

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to strengthen the cooperative movement in agriculture sector in the country; and
- (b) if so, the guidelines issued to the State Governments for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): The Cooperation is a State subject under entry number 32 of the State List. However, the Government of India has been implementing various Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes to strengthen the Cooperative Movement including agriculture sector in the country. The Government of India has set up a National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to promote cooperatives in the country. The Government of India is providing 100% financial grant to National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT) for conducting cooperative training programmes in the country and to National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) for implementation of the special component for intensification of cooperative education and 20% grant for other approved activities like General Cooperative Education programmes, education programmes for women etc. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is finalising a National Policy on Cooperatives in consultation with State Governments. Under this Policy, cooperatives would be provided with the necessary autonomy to make them self-reliant and democratically managed institutions accountable to their members. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has introduced Multi-State Cooperative Societies Bill, 2000 in Parliament in the month of November, 2000 to replace the existing Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 by a new legislation in order to provide greater functional autonomy and induce professionalism in the Management of the cooperative societies.

The Government of India is actively considering a Scheme of revitalisation of the cooperative credit structure so as to revamp and recapitalise the credit societies to meet the Agricultural Credit requirements more effectively.