

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

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MANDATE OF THE MINISTRY

996. SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- a) The mandate of the Ministry of Cooperation;
- b) Whether the mandate of the Ministry is different from the Department of Cooperation under the Ministry of Agriculture;
- c) Whether Government consulted the State Governments regarding creation of a new Ministry that deals with a subject matter of Cooperative Societies, that are regulated by State laws;
- d) by when the administrative, legal and policy framework of the Ministry will be made public; and
- e) whether Government has consulted any representatives of Cooperatives or experts in the field regarding the key areas of intervention of the Ministry and if so, details of all consultations thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a): Functions allocated to the Ministry of Cooperation as per the Government of India (allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 are at annexure-I.

(b): With the “Cooperation” related entries in the business of erstwhile Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare now assigned to Ministry of Cooperation, so there shall be no overlap between the functions of Ministry of Cooperation and Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (earlier Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare) under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

(c): Ministries/Departments are reorganized/merged/created keeping in view the functional requirements of the Government and to maximize its administrative efficiency. The new Ministry of Cooperation has been created, inter alia, by transferring the existing entries related to cooperation and cooperative in the business of the erstwhile Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, along with new fresh generic entries.

(d): Administrative, legal and policy framework of the Ministry will be as per its mandate in (a) above.

(e): The Mandate of the Ministry will be as per Rules of Business notified by the Government. Implementation framework and areas of intervention shall emerge in consultation with experts as per the need of the sector. However, after the budget announcement on 01.02.2021 to set up a separate administrative structure for cooperatives, a virtual webinar was held with prominent leaders and experts of the cooperative sector.

1. General Policy in the field of Co-operation and Co-ordination of co-operation activities in all sectors.

Note: - The Ministries concerned are responsible for Co-operatives in the respective fields.

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)’:

Provided that the administrative Ministry or Department shall be ‘the Central Government’ for the purpose of exercising powers under the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 (39 of 2002), for Co-operative units functioning under its control.

9. Training of personnel of co-operative departments and co-operative institutions (including education of members, office bearers and non-officials).
