooperative Database (NCD), there are a total of 8.48 lakh cooperative societies across the country, including the States of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. The State-wise total number of cooperative societies is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

(b) & (c) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Cooperation, since its inception on 6th July, 2021, has undertaken several initiatives to realize the vision of “Sahakar-se-Samridhi” by bringing transparency, modernizing systems, enhancing competitiveness, reviving cooperative societies, along with capacity building and capacity expansion of cooperatives across the country, including Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. Key initiatives include:

- To strengthen PACS, a project for the Computerization of functional PACS with a total financial outlay of ₹2925.39 Crore has been approved by the Government of India, which entails bringing all functional PACS in the Country onto a common ERP-based national software. Out of total 79,630 sanctioned PACS from 31 States/ UTs under the project, 61,478 PACS have been onboarded on ERP Software.
- Model Byelaws of PACS, enabling diversification of activities such as storage, processing, LPG distribution, and common service centers, ensuring better governance standards and promoting member-centric operations.
- World’s Largest Decentralized Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector.

- Creation of National Cooperative Database (NCD), that enables identification of gaps in the geographical spread of cooperatives, including both covered and uncovered gram panchayats and formation of 2 lakh new multipurpose PACS, Dairy and Fishery cooperative societies.
- By leveraging the NCD, the Government launched the Cooperative Ranking Framework on 24th January 2025 to assess and rank cooperatives, State-wise and sector-wise. This ranking system aims to enhance transparency, reliability, and competitiveness among cooperative societies, ultimately fostering their growth.
- Setting up of Co-operative Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Development Fund under section 63A of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) (Amendment) Act, 2023 for revival of sick multi-State cooperative societies and providing assistance for meeting infrastructural requirement.
- Capacity building and skill development programmes through National Council for Co-operative Training (NCCT) for members, Board of Directors, employees of cooperative, state officials and aspiring youth across the country with a network of 20 training institutes. As on date, 16,404 training programmes for 10,11,359 participants have been conducted by these training institutes.
- Capacity-building programs undertaken through NABARD that provide training on ERP Software i.e. e-PACS software.
- Establishment of Tribhuvan Sahkari University.

Annexure-1

State-wise total number of Cooperative Societies

S.No	State Name	Total no. of societies
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2,239
2	Andhra Pradesh	18,183
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,461
4	Assam	12,427
5	Bihar	27,387
6	Chandigarh	476
7	Chhattisgarh	11,845
8	Delhi	5,944
9	Goa	5,593
10	Gujarat	86,519
11	Haryana	34,673
12	Himachal Pradesh	5,791
13	Jammu and Kashmir	10,620
14	Jharkhand	12,091
15	Karnataka	46,969
16	Kerala	19,652
17	Ladakh	275
18	Lakshadweep	43
19	Madhya Pradesh	53,965
20	Maharashtra	2,25,986
21	Manipur	11,627
22	Meghalaya	3,452
23	Mizoram	1,560
24	Nagaland	7,955
25	Odisha	8,362
26	Puducherry	464
27	Punjab	19,662
28	Rajasthan	41,969
29	Sikkim	3,768
30	Tamil Nadu	23,210
31	Telangana	60,858
32	The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	597
33	Tripura	3,270
34	Uttar Pradesh	40,709
35	Uttarakhand	6,393
36	West Bengal	32,142
	Total	8,48,137

Soruce: NCD portal as of 20.01.2026.