

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems faced by the agriculture and rural industries cooperative societies in the country;
- (b) the steps taken to address the problems during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)to(c): National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DoAC) is the nodal agency for assisting cooperative development in the country. Government through DoAC has undertaken various measures for promotion and development of cooperative sector in the rural areas of the country, such as, framing of National Policy on Cooperatives, enactment of Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002, policy initiatives for revitalization of cooperative credit structure, etc. There has not been much significant involvement of cooperative societies in the implementation of various programmes in the agro and rural industries sector under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.