

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 374
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th FEBRUARY 2025**

MULTI-STATE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ACT, 2002

374 Shri Satish Kumar Gautam:

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

- (a) whether the functions of national cooperative societies/associations have been prescribed under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is making efforts to ensure the observance of said functions and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any provision has been made for the appointment of Directors in the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Board having expertise in cooperative management, finance and other fields; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Yes Sir. Functions of federal cooperatives(including the National Cooperative Societies)have been prescribed under sub-section (2) of section 24 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.

(c): Yes Sir. A new sub-section (10) under section 70 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, as amended by Amendment Act No. 11 of 2023, has been inserted wherein the audit report of the accounts of the national co-operative societies shall be laid before each House of Parliament. In addition, as per rule 35A (3) of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002, a National Co-operative Society shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 120 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, file returns with the Central Registrar providing the details, that it has complied with functions of federal co-operatives under section 24 of the Act.

(d) & (e): Yes Sir. A new provision for appointment of co-opted directors not exceeding 2, having experience in the field of banking, management, cooperative management and finance or specialization in any field relating to the objects and activities undertaken by such multi-State cooperative society has been made under section 41 of the Multi-State cooperative societies Act, 2002, as amended by Amendment Act No. 11 of 2023.
