

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1284
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2025**

Collaborations with International Organizations for IYC

1284 SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether any collaborations have been initiated with the international organizations or countries for the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC);
- (b) if so, the details along with the outcomes thereof; and
- (c) the details of the scheme proposed to ensure the long-term sustainability of cooperatives after the said announcement?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): On June 19, 2024, the United Nations General Assembly resolution proclaimed the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 (IYC – 2025). The IYC-2025 was officially launched by hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 25th November, 2024 at New Delhi during the General Assembly and Global Conference of ICA. IYC-2025 promotes democratic governance, poverty reduction, and climate action. The Ministry of Cooperation has prepared an action plan in collaboration with the States/UTs, National Federations, Central line Ministries and other stakeholder organization to celebrate International Year of Cooperatives – 2025.

To ensure long-term sustainability of cooperatives, all the activities like training, board meetings, exhibitions, workshops etc will be organized by cooperatives at rural, district, state, and national levels in alignment with the objectives of:

- i. Promotion of Spirit of Cooperatives
- ii. Expansion of Cooperative Sector
- iii. Fulfilment of objectives of Cooperatives

Above will be in coherence with the following principles:

- i. Transparency in cooperative sector
- ii. Accountability in cooperative sector

- iii. Operational efficiency of cooperatives
- iv. Policy reforms in the sector
- v. Promoting collaborative mechanisms (Cooperation among Cooperatives)
- vi. Showcasing the history and traditional strength of cooperative institutions
- vii. Transforming rural economy through multi-purpose PACS
- viii. Participation of youth and women in the cooperative sector
- ix. Developing institutions of excellence by redefining cooperative education and training.

The IYC – 2025 will culminate with a comprehensive report on activities and progress and Business Reform Action Plan for 2026, aimed to strengthen the Cooperatives and accelerating progress toward the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

While the Ministry of Cooperation has so far not entered into any collaboration with any nation or international organization in this regard, the meetings has been held with the delegations from Spain, Chile, Nepal and Mongolia to exchange views on promotion of cooperatives.
