

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 804.
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/02/2022

REVIVAL OF COOPERATIVES

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- a) the steps Government is taking to revive the cooperatives in the country;
- b) the key hinderances in cooperative movement in the country;
- c) whether Government will reorganize cooperatives to make them more inclusive and relate to people involved in 'Make in India'; and
- d) the steps being taken to make them more transparent?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION

(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) 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 Cooperative Societies functioning in one state only are governed by the laws of the respective State Government and the cooperative societies functioning in more than one state are governed by the central law, namely, 'the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 (Act 39 of 2002)'. Any issues related to their administration are dealt at respective levels. However, to give new dimensions and to 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.

(b) As per the statistical profile of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) 2018, there are 8.54 lakh cooperative units in the country. Some of the issues affecting accelerated and equitable

growth of cooperatives, inter alia, are lack of effective governance, leadership and professional management in cooperative units, low level of technology adoption.

(c) New National Cooperative Policy and schemes are being drafted with the aim to deepen co-operatives as a true people-based movement reaching up to the grassroots and develop a cooperative based economy model including giving focus on 'Make in India'. This will address all developmental issues of cooperatives. Inputs / suggestions of the stakeholders including Central Government Ministries have been sought.

(d) To make the cooperatives more transparent and efficient, the Ministry has started stakeholder consultations on relevant interventions viz. creation of a National database of Cooperatives, digitalisation of about 63000 active Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS).
