

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 717
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023**

Multi-State Cooperative Societies for Seeds

717. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved the setting up of three national-level Multi-State Cooperative Societies to act as an apex body for the procurement, processing, marketing and distribution of seeds and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the societies would help the protection of indigenous natural seeds which are becoming extinct and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the compositions of the proposed three national multi-level State cooperatives; and
- (d) the location of the headquarters of these proposed societies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. The Government has approved setting up of three new national level multi state cooperative societies one each for Exports, Seeds and Organic products. The details are as under:

- I. **Multi State Cooperative Export Society:** The society is promoted by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (GCMMF) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). GCMMF is the chief promoter of the society. The society will have an initial paid up capital of ₹500 Cr. and authorized share capital of ₹2000 Cr. The head office of the society will be at New Delhi. The society will undertake direct export of goods and services of cooperatives and related entities and to take up other export promotion activities.
- II. **Multi State Cooperative Seed Society:** The society is promoted by IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NAFED, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and NCDC. KRIBHCO is the chief promoter of the society. The society will have an initial paid up capital of ₹250 Cr. and authorized share capital of ₹500 Cr. The head office of the society will be at New Delhi. The society will undertake production, procurement & distribution of quality seeds under single brand through cooperative network to improve crop yield and develop a system for preservation and promotion of indigenous natural seeds.

III. **Multi State Cooperative organic Society:** The society is promoted by NDDDB, GCMMF, NAFED, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) and NCDC. NDDDB is the chief promoter of the society. The society will have an initial paid up capital of ₹100 Cr. and authorized share capital of ₹500 Cr. The head office of the society will be at Anand, Gujarat. The society will undertake marketing of organic products produced by cooperatives and related entities by utilizing brand & marketing network of GCMMF as well as developing the same on its own simultaneously and empanel accredited testing labs & certification bodies.

One of the objectives of the new national Multi State Cooperative Seed Society is to also develop a system for preservation of indigenous natural seeds to save them from extinction.
