

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 333
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd JULY, 2026

Branch of the Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited in Bihar

333 # Dr. Bhim Singh:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that no formal branch office of the Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) has been established in Bihar, if so, the manner in which seed distribution to farmers and monitoring of seed production activities are being carried out through the local cooperative societies in the State; and
- (b) the steps being taken to ensure timely payment and better remunerative prices to farmers in Bihar for their seed produce, as well as to ensure the timely availability of affordable, high-quality seeds across all districts of the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) Yes Sir, No formal branch office of Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) has presently been established in Bihar. However, BBSSL has an operational presence in the State through its field official, who coordinates seed distribution, business development and monitoring of seed-related activities.

BBSSL is undertaking seed business in Bihar through the Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam Limited, which is the designated nodal agency for BBSSL in the State. Seed production and distribution activities are coordinated with the nodal agency, local cooperative institutions and other stakeholders. During the financial year 2026–27, BBSSL has also supplied various crop seeds directly to 20 cooperative societies in Bihar, thereby strengthening its cooperative-based distribution network in the State.

- (b) BBSSL follows a farmer-centric pricing model under which seed-producing farmers are paid the highest of: (i) MSP plus a minimum 10 per cent incentive on graded seed, or (ii) the prevailing mandi market price, or (iii) the concerned State Seed Corporation's procurement rate. This ensures assured procurement, protects farmers from price fluctuations and provides them a remunerative premium for meeting the higher quality and technical requirements of seed production.
