

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2198
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/03/2023**

National University for Cooperative Training

2198. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National University that offers cooperative training courses in its colleges in different parts of the country, including Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also coming up with a new cooperative policy soon to expand business in the cooperation sector in the foreseeable future; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and progress made in this regard, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): Yes, sir. There is a need for establishment of a Cooperative University to firmly deepen the foundations of cooperative movement in the country. Efforts are being made in this direction.

The Ministry is in the process of formulating the New National Cooperation Policy. A national-level committee has been constituted on 2nd September 2022 under the chairmanship of Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, consisting of experts from the cooperative sector, representatives from National/ State/ District/ Primary level cooperative societies, Secretaries (Cooperation) and RCSs from States/UTs, officers from Central Ministries/ Departments to formulate the New National Cooperation Policy. The formulation of New National Cooperation Policy will help realize the vision of 'Sahakar se Samriddhi', promoting the cooperative-based economic development model, strengthening the cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach upto the grassroots. In this regard, consultations were held earlier with stakeholders and suggestions were invited from the Central Ministries/Departments, States/UTs, National Cooperative Federations, Institutions and also from the general public. The National level committee will analyse the collated feedback, policy suggestions & recommendations to formulate the draft of the new Policy.
