Will the Minister of COOPERATION (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of setting up the National Cooperative University;
(b) whether this university will enhance the cooperative movement in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the current status of this university along with the funds allocated and spent; and
(d) the expectations from the University in influencing the evolution/development of cooperative based economic models both in the country and on a global scale?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Cooperation is working on a proposal for establishment of a national-level cooperative university for imparting technical and management education and training in the cooperative sector, promoting cooperative research and development and to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country through a network of affiliated institutions.

(c): To achieve the above objective, extensive consultations with various stakeholders including Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments, National Cooperatives/Federations, Cooperative education & training institutions, etc. have been carried out to evolve contours of the proposed university. The university will also aim to become operationally self-sufficient in meeting its expenses.

(d): The proposed university is likely to work in close coordination with the cooperative sector and will be a comprehensive, integrated and standardized structure for education and training so as to ensure stable, adequate and quality supply of trained manpower in the cooperative sector for successful implementation of various initiatives taken by the Ministry. The supply of professional manpower and capacity building of existing employees is expected to help the cooperative sector in making larger contribution to various sectors of the economy.

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