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**MUMBAI, DHNS:** Midway into the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised to set up two lakh cooperative societies in his next term to give a major boost to the economy of India's rural landscape.

"We are expanding the co-operative movement across the nation's rural landscape. Recognizing its importance, a separate Ministry for Co-operation was established in 2019, aiming to form 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), of which 8,000 are already operational. The government aims to establish 2 lakh cooperative societies in the next 5 years," Modi said on Tuesday.

During the day, Modi addressed three rallies in Maharashtra's Madha, Osmanabad and Latur (SC) constituencies, which would go to polls during Phase 3 of the General Elections.

"Maharashtra, known for its spirit of cooperation, has seen remarkable contributions from its sugar cooperatives in empowering farmers," said Modi.

Lashing out at the Congress, Modi said: "Your love is my wealth. In the last decade, Modi has dedicated every particle of his being and every moment of his time to serving you. Today, the people of Maharashtra witness the stark difference between 10 years of Modi government and 60 years of Congress rule. What Congress couldn't achieve in 60 years, Modi has accomplished in 10 years."

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