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RAJYA SABHA
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Promotion of AI and digital platforms in cooperatives

324 Shri Satnam Singh Sandhu:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether AI and digital platforms are being promoted in cooperative institutions and educational systems;
- (b) the steps taken to integrate technology-driven teaching pedagogy and learning platforms in Punjab; and
- (c) whether capacity building programmes for teachers and cooperative professionals are being supported?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. AI and digital platforms are getting progressively promoted across cooperative training institutions through academic, training and institutional initiatives. Technology-driven teaching pedagogy and learning platforms are being adopted by cooperative training institutions such as RICM, Chandigarh in Punjab. The measures include use of smart classrooms with interactive digital boards, projectors and ICT-enabled teaching tools; adoption of blended learning through e-content, online classes and Learning Management Systems (LMS); and training of faculty in ICT tools and digital pedagogy. Digital learning initiatives are also reviewed periodically for their effective utilisation.

(c): Yes, Sir. Capacity building for teachers and cooperative professionals is being supported through Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), refresher courses, seminars, workshops, webinars and other professional development programmes. The programmes cover areas such as cooperative management, banking and finance, governance, digital banking, digital transformation and other emerging areas of the cooperative sector.
