

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2453
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2024**

Branches of BBSSL

†2453 SHRI SUNIL KUMAR :

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

- (a) the names of the places in Bihar where the branches of BBSSL are functioning;
- (b) whether there is any branch of BBSSL in Valmiki Nagar;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, whether the Government proposes to set up its branch in Valmiki Nagar and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Cooperation has set up Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002. The BBSSL is promoted by IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NAFED, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and NCDC. The initial paid up capital of BBSSL is Rs. 250 Cr with contribution of Rs. 50 Cr each by the five promoters and authorized share capital is Rs. 500 Cr. The BBSSL will undertake production, procurement & distribution of quality seeds under single brand through network of cooperatives to improve crop yield and develop a system for preservation and promotion of indigenous natural seeds. BBSSL will help in increasing the seed replacement rate, and varietal replacement rate by ensuring the role of farmers in production of certified seeds. This society will focus on production, testing, certification, procurement, processing, storage, branding, labelling and packaging of two generations of seeds i.e., foundation and certified (breeder seeds will be sourced from Public Sector Research Organizations, and International Research Institutes i.e., ICRISAT, IRRI, CIMMYT etc.) through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) by leveraging various schemes and policies of different ministries of Government of India in a focused manner through 'Whole of the Government Approach'. The cooperatives of all levels from primary to apex can become members of BBSSL. BBSSL will perform its activities through network of its member cooperatives. So far a total no. 11,713 cooperatives have become member of BBSSL. Out of which 268 cooperatives are from Bihar. So far as Valmiki Nagar is concerned, 05 cooperatives of West Champaran District has become member of BBSSL. Further, to start its operations in Bihar, BBSSL has posted an officer in Bihar for sales & marketing activities.
