

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTING THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for promotion and development of cooperative sector in the rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the follow up action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Government 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. Government is also implementing Central Sector Scheme for Cooperative Education and Training through National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT). Further, Central Sector Schemes for Cooperative Development are being implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

(b): National Policy on Cooperatives and MSCS Act, 2002 provide guiding principles to States to bring their cooperative legislation to provide for autonomous, democratic and professional functioning of the cooperatives in their States. The Schemes of the Central Government implemented through NCUI, NCCT and NCDC and the policy initiatives for revitalization of cooperative credit structure have been helpful for development of cooperatives in rural areas.