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NEW DELHI: The government on Monday said that so far nearly Rs 370 crore has been released to more than 4.29 lakh depositors of Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies through the online portal.

Following a Supreme Court order, the CRCS-Sahara refund portal was launched on July 18, 2023, for submission of claims by the genuine depositors of Sahara Group's four multi-state cooperative societies for refund of their legitimate deposits.

The societies are Sahara Credit Cooperative Society Ltd., Lucknow; Saharayn Universal Multipurpose Society Ltd., Bhopal; Humara India Credit Cooperative Society Ltd, Kolkata, and Stars Multipurpose Cooperative

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"So far, an amount of Rs 369.91 crore has been released to 4,29,166 depositors of Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies through the portal. Hon'ble Supreme Court has granted extension till 31.12.2024 for implementation of Supreme

Court order dated 29.03.2023," Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Harsh Malhotra told the Lok Sabha in a written reply.

In accordance with a Supreme Court order dated March 29, 2023, an amount of Rs 5,000 crore was transferred from the Sebi-Sahara Refund Account to the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) on May 19, 2023.

The apex court had delivered its verdict in the legal battle between markets regulator Sebi and Sahara Group on August 31, 2012. It had directed Sahara India Real Estate Corporation Ltd (SIRECL) and Sahara Housing Investment Corporation Ltd (SHICL) and their promoter-directors to refund Rs

25,781.37 crore collected from around 3.07 crore Optionally Fully Convertible Debenture holders, along with a 15 per cent annual interest to Sebi.

"Pursuant to various orders passed by the Supreme Court and the attachment orders of Sebi dated 13.02.2013, an aggregate amount of Rs 15,775.50 crore (against the principal amount of Rs 25,781.37 crore) has been realised by Sebi as on 31.03.2024.

"The amount realised from Saharas is being invested/re-invested in FDs of nationalised banks on periodical basis. The total amount invested along with interest as on 31.03.2024 is Rs 20,894 crore," the minister said.

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देहरादून। कृषि मंत्री गणेश जोशी ने नई दिल्ली में केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह से मुलाकात की। कृषि मंत्री ने कहा, केंद्र सरकार के सहकारिता मंत्रालय के अधीन स्थापित नेशनल को-ऑपरेटिव आर्गेनिक लिमिटेड उत्तराखंड के किसानों के जैविक उत्पाद खरीदेगा। केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने इस पर सहमति दे दी है। इसके लिए जल्द एमओयू होगा।

कृषि मंत्री ने कहा, प्रदेश में उत्पादित होने वाले जैविक उत्पादों विशेष रूप से बासमती, चौलाई, मोटा अनाज, दालें आदि को खरीदने के लिए नेशनल को-ऑपरेटिव आर्गेनिक लिमिटेड ने रुचि दिखाई है। इस योजना को लेकर दोनों संस्थानों के बीच औपचारिक अनुबंध जाना प्रस्तावित है। जिससे बाद प्रदेश के किसानों के जैविक उत्पादों की खरीद



केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह से मुलाकात करते मंत्री गणेश जोशी। -सूचना विभाग

शुरू की जाएगी। जोशी ने वाईब्रेंट विलेज कार्यक्रम के तहत जारी धनराशि को लेकर भी केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री का आभार जताया। इससे पहले कृषि मंत्री ने केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री को बाबा केदारनाथ की प्रतिकृति और रेशम किसानों की ओर से बनाया गया शॉल भेंट किया।