

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 402
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st July, 2026**

Cooperative University

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

- (a) whether a University has been established by the cooperative department in the State of Gujarat, if so, the details thereof and the educational institutions which are affiliated with this University, State-wise;
- (b) whether cooperative management colleges (D. Coop) in all the districts of Tamil Nadu and the Cooperative Arts and Science College in Dindigul district will be affiliated with the University in Gujarat, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of State taxi drivers who benefit through the Bharat Taxi App operated through the cooperative department; and
- (d) the difference between Ola, Uber, Rapido and Bharat Taxi App along with benefits to the public?

ANSWER

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

- (a) “Tribhuvan” Sahkari University (TSU), Anand has been established by the Act of Parliament in 2025 in the state of Gujarat. TSU has affiliated 16 Institutions in 10 states so far. The details are enclosed at Annexure-1.
- (b) Educational institutions of Tamil Nadu may apply for affiliation with TSU to offer cooperative education programmes. The grant of affiliation shall be subject to the institution fulfilling the University's prescribed norms and requirements.
- (c) Presently, Bharat Taxi is operational in the cities of Delhi-NCR and Gujarat. As on date, 7.76 lakh Sarathis (drivers) have been registered on the Bharat Taxi App.

(d) Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited is an innovative, driver (Sarathi)-centric and cooperative-based mobility solution developed with the objective of economically empowering drivers and providing affordable, safe and reliable transportation facilities to the public. Based on the principles of cooperation, transparency and shared ownership, this platform provides a people-centric alternative to traditional ride-hailing platforms. The key difference between Bharat Taxi and other ride-hailing platforms is that Bharat Taxi is based on a 'Zero Commission Model', under which no commission is charged from drivers, enabling them to receive the full benefit of the fare directly. Unlike in other ride-hailing platforms, drivers of Bharat Taxi are not merely service providers but also participants and beneficiaries of the cooperative system. They get opportunities for better income, fair remuneration, participation in decision-making processes and a share in the benefits of the platform, thereby strengthening their social and economic security.

Annexure-1

S. No.	Name of Institution	State
1	VAMNICOM (Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management), Pune	Maharashtra
2	Institute of Cooperative Management – Jaipur	Rajasthan
3	Institute of Cooperative and Corporate Management, Research and Training (ICCMRT) – Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
4	Regional Institute of Cooperative Management – Chandigarh	Chandigarh
5	Mansinhbhai Institute of Dairy and Food Technology (MIDFT), Mehsana	Gujarat
6	Institute of Cooperative Management – Imphal – Manipur	Manipur
7	National Institute of Cooperative Management – Gandhinagar	Gujarat
8	D. N. S. Regional Institute of Cooperative Management – Patna	Bihar
9	Cooperative Training Centre – Ranchi	Jharkhand
10	Sikkim State Cooperative Union	Sikkim
11	Indira Gandhi Institute of Cooperative Management, Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
12	National Institute of Post-Harvest Technology, Pune	Maharashtra
13	Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad	Telangana
14	Food and Agri Business School (FAB School), Sagar Group of Institutions (SGI), Hyderabad	Telangana
15	Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH), Noida	Uttar Pradesh
16	Gujarat State Cooperative Union (Centres: Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Bhavnagar, Surat)	Gujarat