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Digitisation of Cooperative societies and role of Databases

2890: Shri Shambu Sharan Patel

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- a) Whether the National Cooperative Database is helpful in digitization of cooperative societies;
- b) If so, the improvements made in the operations and services of cooperative societies through it; and
- c) Whether any special training programmes are being organized to make cooperative societies technically competent?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
SHRI AMIT SHAH

(a) Yes Sir. The NCD provides a single-point access to information on over 8.30 lakh cooperatives across the country. The data of the Cooperative Societies is collected, entered, and updated in the database by nodal officers appointed by all the States/ UTs for this purpose.

(b) The NCD provides insights into both vertical and horizontal linkages among cooperatives, offering valuable information about the interconnectedness of these entities within the cooperative ecosystem. This database stands as a versatile and powerful tool, empowering stakeholders with a wealth of information and analytical capabilities, thereby enhancing the overall functionality and governance of Cooperative Societies.

The National Cooperative Database is openly accessible at <https://cooperatives.gov.in>. This database can be used by policy makers, State Governments and other stakeholders to strengthen the cooperative movement, particularly in areas where societies are underperforming. The NCD captures data on parameters such as location, membership, economic activities, and linkages, aiding in identifying gaps in the geographical spread of cooperatives, including both covered and uncovered gram panchayats.

(c) Yes, several training and capacity-building programmes are organised to make cooperative societies technically competent through the training institutes, including one National Institute Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM), 5 Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM) and 14 Institute of Cooperative Management (ICM) under National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT).

National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) implements the Sahakar Pragya initiative through the Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC).

These initiative aims to improve the overall performance of these organizations by providing training in essential skills.
