GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2223 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/03/2023

National Level Multi State Cooperatives

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to set up a national level multi-State cooperative organic, seed and export cooperative societies and primary fishery cooperative societies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the proposed functions thereof;
- (c) whether the above proposal would help in higher exports and increase production of goods and services at various levels thus leading to more employment opportunities in the cooperative sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION (सहकारिता मंत्री) (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) to (d): The Government has approved setting up of three national level multi-state cooperative societies one each for Organic, Seeds and Exports. These societies have been registered under MSCS Act, 2002. The details are as under:
- I. National Cooperative Exports Ltd.: The society is promoted by Indian Farmers Fertilizer 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 Rs. 500 Cr and authorized share capital of Rs. 2000 Cr. The society will undertake direct export of goods and services of cooperatives and related entities and to take up other promotion activities. The society will help in increasing exports of surplus goods & services produced in the cooperative sector thereby promoting "Make in India" and leading to Atmanirbhar Bharat. Higher exports through this society will increase production of goods & services by the cooperatives at various levels thus leading to more employment in the cooperative sector.

- II. National Cooperative Organics Limited: The society is promoted by NDDB, GCMMF, NAFED, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) and NCDC. NDDB is the Chief Promoter of the society. The society will have an initial paid up capital of Rs. 100 Cr and authorized share capital of Rs. 500 Cr. 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. The society will help in increasing domestic consumption and exports of organic products produced by the cooperatives and related entities, thereby, promoting "Make in India" and leading to Atmanirbhar Bharat. Branding and marketing of authentic and certified organic products through this society will increase demand and production of organic products by the cooperatives at various levels thus leading to generation of more employment.
- III. **Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Ltd.**: 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 Rs. 250 Cr and authorized share capital of Rs. 500 Cr. 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. The society will help in increasing the production of quality seeds in India through cooperatives thereby reducing the dependence on imported seeds, enhancing agriculture production, providing boost to rural economy, promoting "Make in India" and leading to Atmanirbhar Bharat. Quality seeds production through this society will increase the agriculture production in the country thereby leading to more employment in the agriculture and cooperative sector.

Further, the Government has approved a plan to establish two lakh new multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) / dairy / fishery primary cooperative societies for covering all the remaining Panchayats/villages in the country, with the support of State Governments, NABARD, NDDB and NFDB through convergence of various existing schemes of Government of India and by leveraging the 'whole-of-Government' approach in the next five years.

(e): In view of (a) to (d) above, question does not arise.