

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2025**

Sahakar Pragya Initiative

286. Shri Raju Bista:

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

- (a) the details of cooperative societies benefiting from the Sahakar Pragya initiative in West Bengal, district-wise;
- (b) details of cooperative training programs conducted under the initiative and the number of these programs were targeted at rural or smaller cooperatives in the State of West Bengal, district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government plans to expand the scope of Sahakar Pragya to include more sectors beyond agriculture and allied industries, particularly in urban cooperatives, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any surveys to measure the impact of the “Role of Women Directors in Governance” program under Sahakar Pragya on women’s participation and leadership in cooperative and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): 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.

The district-wise information on cooperative societies benefiting from the Sahakar Pragya initiative in West Bengal is at **Annexure-A**. Additionally, the details of cooperative training programs conducted under the initiative, along with the number of these programs targeting rural or smaller cooperatives in the state, are provided district-wise in **Annexure-B**.

(c): As far as other than agriculture and allied industries are concerned, LINAC-NCDC is expanding the scope of training programs under Sahakar Pragya towards Cooperative Banking sector by engaging with District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and State Cooperative Banks (StCBs).

(d): LINAC-NCDC has not conducted surveys so far to measure the impact of the “Role of Women Directors in Governance” Program. However, during the last five years, 84 such training programs have been conducted by LINAC-NCDC under the scheme benefiting 4608 participants. The active participation of Women Directors / Cooperators in the said program indicates a positive impact of the Program on Women’s participation and leadership in cooperatives.

Annexure A

District-wise information on cooperative societies benefiting from the Sahakar Pragya initiative in West Bengal

S No	Year	Details of the Cooperative Training Programme	No. of Societies benefitted	Districts covered
1	2019-20	General Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	17	South 24 Parganas
2	2019-20	Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	23	Howrah, North 24 Parganas
3	2019-20	Accounts and Book Keeping for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	23	Nadia, North 24 parganas, Hooghly
TOTAL (2019-20)			63	
4	2020-21	General Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	50	Purulia, Kalimpong, Alipurduar, Birbhum, Nadia, Darjeeling, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Malda, Jalpaiguri, Nadia, Coochbehar, Dakshin Dinajpur, Purba Medinipur, Howrah, Paschim Medinipur, Bankura, Kolkata (Urban), Hooghly, Jhargram
5	2020-21	Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	45	Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Medinipur, North 24 Parganas, Murshidabad, Dakshin Dinajpur, South 24 Parganas, Birbhum, Nadia, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Bardhaman, Bankura, Malda, Coochbehar, Purulia, Kolkata (Urban)
6	2020-21	Accounts and Book Keeping for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	40	South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Purba Medinipur, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Dakshin Dinajpur,
7	2020-21	Role of Women Directors in Governance and Business Development in Cooperatives/ SHGs	24	Dakshin Dinajpur, Jhargram, Nadia, Hooghly, Birbhum, Coochbehar, Alipurduar, South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Kolkata (Urban), Bankura, Murshidabad, Purba Medinipur
TOTAL (2020-21)			159	
8	2021-22	General Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	46	Bankura, Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur, Purulia, South 24 Parganas
9	2021-22	Accounts and Book Keeping for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	38	Birbhum, Hooghly, Howrah, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas
10	2021-22	Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	34	Bankura, Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Purba Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur

11	2021-22	Professional Leadership Development on Strengthening of Women Cooperatives	25	Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Coochbehar, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Jhargram, Kolkata (Urban), Murshidabad, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas, Uttar Dinajpur
TOTAL (2021-22)			143	
12	2022-23	General Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	42	Alipurduar, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman
13	2022-23	Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	46	Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Nadia, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas
14	2022-23	Accounts and Book Keeping for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	47	Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur,
15	2022-23	Role of Women Directors in Governance and Business Development in Cooperatives/ SHGs	23	Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Coochbehar, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Jhargram, Kolkata (Urban), Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas
16	2022-23	Training programme on Fish Retail Business by FFPOs in Gosaba Block, South 24 Parganas.	--	South 24 Parganas
17	2022-23	Training programme on Fish Feed Business by FFPOs in Contai Block of Purba Medinipur.	--	Purba Medinipur
TOTAL (2022-23)			158	
18	2023-24	Role of Women Directors in Governance and Business Development in Cooperatives/ SHGs	24	Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Jhargram, Kolkata (Urban), Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas

