

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/02/2024**

Cooperative Societies in Agriculture Sector

529. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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

- (a) the number of cooperative societies operational in the agricultural sector across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total procurement of fruits and vegetables by cooperative societies directly from the farmers, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy for the agriculture based cooperative societies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

(a): A comprehensive National Cooperative Database (NCD) has been developed by Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, with the support of State Governments. The data of all the Cooperative Societies from various sectors, including PACS, has been entered in the database by nodal officers appointed by the States /UTs for this purpose. As per data available on NCD, the details of number of cooperative societies operational in the agricultural sector across the country, State/UT-wise is placed at Annexure 'A'.

(b): The information related to procurement of fruits and vegetables received from Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) are placed at Annexures 'B' and 'C' respectively.

(c) to (e): A 49-member National Level Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, consisting of experts of the cooperative sector, representatives from National/State/District/Primary level cooperative societies, Secretaries (Cooperation) and RCSs from States/UTs, officers from Central Ministries /Departments to formulate the New National Cooperation Policy. In this regard, the National Level Committee held 17 meetings and 4 regional workshops throughout the country to elicit suggestions/recommendations. Draft report on the New National Cooperation Policy, prepared by the expert committee has been received and the same is being considered.

Annexure – A

The number of cooperative societies operational in the agricultural sector across the country, State/UT-wise.

Sr.No	State/UT Name	Agriculture & Allied Cooperative Societies (Non-Credit)	Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	11	45
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	515	2002
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	129	10
4	ASSAM	469	770
5	BIHAR	576	8307
6	CHANDIGARH	1	4
7	CHHATTISGARH	65	1563
8	DELHI	6	0
9	GOA	72	76
10	GUJARAT	6831	9630
11	HARYANA	273	778
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	66	2085
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	442	438
14	JHARKHAND	313	2391
15	KARNATAKA	517	5883
16	KERALA	--	1594
17	LADAKH	2	113
18	LAKSHADWEEP	1	0
19	MADHYA PRADESH	1619	4073
20	MAHARASHTRA	4898	20844
21	MANIPUR	253	148
22	MEGHALAYA	137	506
23	MIZORAM	167	65
24	NAGALAND	796	800
25	ODISHA	93	2854
26	PUDUCHERRY	4	50
27	PUNJAB	208	3504
28	RAJASTHAN	310	6143
29	SIKKIM	24	170
30	TAMIL NADU	150	4466
31	TELANGANA	563	889
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	13	9
33	TRIPURA	129	214
34	UTTAR PRADESH	738	6722
35	UTTARAKHAND	189	669
36	WEST BENGAL	58	4701
	Total	20638	92516

Information received from Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

(A) Procurement of Tomato under Price Stabilization Fund

To control the increase in the prices of tomato during July and August, 2023, the government undertakes the procurement and simultaneous disposal of tomato under Price Stabilisation Fund. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF) procured tomato from mandis in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra and dispose of them in major cities where retail prices have recorded the maximum increase in the last one month. A total of 1603.42 MT of tomato had been procured by NCCF and NAFED and continuous disposal in major consumption centres of Delhi-NCR, Rajasthan, UP and Bihar.

(B) Procurement of Onion under Price Stabilization Fund

Buffer stock of onion is maintained under the Price Stabilisation by procuring onions from farmers/ Farmer Producer Organizations through two Farmers' Cooperative Agencies namely, NAFED and NCCF for subsequent release in a calibrated manner to moderate prices. The procurement target of onion under Price Stabilisation in 2023-24 is approved at 7.00 LMT as against 2.5 LMT in 2022-23. Till date a total of 6.30 LMT of onion has been procured by NAFED and NCCF.

Annexure – C

Information received from National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED)

The details of State –wise procurement of Fruits and Vegetables by NAFED during 2022-23 are given below:

Year	Name of Fruit / Vegetable	State	Quantity Procured (in MT)	Cost (in Rs.)
2022-23	PSF Rabi Onion	Maharashtra	238196.24	3512368714.79
		Gujrat	7476.47	101384242.00
		Madhya Pradesh	5383.54	74746018.07
	PSF Kharif Onion	Maharashtra	16602.27	158495076.51
		Gujrat	1259.46	10326559.00