

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.435
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH APRIL, 2016

STRENGTHENING OF MILK COOPERATIVES

435. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the role played by cooperatives in the agriculture sector;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the role of cooperatives in agriculture sector;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the performance of cooperatives in milk production, poultry farming and fisheries in different States of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a): The role of Cooperative sector is important in agricultural sector as it supplies agricultural credit and inputs and has the potential to deliver goods and services in vital areas where state and private sector has not been able to do very much. The village Cooperative societies provide strategic inputs for the agricultural sector. Cooperative marketing societies help the farmer to get remunerative prices and Cooperative processing units help in value additions to the raw products etc.

(b) & (c): Central Government through NCDC has been promoting, developing and financing post-harvest activities through Cooperatives in agricultural sector. These comprise, inter-alia, marketing storage and processing of agricultural produce besides supply of agricultural inputs. Subsidy to the tune of 15% to 25% is provided to Cooperatives depending on the category of state in addition to term loan.

(d): The details of the units sanctioned and assistance by NCDC for Milk Production, Poultry Farming and Fishery Cooperatives as on 31.03.2016 are as under:-

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Activity`	No. of Units Sanctioned	Assistance relelase (Rs. in Crore)
Milk Production	4685	579.645
Poultry Farming	373	86.357
Fishery Cooperatives	10568	1310.785

However, the details regarding performance of Cooperatives in milk production, poultry farming and Fisheries registered under the State Cooperative Act are not maintained by the Union Government.
