

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1669  
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COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATIVE SECTOR  
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a high level Committee to strengthen the cooperative sector in the country in future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the required guidelines have been issued by the Government for functioning of the said Committee; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government has constituted a High Powered Committee to review the achievements of Co-operative Movement during the last 100 years and to recommend the steps to be taken to address challenges being faced by the Co-operative Movement in the changing socio-economic environment and to suggest an appropriate policy and legislative framework and changes required in the cooperative legislation in the country with a view to ensure the democratic, autonomous and professional functioning of cooperatives.

(c)&(d): The Committee is empowered to devise its own procedure for functioning.