

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 322
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd JULY, 2026

Cooperative societies in Maharashtra

322 # Dr. Jyoti Nagnath Waghmare:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of functional primary, district and apex cooperative societies in the State of Maharashtra as on date, category-wise;
- (b) the quantum of Central assistance released to the State of Maharashtra under cooperative sector reform and digitalisation schemes during the last three years;
- (c) the measures taken by the Central Government to strengthen dairy, sugar and agricultural cooperative societies in Maharashtra, particularly in drought-affected districts; and
- (d) the details thereof in respect of the State of Maharashtra?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) As per the National Cooperative Database (NCD), as on 15.07.2026, there are a total of 2,27,177 cooperative societies in Maharashtra. The sector-wise details of total number of cooperative societies, district federations and state federations in Maharashtra, are attached as **Annexure-1**.
- (b) The Government launched the Central Sector project for Computerization of PACS, in 2022. Initially, 63,000 PACS were approved under the project with a total financial outlay of ₹2,516 crore. The project has now been expanded to cover 79,630 PACS with a revised financial outlay of ₹2,925.39 crore. It aims to bring all functional PACS onto a common ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) based national software. The project also links PACS with NABARD through State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs). A total of 12,178 PACS have been sanctioned under the PACS computerization project in Maharashtra. Under the project, financial assistance of ₹29.14 crore has been provided to Maharashtra. This includes ₹9.14 crore during in FY 2025–26, and ₹20.00 crore in FY 2026–27.

Additionally, as on 30.06.2026, NCDC has cumulatively disbursed ₹34,161.54 crore for the development of cooperative sector in Maharashtra. The year-wise details of the amount disbursed during the last five years are given at **Annexure-1**.

- (c) & (d) The Ministry of Cooperation, since its inception on 06.07.2021, has undertaken several initiatives to realize the vision of “Sahakar-se-Samriddhi” and to strengthen dairy, sugar and agri-cooperatives across the country including Maharashtra. These initiatives include:
- (i). **Model Bye-laws for PACS:** Enabled 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:** Aims to increase milk procurement by dairy cooperatives by 50% over five years. It also focuses on expanding cooperative coverage, generating employment and promoting women’s empowerment.
 - (iii). **Income Tax Relief:** Clarified that cooperative sugar mills are not liable to additional income tax on higher sugarcane prices paid up to Fair and Remunerative or State Advised Price, with effect from April 2016.
 - (iv). **Tax Relief in Union Budget 2023–24:** Allowed sugar cooperatives to claim payments made to sugarcane farmers before AY 2016–17 as expenditure, providing relief of over ₹46,000 crore.
 - (v). **Financial Support through NCDC:** Launched a scheme for ethanol plants, cogeneration plants and working capital. The Ministry released ₹1,000 crore to NCDC, which has disbursed ₹10,005 crore to 56 cooperative sugar mills.
 - (vi). **Ethanol Blending Programme:** Brought cooperative sugar mills at par with private companies for ethanol procurement under the EBP.
 - (vii). **Reduction in GST on Molasses:** Reduced GST on molasses from 28% to 5%, increasing margins and profits for cooperative sugar mills.
 - (viii). **Revival of Closed Sugar Mills:** Indian Potash Limited has taken an initiative to revive closed cooperative sugar mills on the suggestion of the Ministry of Cooperation.

Sector-wise total number of Primary Societies, District Federations and State Federations in Maharashtra

S. No.	Name of Sector	Primary Societies	District Federation	State Federation
1	Agriculture & Allied Cooperative	3,598	3	0
2	Agro-Processing / Industrial Cooperative	5,587	7	1
3	Bee Farming Cooperative	1	0	0
4	Consumer Cooperative	2,032	2	0
5	Credit & Thrift Society	21,036	12	4
6	Dairy Cooperative	13,709	8	0
7	Educational & Training Cooperatives	69	12	1
8	Fishery Cooperative	3,539	6	3
9	Handicraft Cooperative	12	0	0
10	Handloom Textile & Weavers Cooperative	530	2	2
11	Housing Cooperative Society	1,27,783	24	0
12	Jute and Coir Cooperative	13	0	0
13	Khadi Gramodyog	5	0	0
14	Labour Cooperative	11,555	27	0
15	Livestock & Poultry Cooperative	638	0	0
16	Marketing Cooperative Society	1,337	2	0
17	Miscellaneous Credit Cooperative Society	323	3	0
18	Miscellaneous Non-Credit	7,500	24	2
19	Multipurpose Cooperative	4,812	2	0
20	PACS/LAMPS/FSS	21,257	0	0
21	Sericulture Cooperative	3	0	0
22	Social Welfare & Cultural Cooperative	468	0	0
23	Sugar Mills Cooperative	98	0	1
24	Tourism Cooperative	129	0	0
25	Transport Cooperative	235	0	0
26	Tribal-SC/ST Cooperative	15	0	1
27	Urban Cooperative Bank (UCB)	453	4	1
28	Women Welfare Cooperative Society	440	0	0
	Total	2,27,177	138	16

Source: NCD portal as of 15.07.2026

Annexure-2**Last 5 Years Activity wise Disbursement in Maharashtra by NCDC****(Rs.in crore)**

S. No.	Scheme/Activity	2021- 22	2022- 23	2023- 24	2024- 25	2025- 26	2026-27 (As on 30.06.2026)
1	Marketing & Inputs					3.75	
2	Dairy & Live Stock	3.98	0.33				
3	Consumer	0.90					
4	FPO	0.36	0.53	2.24	2.57	4.34	0.45
5	Fisheries	0.10	10.52	14.09	11.31	11.84	0.65
6	C, IC & SC	7.70	6.40	36.40	81.06	49.99	24.66
7	Plantation						
8	Sugar	653.84	686.65	2,004.34	7,617.50	5,014.16	291.35
9	Textile	21.19	46.72	44.35	51.31	16.71	
10	M.I.S				0.75		
	Total	688.07	751.15	2101.42	7764.51	5100.79	317.11