

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1538  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022**

**Schemes for Cooperatives**

**1538. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:**

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

- (a) the details of schemes being run by the Government across the country to promote cooperatives;
- (b) the schemes which are proposed to be run; and
- (c) whether any scheme is being run to work in the tribal society and the tribal areas in the field of cooperatives particularly in the State of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): In order to revitalize the cooperative sector, bringing transparency, modernization, computerization, creating competitive cooperatives and deepening its reach to the grassroots, the Ministry of Cooperation has been taking various initiatives including *inter-alia*:

- i. Launched a centrally sponsored project “Computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)” with a budgetary outlay of Rs 2,516 crores for digitalization of 63,000 functional PACS which are at the bottom of the three-tier rural credit structure. This project will bring transparency and efficiency in their operation. Societies similar to PACS in tribal areas such as Large Area Multipurpose Societies (LAMPS) will also be benefited from this project.
- ii. Draft model bye-laws are being prepared in consultation with the State Governments, National Cooperative Federations and all other stakeholders to diversify the activities of PACS and make them vibrant multi-purpose economic entities at village level.
- iii. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), a statutory organization under the Ministry of Cooperation, provides financial assistance to the cooperative sector and undertakes various activities such as strengthening share capital base of primary/ District cooperative marketing societies, setting up of processing centres, storage facilities, establishing and modernizing cold chain, creation of cooperative banking units, agricultural services, Integrated Cooperative Development Projects, assistance for computerization of cooperatives, ‘Yuva-Sahkar’ for cooperative enterprise support and innovation, ‘Ayushman Sahkar’ covering healthcare sector, ‘Nandini Sahkar’ to support women cooperatives etc.

- iv. The Ministry is also taking initiative to formulate Cooperation to Prosperity Scheme with the aim of all round development of cooperatives.
- v. A scheme for modernizing and professionalizing the cooperative education and training institutions across the country is also under formulation.

In addition to the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Cooperation, other Ministries/ Departments are also running several schemes for providing benefits to the cooperatives, such as:

- i. Agriculture Infrastructure fund (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) – Interest subvention of 3 % and credit guarantee is provided by the Government for availing loan up to Rs. 2 crores, for development of infrastructure projects at farm gates, by FPO, PACS, entrepreneurs, start-ups and other beneficiaries.
- ii. Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) – The Scheme envisages providing loan assistance and interest subvention of 2.5 % to State Dairy Federations, District Milk Unions, Milk Producers Companies, Multi State Cooperatives and NDDDB subsidiaries across the country who are termed as Eligible End Borrowers (EEBs) for the purpose of establishing new milk processing units, its modernization, re-development services, milk testing apparatus, BMC units, storage facilities, transportation and marketing.
- iii. Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund (Department of Fisheries) – This scheme provides concessional finance support facility with 3 % Interest Subvention for development of various inland fisheries activities which includes setting up of brood banks, development of hatcheries, development of aquaculture, establishment of cage culture in reservoir, construction of ice plants, construction of cold storage, fish transport etc.
- iv. Tribal Co-Operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) spearheads implementation of Van Dhan programme for collection and selling on Minor Forest Produce (MFP) in Districts which have predominantly forest dwelling tribal population. The idea is to set-up tribal community-owned Van Dhan Vikas Kendra Clusters (VDVKCs) in the Tribal Districts. For this purpose, 100 % assistance is provided by the Government to the collectives in the form of SHGs/ Van Dhan Kendras.

All the schemes/projects of Government of India are oriented towards revitalizing the Cooperative sector in all States, including the State of Chhattisgarh. Moreover, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has provided following assistance to the cooperatives in Chhattisgarh in last 3 years: -

| Sl. No.      | Year    | Disbursement<br>(Rs. in crore) |
|--------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| 1            | 2019-20 | 5,500.34                       |
| 2            | 2020-21 | 12,000.07                      |
| 3            | 2021-22 | 12,400.87                      |
| <b>Total</b> |         | <b>29901.28</b>                |

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