

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1121**  
ANSWERED ON 13/12/2023

**Research activities in co-operative sector**

1121 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management (Vamnicom) Pune also focuses on research and consultancy-related activities apart from teaching and training in the Co-operative sector; and
- (b) if so, the details of research and consultancy activities undertaken during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) & (b): VAMNICOM (Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management) established in 1967 is actively engaged in education, training, capacity building, research and consultancy in the cooperative sector and is meeting the requirements of national and state-level cooperatives, Central Ministries/Departments, Cooperative Departments of States/UTs, etc.

VAMNICOM is actively engaged in training of cooperatives and State/UT Governments' officials. Between 2019-20 and 2023-24 (till November 2023), 16,647 participants from the cooperative sector have been trained through 444 training programs and 11,337 participants from State/UT Governments, etc. have been trained through 193 training programs.

VAMNICOM has a research centre, namely, Centre for Research and Publication (CRP) which undertakes various research projects that serve as background material for policy advocacy, training and teaching. In the last three years, VAMNICOM has completed 17 research projects and published 17 working papers.

VAMNICOM undertakes consultancy services for various sectors of cooperatives such as banking, sugar and dairy, etc. During the last three years, it has undertaken 26 consultancy projects.

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