19	2023-24	General Management for Fisheries Enterprise at Contai, Purba Medinipur (FFPO)	--	Purba Medinipur
20	2023-24	General Management, Business Development & Asset Management, Accounts & Book Keeping for officials of Primary Level Coops.	23	Bankura, Hooghly, Jhargram, Kolkata (Urban), Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Uttar Dinajpur
21	2023-24	Skill Clinic on MS Office and Internet for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	28	Bankura, Birbhum, Hooghly, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Brdhaman, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas
22	2023-24	Diversification in fisheries businesses for the FFPO Leadership and Personnel, District level officers	26	Birbhum, Hooghly, Jhargram, Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas
23	2023-24	Training Programmes on Accounts and Book Keeping for FFPO.	--	Malda, North 24 Parganas, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas
24	2023-24	Training Programmes on Computer Aided Office Operations for FFPO.	20	Birbhum, Hooghly, Malda, Murshidabad, North 24 Parganas, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas
TOTAL (2023-24)			121	
25	2024-25	Sea Weed Business by Cooperatives of West Bengal for leadership and personnel of primary level cooperatives	26	Hooghly, Malda, Murshidabad, Purba Bardhaman, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Nadia
26	2024-25	World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperatives Sector	88	Nadia, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, Murshidabad, South 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, Hooghly, Dakshin Dinajpur, Birbhum, Howrah, Jhargram, Malda, Bankura, North 24 Parganas, Purulia, Coochbehar
27	2024-25	Capacity Building Training Programme for the BOD Members and Employees of Primary Fishery Cooperative Societies	29	North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Purba Bardhaman, Birbhum, Murshidabad, Malda, Uttar Dinajpur
28	2024-25	Capacity Development Programme on Accounts & Bookkeeping for FPO Cooperatives	18	Jalpaiguri, Malda

29	2024-25	Capacity Development Programme on Project Management and Monitoring for FPO Cooperatives	18	Jalpaiguri, Malda
30	2024-25	Diversification in Fisheries Business for Cooperatives	29	North 24 Parganas, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas, Murshidabad, malda, Hooghly, Paschim Medinipur, Uttar Dinajpur
31	2024-25	Capacity Development Programme on General Management for FPO Cooperatives	19	Purulia, Bankura, Murshidabad
32	2024-25	Capacity Development on Business Development & Asset Management for FPO Cooperatives	19	Purulia, Bankura, Murshidabad
TOTAL (2024-25)			246	
GRAND TOTAL			890	

Annexure B

District-wise details of cooperative training programs conducted under the initiative, along with the number of these programs targeting rural or smaller cooperatives in the state

S No	Year	Details of the Cooperative Training Programme	No. of Training Program mes held	No. of Participants benefitted	Districts covered	No. of programmes targeted at rural or smaller cooperatives
1	2019-20	General Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	26	South 24 Parganas	1
2	2019-20	Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	24	Howrah, North 24 Parganas	1
3	2019-20	Accounts and Book Keeping for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	23	Nadia, North 24 parganas, Hooghly	1
TOTAL (2019-20)			3	73		3
4	2020-21	General Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	80	Purulia, Kalimpong, Alipurduar, Birbhum, Nadia, Darjeeling, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Malda, Jalpaiguri, Nadia, Coochbehar, Dakshib Dinajpur, Purba Medinipur, Howrah, Paschim Medinipur, Bankura, Kolkata (Urban), Hooghly, Jhargram	1
5	2020-21	Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	83	Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Medinipur, North 24 Parganas, Murshidabad, Dakshin Dinajpur, South 24 Parganas, Birbhum, Nadia, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Bardhaman, Bankura, Malda, Coochbehar, Purulia, Kolkata (Urban)	1
6	2020-21	Accounts and Book Keeping for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	82	South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Purba Medinipur, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Dakshin Dinajpur,	1
7	2020-21	Role of Women Directors in Governace and Business Development in Cooperatives/ SHGs	1	61	Dakshin Dinajpur, Jhargram, Nadia, Hooghly, Birbhum, Coochbehar, Alipurduar, South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Kolkata (Urban), Bankura, Murshidabad, Purba Medinipur	1
TOTAL (2020-21)			4	306		4

