LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2968
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th MARCH, 2026

Strengthening Cooperative Digital Governance in Odisha

2968. Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi:

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

(a) the status of computerisation of Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) offices in Odisha and the operationalisation of the National Cooperative Database (NCD) in the State, including total cooperative societies onboarded, district-wise;

(b) whether measurable improvements have been observed in registration timelines, transparency, digital compliance and financial reporting of cooperative societies in aspirational districts, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated, released and utilised for strengthening cooperative digital infrastructure in Odisha; and

(d) whether the Ministry proposes to further strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), dairy and tribal cooperatives in Kandhamal through AI-enabled governance and capacity building initiatives, if so, the details thereof?

<div align="center">ANSWER</div>

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) The integrated RCS digital portal has been launched by the Hon'ble Home and Cooperation Minister and gone live on 06.03.2026. The development of APIs for integration with the National Cooperative Database (NCD) is currently in progress. All the Cooperative Societies of the State have been onboarded on the NCD portal. The district-wise details are attached in **Annexure-I**.

(b) The implementation of the project by the majority of the States/UTs is currently in progress. A few States/UTs have only recently completed the project; therefore, it is too early to assess the measurable improvements in the functioning of the RCS offices.

(c) The total funds allocated to the State of Odisha under the sub-project "Computerization of the Offices of RCS of States/UTs" under the Centrally Sponsored Project "Strengthening of Cooperatives through IT (Government of India's share) are approximately ₹2.20 crore. Out of this, a total amount of approximately ₹1.49 crore has been released to the State so far. Under the project, the State has utilized approximately ₹0.61 crore for activities such as the development of software.

Under the Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) Computerization Project, the total funds allocated to the State of Odisha are approximately ₹36.14 crore. Out of this, a total amount of approximately ₹18.07 crore has been released to the State so far. The State has fully utilized the funds released under the project.

Odisha is currently not part of the Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDB) Computerization Project.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration by the Ministry to strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), dairy, and tribal cooperatives in Kandhamal through AI-enabled governance. However, as per the information received from the State Government, an MoU has been signed with OKCL (Odisha Knowledge Corporation Ltd.) for imparting basic computer literacy and an AI course to the staff of 2711 PACS/LAMPCS (Large Area Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies). The staff of all the 24 LAMPCS of Kandhamal are also covered in this programme.

Training/capacity building programs for cooperative societies are conducted by the National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT), which is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Cooperation. NCCT does not maintain any district-level data related to training imparted. However, it is to be informed that since the inception of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021, the Institute of Cooperative Management (ICM), Bhubaneswar, an institute functioning under NCCT, has conducted 1049 capacity-building programmes and trained 58,773 participants across diverse cooperative sectors till 31 January 2026.

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S.No	District	Total Societies as per NCD
1	ANUGUL	219
2	BALANGIR	327
3	BALESHWAR	408
4	BARGARH	438
5	BHADRAK	350
6	BOUDH	103
7	CUTTACK	730
8	DEOGARH	56
9	DHENKANAL	208
10	GAJAPATI	142
11	GANJAM	616
12	JAGATSINGHAPUR	560
13	JAJAPUR	256
14	JHARSUGUDA	107
15	KALAHANDI	257
16	KANDHAMAL	105
17	KENDRAPARA	366
18	KENDUJHAR	244
19	KHORDHA	409
20	KORAPUT	157
21	MALKANGIRI	82
22	MAYURBHANJ	275
23	NABARANGPUR	164
24	NAYAGARH	248
25	NUAPADA	98
26	PURI	756
27	RAYAGADA	120
28	SAMBALPUR	152
29	SONEPUR	208
30	SUNDARGARH	250
	Total	**8411**

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