

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATIVES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various States have urged the Union Government to work out an action plan to strengthen the cooperative movement and resolve the common difficulties;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Cooperative Ministers of various States had agreed to work out a joint action plan in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action plan prepared by the Union Government to strengthen and enhance the cooperative movement in the country?

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): No, Madam.

(b) to (d): Question does not arise. However, the Government has undertaken various measures to strengthen and enhance the cooperative movement in 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).

National Policy on Cooperatives and MSCS Act, 2002 provide guiding principles to States to bring their cooperative legislation on principles of 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 strengthening and enhancing the cooperative movement.