8	2021-22	General Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	76	Bankura, Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur, Purulia, South 24 Parganas	1
9	2021-22	Accounts and Book Keeping for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	71	Birbhum, Hooghly, Howrah, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas	1
10	2021-22	Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	66	Bankura, Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Purba Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur	1
11	2021-22	Professional Leadership Development on Strengthening of Women Cooperatives	1	81	Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Coochbehar, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Jhargram, Kolkata (Urban), Murshidabad, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas, Uttar Dinajpur	1
TOTAL (2021-22)			4	294		4
12	2022-23	General Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	80	Alipurduar, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman	1
13	2022-23	Business Development and Assets Management for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	73	Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Nadia, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas	1
14	2022-23	Accounts and Book Keeping for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	71	Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur,	1
15	2022-23	Role of Women Directors in Governance and Business Development in Cooperatives/ SHGs	1	70	Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Coochbehar, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Jhargram, Kolkata (Urban), Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas	1
16	2022-23	Training programme on Fish Retail Business by FFPOs in Gosaba Block, South 24 Parganas.	1	93	South 24 Parganas	1

17	2022-23	Training programme on Fish Feed Business by FFPOs in Contai Block of Purba Medinipur.	1	100	Purba Medinipur	1
TOTAL (2022-23)			6	487		6
18	2023-24	Role of Women Directors in Governance and Business Development in Cooperatives/ SHGs	1	66	Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Hooghly, Howrah, Jhargram, Kolkata (Urban), Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas	1
19	2023-24	General Management for Fisheries Enterprise at Contai, Purba Medinipur (FFPO)	1	30	Purba Medinipur	1
20	2023-24	General Management, Business Development & Asset Management, Accounts & Book Keeping for officials of Primary Level Coops.	1	50	Bankura, Hooghly, Jhargram, Kolkata (Urban), Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Uttar Dinajpur	1
21	2023-24	Skill Clinic on MS Office and Internet for Primary Level Cooperative Societies	1	55	Bankura, Birbhum, Hooghly, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Brdhaman, Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas	1
22	2023-24	Diversification in fisheries businesses for the FFPO Leadership and Personnel, District level officers	1	43	Birbhum, Hooghly, Jhargram, Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas	1
23	2023-24	Training Programmes on Accounts and Book Keeping for FFPO.	1	29	Malda, North 24 Parganas, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas	1
24	2023-24	Training Programmes on Computer Aided Office Operations for FFPO.	1	37	Birbhum, Hooghly, Malda, Murshidabad, North 24 Parganas, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas	1
TOTAL (2023-24)			7	310		7
25	2024-25	Sea Weed Business by Cooperatives of West Bengal for leadership	1	47	Hooghly, Malda, Murshidabad, Purba Bardhaman, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Nadia	1

		and personnel of primary level cooperatives				
26	2024-25	World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperatives Sector	2	126	Nadia, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, Murshidabad, South 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, Hooghly, Dakshin Dinajpur, Birbhum, Howrah, Jhargram, Malda, Bankura, North 24 Parganas, Purulia, Coochbehar	2
27	2024-25	Capacity Building Training Programme for the BOD Members and Employees of Primary Fishery Cooperative Societies	8	163	North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Purba Bardhaman, Birbhum, Murshidabad, Malda, Uttar Dinajpur	8
28	2024-25	Capacity Development Programme on Accounts & Bookkeeping for FPO Cooperatives	2	45	Jalpaiguri, Malda	2
29	2024-25	Capacity Development Programme on Project Management and Monitoring for FPO Cooperatives	2	45	Jalpaiguri, Malda	2
30	2024-25	Diversification in Fisheries Business for Cooperatives	1	72	North 24 Parganas, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas, Murshidabad, malda, Hooghly, Paschim Medinipur, Uttar Dinajpur	1
31	2024-25	Capacity Development Programme on General Management for FPO Cooperatives	2	40	Purulia, Bankura, Murshidabad	2
32	2024-25	Capacity Development on Business Development & Asset Management for FPO Cooperatives	2	40	Purulia, Bankura, Murshidabad	2
TOTAL (2024-25)			20	578		20
GRAND TOTAL			44	2048		44