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Lok Sabha Passes Multi-State Coop Societies (Amendment) Bill

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New Delhi: The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to strengthen cooperatives by making them transparent and introducing a system of regular elections. Piloting the bill, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said the provisions in the bill will initiate a new era for the sector, which has been ignored by the previous governments. He said that in this bill, a provision has been made for the Election Authority to implement electoral reforms to conduct fair elections, and the Authority will be as powerful as the Election Commission and there will be no government interference in it."

"In addition, if one-third vacancies are created in the Board, a provision has been made to hold elections again for the vacant posts. Along with this, there are also provisions for discipline in board meetings and smooth functioning of cooperative societies. The chairman, vice-chairman and members of the committees will be required to call board meeting in 3

months. He said that in order to bring transparency in the governance of the cooperative society, a provision has been made to give majority to the equity shareholders," the statement read.

Shah said that reservation to one Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe and one woman in the committees has been provided in this bill which will increase representation of these sections in the committees. Provisions have also been made in the bill, regarding discipline and professionalism among the members of the society, representation of weaker and marginalized sections in the board of directors. The bill also contains provisions regarding matters such as bringing transparency in the process of recruitment of employees, appointment of auditors from a panel approved by the Central Registrar and bringing financial discipline through prescribed standards of audit and accounts.

The bill was approved by the Lok Sabha amid din by voice vote after a short discussion during which only three members participated. Immediately after the passage of the bill, the House was adjourned for the day by Speaker Om Birla.



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संशोधन विधेयक से सहकारिता में होगी नए युग की शुरुआत

देहरादून। सहकारिता मंत्री डॉ. धन सिंह रावत ने लोकसभा में बहुराज्यीय सहकारी समिति (संशोधन) विधेयक-2022 पास होने पर खुशी जताई है। उन्होंने कहा कि इससे सहकारी क्षेत्र में यह नए युग की शुरुआत होगी। इससे सहकारिता आंदोलन को और बल मिलेगा।

उन्होंने कहा कि केंद्रीय सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने लोकसभा में विधेयक को पास कराकर ऐतिहासिक कार्य किया है। इस संशोधन से सहकारी समितियों के प्रबंधन और नियुक्तियों में वर्षों से पल बढ़ रहा परिवारवाद का खत्म होगा और पारदर्शिता आएगी। ब्यूरो
