

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

BANNING COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES FROM DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENT

2676. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

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

- (a) whether any State Government registered its opposition on RBI's new notification on banning cooperative societies from deposits/investments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to address their grievances?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Cooperation has not received any representation from any State Government on RBI's Press release on cautioning members of public against some co-operative societies using the word 'Bank' as part of their names and accepting deposits from non-members/ nominal members/ associate members, which is tantamount to conducting banking business in violation of the provisions of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949. However, RBI has received a letter dated 01.12.2021 from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kerala and a letter dated 02.12.2021 from the Minister of Co-operation and Registration, Government of Kerala requesting for withdrawal of the caution notice issued by RBI.
