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Roadmap for University for Cooperative Sector

492. Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated a roadmap for the long-term development of the University for Cooperative Sector, including proposed timelines for establishing satellite campuses or affiliated institutes across the country and abroad;
- (b) the plans of the University to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and skilling in the cooperative sector through specialised programs, incubators or collaborations with global institutions, and
- (c) whether Government envisions expanding the scope of the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) under the University to new areas such as digital cooperatives, climate-resilient agriculture and cooperative fintech and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) “Tribhuvan” Sahkari University is an apex body for cooperative education, training & research in India. It seeks to create a pan-India network of institutions. In this regard, seven institutions have been provisionally affiliated to the University.
- (b) The University has established a School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship to promote capacity building for innovation and entrepreneurship in the cooperative sector. The University has constituted a committee to recommend the design and implementation roadmap for setting up an institutional mechanism for innovation and incubation in the cooperative sector. It has also constituted the Capacity Building Council for training and skill development of cooperative societies in the country.
- (c) By converting the erstwhile Institute of Rural Management Anand into the “Tribhuvan” Sahkari University through an Act of Parliament (“Tribhuvan” Sahkari University Act, 2025), the scope of the erstwhile Institute of Rural Management Anand has been expanded and aligned with that of the University. The areas highlighted in the question are critical to the development of the cooperative sector and align with the objects of the University, such as “to evolve as an institution of national and international repute for advanced studies in the field of cooperative education and training, and any other areas connected with the cooperative societies”.
