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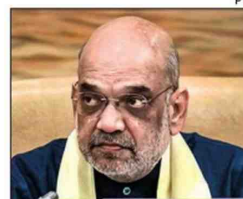
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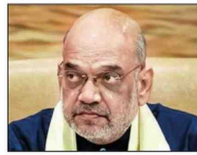
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## सहकारिता नीति को मजबूत करने के लिए समिति गठित

नई दिल्ली। सहकारिता से सहकार को प्राप्त करने के लिए केंद्र सरकार ने नई राष्ट्रीय सहकारी समिति



नीति बनाने के लिए एक राष्ट्रीय समिति का गठन किया है। लोकसभा में केंद्रीय सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने यह जानकारी सांसद प्रोफेसर अच्युतानंद की ओर से पूछे गए प्रश्न के जवाब में दी है। उन्होंने बताया,

सहकारिता की सबसे छोटी इकाई प्राथमिक कृषि क्रेडिट सोसायटी- पैक्स को कंप्यूटरीकृत किया जा रहा है। नई नीति की मदद से सहकार आधारित आर्थिक विकास मॉडल का विकास होगा। नई नीति को बनाने के लिए राज्यों, हितधारकों और केंद्रशासित प्रदेशों में साथ परामर्श किया है। ब्यूरो



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जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : सहकारिता लिए पूरी प्रणाली का कंप्यूटरीकरण मंत्रालय के गठन के बाद से सुधार आरंभ कर दिया गया है। केंद्रीय की प्रक्रिया तेज कर दी गई है। पैक्स से लेकर अपेक्स यानी निचली इकाई से लेकर शीर्ष संस्था तक को मजबूत बनाने की प्रक्रिया जारी है। नई राष्ट्रीय सहकारी नीति बनाने के लिए सुरेश प्रभु अमित शाह की अध्यक्षता में समिति का गठन अलग सहकारिता मंत्रालय का गठन कर दिया गया है। सहकारी संस्थाओं किया गया। तकरीबन डेढ़ दर्जन से के कामकाज को पारदर्शी बनाने के अधिक कदम उठाए गए।



अमित शाह

# नई सहकारिता नीति बनने से देश में सहकारी आंदोलन मजबूत होगा : शाह

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गौरतलब है कि केन्द्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने गत वर्ष सितम्बर में घोषणा की थी कि पैक्स से ऊपर की सहकारी संस्थाओं के लिए एक समग्र दृष्टिकोण बनाने के लिए जल्द ही एक राष्ट्रीय सहकारिता नीति तैयार की जाएगी। मौजूदा राष्ट्रीय सहकारिता नीति, सहकारी समितियों के चहुंमुखी विकास और उन्हे आवश्यक सहयोग देने, प्रोत्साहित करने और सहायता प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से वर्ष 2002 में लागू की गई थी ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि सहकारी समितियां एक स्वायत्त, आत्मनिर्भर और लोकतांत्रिक रूप से प्रबंधित संस्थाओं के तौर पर कार्य कर सकें जो अपने सदस्यों के प्रति उत्तरदायी हों और राष्ट्रीय अर्थव्यवस्था में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान कर सकें।

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