

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1169  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**

**Success of the Sahakar Pragya Initiative**

**1169. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur:**

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

- (a) the achievements of the Sahakar Pragya initiative in promoting cooperative education and skill development across the country;
- (b) the number of cooperative leaders trained and the regions benefitting most from this scheme;
- (c) the specific programs offered under Sahakar Pragya to improve operational and managerial skills in cooperatives; and
- (d) whether any recent efforts have been made to increase engagement with smaller cooperative societies?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), a statutory corporation under the administrative control of Ministry of Cooperation, implements Sahakar Pragya initiative through Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC) which functions as the training, research and consultancy wing of NCDC. Sahakar Pragya, focuses on developing professionalism in primary cooperatives in agriculture and allied sectors. It designs and conducts need-based programmes for personnel of assisted cooperatives and its own officials. It collaborates with Centre for International Cooperation in Training & Agricultural Banking (CICTAB), Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC) and other international agencies to conduct specialized programmes for co-operators in India and abroad including those from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries.

Year wise details of No. of Training programs conducted under Sahakar Pragma initiative, in promoting cooperative education and skill development across the country, are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Training Programs conducted</b>
2018-19	40
2019-20	66
2020-21	121
2021-22	256
2022-23	246
2023-24	194
2024-25 (22.11.2024)	156
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>

(b) Year wise details of No. of cooperators benefitted all over the country through training conducted under Sahakar Pragma initiative, details are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Participants Benefitted</b>
2018-19	1227
2019-20	1848
2020-21	8076
2021-22	19927
2022-23	18364
2023-24	11864
2024-25 (22.11.2024)	53546
<b>Total</b>	<b>114852</b>

(c): The specific programs offered under Sahakar Pragma to improve operational and managerial skills in cooperatives are as follows: -

- Training on Communication Skill
- Training on Presentation Skill
- Training on Understanding and Managing Skills for Better Work Performance

- Training on Extension and Guiding Skills for Milch Animal Development
- Training on Skills Clinic on Microsoft Office and Internet
- Training on Developing Managerial Skills for Agricultural Cooperatives and Rural Financing Institutions
- Training on General Management in Primary Level Cooperatives
- Training on Accounts and Book-keeping in Primary Level Cooperatives
- Training on Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperatives
- Training on Role of Women Directors in Governance and Business Development in Cooperatives/SHGs

(d) The Government of India is actively enhancing engagement with smaller cooperative societies through targeted training and capacity-building programs. By conducting Training Needs Analysis (TNA), programs are being tailored to address the specific requirements of these cooperatives.

The focus is on imparting practical knowledge, introducing modern management practices, disseminating information about various Government of India schemes, and providing guidance on leveraging digital platforms. These efforts aim to empower smaller cooperatives to operate efficiently and achieve sustainable growth.

Details of training programs conducted to increase engagement of smaller cooperative societies at ground level by LINAC - Regional Training Centres (RTCs) are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No of training programs conducted</b>
2019-20	19
2020-21	54
2021-22	159
2022-23	166
2023-24	98
2024-25 (22.11.2024)	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>580</b>

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