

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1921
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15/12/2021

COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRY

1921. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of the vision of the Ministry ;
- (b) How Ministry is planning to realize the vision from cooperation to prosperity;
- (c) How Ministry is going to strengthen the cooperative movement and take it to the grassroots level; and
- (d) The details of cooperatives in the country and their status and efforts being made to extend a helping hand to cooperatives in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (d) The Country already has a rich cooperative heritage and a robust cooperative sector. There are two types of co-operative structures in the country i.e. State Cooperative Societies and Multi-State Cooperative Societies. The Multi-State Cooperative Societies come under Central Government and the State Cooperative Societies under the State Governments. There are about 8,54,355 cooperative societies in the country (*NCUI, 2018*). However, to give new dimensions and further strengthen the cooperative sector in the country through policy and other interventions, Government has created the new Ministry of Cooperation to provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in country. Its aim is to deepen co-operatives as a true people-based movement reaching up to the grassroots and develop a cooperative based economy model where each member works with a spirit of responsibility. The Ministry has been given the following mandate published in the Gazette notification dated 6.7.2021 as per the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961:

1. General Policy in the field of Co-operation and Co-ordination of co-operation activities in all sectors,
2. Realisation of vision “from cooperation to prosperity”,

3. Strengthening of cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grassroots,
4. Promotion of cooperative-based economic development model, including the spirit of responsibility among its members to develop the country,
5. Creation of appropriate policy, legal and institutional framework to help cooperatives realise their potential,
6. Matters relating to National Co-operative Organisation,
7. National Co-operative Development Corporation,
8. Incorporation, regulation and winding up of Co-operative societies with objects not confined to one State including administration of 'the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 (39 of 2002)',
9. Training of personnel of co-operative departments and co-operative institutions (including education of members, office bearers and non-officials).

To fulfill the above mandate, the Ministry has also started consultations with various stakeholders including different Ministries of Central Governments, State Governments, NABARD, and major cooperative institutions across the country to evolve a new cooperative policy so as to further strengthen the sector.
