GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1277 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2025

Multi-crore Scams in Cooperative Bodies

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

- (a) the details of cooperative bodies of the country facing Enforcement Directorate enquiries on alleged multi-crore scams, State wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that hundreds of crores of money of investors were siphoned off from such banks, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the officers of cooperative departments of such States utterly failed to monitor the functioning of such banks, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up new District level Cooperative institutes in the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a): The Cooperative Societies with objects confined to one State are governed by the State/UTs Government concerned. The Cooperative Societies with objects not confined to one State are governed by the Central Government under Multi-State Co-operative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002. These Societies function as autonomous cooperative organizations and are accountable to their members. MSCSs function as per the provisions of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 and rules made there under read with approved bye-laws of the society. Further, as per records available with Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS), enquiries have been conducted by ED in four Multi-State Cooperative Societies i.e., 2 in Rajasthan, 1 in Gujarat and 1 in Maharashtra.
- (b) & (c): Cooperative Banks including Multi-State Cooperative Banks are regulated by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Actions are taken by RBI from time to time against the co-operative banks for irregularities in their functioning.
- (d) The Government of India presently has no proposal to set up new District level Cooperative institutes in the country.
