

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 323
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd JULY, 2026

Setting up of regional cooperative offices

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has proposed setting up regional cooperative offices in State capitals, if so, details thereof, objectives behind the initiative and expected benefits for strengthening cooperative Governance and service delivery;
- (b) whether adequate infrastructure and staffing arrangements have been planned for regional cooperative offices, if so, details of budget allocation, recruitment plans and timelines for operationalization across various States; and
- (c) whether the proposed regional cooperative offices will improve coordination between the Central and the State cooperative institutions, if so, details of mechanisms envisaged and measures taken to ensure effective implementation and monitoring?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government to set up regional cooperative offices in State capitals. However, the Ministry has set up a regional office of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) at Pune, Maharashtra for monitoring and governance of Multi State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) under MSCS Act, 2002 in the States/UT of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

(b) A total of 5078 sq. ft. of office space has been leased for establishing the Pune regional office of CRCS. Presently, the said regional office has started functioning from Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM) campus. Further, 10 posts have been created for the the said regional office and 2 officials have been posted on deputation. No separate budgetary provision has been made for this regional office and the budgetary requirements will be met from the budget of CRCS Headquarters.

(c) Apart from monitoring and governance of MSCSs in the aforesaid States/UT, the regional office will improve coordination between Multi State Cooperative Societies located in those States/UT and the Central Registrar Headquarters located at Delhi. Also, the regional office will act as intermediary between the CRCS Headquarters and the State RCS offices of the above-mentioned States/UT.
