

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 311**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020  
**AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL COOPERATIVES**

311. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a): whether the number of agricultural and horticultural cooperatives has increased in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b): the number of agricultural and horticultural cooperatives operating in the country during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c): whether the Government has taken steps to increase the number of cooperatives and empower them in the recent years;
- (d): if so, the details thereof; and
- (e): whether the Government has taken steps to increase international competitiveness of cooperatives and if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a)& (b): Government of India does not maintain this information.

(c)&(d): Yes Sir. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is a statutory corporation under the administrative control of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is mandated to promote, develop and educate Cooperative Sector. NCDC has disbursed loan to the tune of Rs. 28140.38 Cr. during 2018-19 to Cooperatives.

Government of India under Central Sector Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Cooperation (CSISAC) provides subsidy for development of Cooperatives through NCDC and provide assistance to Cooperatives for Education and Training through National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT) and National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI). Sahakar Mitra scheme of NCDC for training of youths. The grants-in-aid/Subsidy of Rs. 228.23 crores , Rs. 137.14 crores and Rs. 193.81 crores have been released during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively. An outlay of Rs. 405.5 crores has been approved for 2020-21.

(e): NCDC alongwith others organized the first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair on 11-13 October, 2019 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The fair provided a platform to Indian Cooperatives to interact with international cooperatives and business houses.

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