

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 801
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/02/2022

DIGITAL DATABASE OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

801 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government proposes to collect digital database of co-operative societies, including primary agricultural credit societies and Multi-State cooperatives all over the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) by what time the database will be ready for use by various stakeholders;
- d) whether any committee or enquiry has been constituted to go into the irregularities and embezzlement of funds which occurred in the various cooperatives in the country;
- e) if so, the details thereof; and
- f) if not, measures taken to deal with such irregularities and to bring the co-operatives to normal health?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. At present, there is no updated authentic data repository about cooperatives, their activities, their members, their financial details, etc available with Government. Therefore, Government is planning to develop a national database for cooperatives.

(c) Government has already started consultations with stakeholders on the parameters, procedures and architecture for the database.

(d) to (f) There are two types of co-operative structures in the country i.e. State Cooperative Societies and Multi-State Cooperative Societies. The Cooperative Societies functioning in one state only are governed by the laws of the respective State Government. The cooperative societies functioning in more than one state are governed by the 'Multi-State Co-operative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002 (Act 39 of 2002)'. Action in respect of irregularities in respect of such cooperatives are taken as per the provisions of the said Act and rules made thereunder. Action under section 86 of the MSCS Act has been initiated for winding up of 77 such cooperative societies.
