

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1496
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09th DECEMBER, 2025**

Operational Cooperatives in West Bengal

1496. Shri Saumitra Khan:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of cooperatives functioning in West Bengal, District-wise; and
- (b) whether the Government has initiated any scheme to promote cooperative activities and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per the National Cooperative Database (NCD), there are a total of 32,128 Cooperative Societies in West Bengal, out of which 22,953 Cooperative Societies are functional. The district-wise total number of cooperative societies and number of functional cooperative societies in West Bengal, is attached as **Annexure-1**.
- (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Cooperation, since its inception on 6th July, 2021, has undertaken several initiatives to realize the vision of “Sahakar-se-Samriddhi” and to promote cooperatives across the country, including the State of West Bengal. Key initiatives include:
 - i. PACS Computerisation Project, covering more than 79,000 PACS nationwide, to introduce standardized software, digital accounting, online service delivery and improved transparency.
 - ii. Model Byelaws of PACS, enabling PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities, improve governance, transparency and accountability in their operations. Now, PACS can operate as PM-Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PMKSKs), Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs), Common Service Centres (CSC) etc.

- iii. Cooperative-led "White Revolution 2.0" aimed at expanding cooperative coverage, employment generation and women's empowerment with an objective "To increase the milk procurement of dairy cooperatives by 50% from the present level over next five years by providing market access to dairy farmers in uncovered areas and increasing the share of dairy cooperatives in organized sector.
- iv. Non-scheduled UCBs, StCBs, and DCCBs notified as Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) in the CGTMSE Scheme to increase the share of cooperatives in lending.
- v. The Government launched a scheme through NCDC for setting up ethanol plants or cogeneration plants or for working capital or for all three purposes. The Ministry has released Rs.1000 crore to NCDC (Rs.500 crore in FY 2022-23 and Rs.500 crore in FY 2024-25) under the scheme and NCDC has released Rs.10,005 crore to 56 CSMs.
- vi. Capacity-building programs undertaken through NABARD that provide training on ERP Software i.e. e-PACS software.

Annexure-1

District wise number of total and functional cooperative societies in West Bengal

S.No	District Name	Total number of societies	Number of functional societies
1	24 Paraganas North	5,596	5,227
2	24 Paraganas South	1,756	993
3	Alipurduar	333	225
4	Bankura	1,152	996
5	Birbhum	972	766
6	Coochbehar	862	537
7	Darjeeling	772	420
8	Dinajpur Dakshin	541	330
9	Dinajpur Uttar	621	353
10	Hooghly	2,052	1,244
11	Howrah	813	653
12	Jalpaiguri	642	369
13	Jhargram	453	387
14	Kalimpong	232	158
15	Kolkata	2,438	1,412
16	Maldah	672	665
17	Medinipur East	1,614	1,433
18	Medinipur West	1,645	1,468
19	Murshidabad	2,590	1,507
20	Nadia	1,925	1,369
21	Paschim Bardhaman	1,170	564
22	Purba Bardhaman	2,363	1,403
23	Purulia	914	474
	Total	32,128	22,953

Source:- NCD portal as of 15.11.2025.