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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 874
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2022

NEW COOPERATIVES IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

874. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved three new cooperatives for agriculture sector to boost capital formation and scale up rural businesses; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. Union Cabinet on 11th January 2023 approved proposals of Ministry of Cooperation to set up and promote three national level multi state cooperative societies one each for Exports , Seeds and Organic products. These societies have already been registered under Multi State Cooperative Societies Act 2002.

(b): There are 8.54 lakh registered cooperatives in India having 29 crore members largely from the marginalized and lower income groups in rural areas. The cooperatives have substantial contribution in national economy but only few cooperatives are involved in direct exports, seed business and organic products supply chain. As such no exclusive national level cooperative societies existed to address the needs of co-operatives in export, seed and organic product related businesses.

Some of the reasons identified for unsatisfactory participation of cooperatives in above three sectors are lack of institutional support for exporting domestic surplus, promoting organic products on sustainable basis and ensuring availability of quality seeds to farmers to improve crop yield; unavailability of the price benefits to producers; inadequate credit support, infrastructure/logistics; lack of knowledge repository, standardization & certification, technical know-how, training and capacity building to meet market requirements; limitations of market awareness and absence of end to end supply chain.

PROMOTERS & CAPITAL

Particulars	Multi Cooperative Society	State Export	Multi Cooperative Society	State Seed	Multi Cooperative organic Society	State
Promoters	IFFCO, NAFED, GCMMF & NCDC	KRIBHCO	IFFCO, NAFED, NCDC	KRIBHCO	NDDDB, GCMMF, NAFED, NCCF & NCDC	
Chief Promoter	GCMMF		KRIBHCO		NDDDB	
Registered office	New Delhi		New Delhi		Anand, Gujarat	
Authorised share capital (₹ in Cr)	2000		500		500	
Initial paid up capital (₹ in Cr)	500		250		100	

Activities of proposed societies

Sl. No.	Name of the Society	Main Activity	Ancillary activity
1.	Multi Cooperative Export Society	Undertake direct export of products of cooperatives and related entities and other export promotional activities	Create knowledge repository, facilitate members for credit support, help in providing technical know-how & capacity building, develop & maintain market intelligence system, implement relevant Government related schemes
2.	Multi Cooperative Seed Society	Undertake production, procurement & distribution of quality seeds under single brand through cooperative network to improve the crop yield.	
3.	Multi Cooperative organic Society	Undertake marketing of organic products produced by cooperatives and related entities by utilizing brand & marketing network of AMUL as well as developing the same on its own simultaneously. Empanel accredited testing labs & certification bodies.	
