

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026

Cooperative societies in Gujarat

498. Shri Narhari Amin:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that approximately 80,000 cooperative societies have been established in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government for the development and capacity building of these societies; and
- (c) whether Government is providing financial assistance for the capacity building of the said societies after the formation of a separate ministry, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) Yes Sir. As per the National Cooperative Database, as of 20.01.2026, there are a total of 86,519 Cooperative Societies in Gujarat.
- (b) The Ministry of Cooperation, since its inception on 6th July, 2021, has undertaken several initiatives to realize the vision of “Sahakar-se-Samridhi” for development and capacity building of cooperatives across the country. 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.
 - 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 across country. In the State of Gujarat, the Udaybhansinhji Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (URICM), functioning under NCCT, has conducted 902 capacity-building programmes and trained 47,552 participants across diverse cooperative sectors during the period 2021 to 2025.
- Capacity-building programs undertaken through NABARD that provide training on ERP Software i.e. e-PACS software.
- Establishment of Tribhuvan Sahkari University.

(c) The Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) is providing financial assistance for capacity building of cooperatives for the following key training initiatives:

- **Cooperative Awareness Programmes:** During 2024–25, the Ministry of Cooperation provided financial support of Rs. 33,60,000 to NCCT institutes for conducting Cooperative Awareness Programmes for members of cooperative societies, including Gujarat.
- **Capacity Building Training Programmes for PACS onboarded on CSC Portal:** During 2024 25, the Ministry of Cooperation provided financial assistance of Rs. 3.11 crore to NCCT for conducting capacity building training programmes for PACS onboarded on the CSC Portal across India, including Gujarat.
- **Capacity Building for New MPCs:** Under the Capacity Building Programme for New Multi Purpose Cooperative Societies (MPCS), financial assistance of Rs. 5,84,184 was utilized by URICM, Gandhinagar for conducting training programs during June to September, 2025.
