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

- (a) whether the cooperative education is necessary for the success of cooperatives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the various agencies entrusted with the cooperative education programme at the primary level are fully equipped with adequate number of education instructors in proportion to the number of individual members of primary societies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the cooperative education provided to its members has been able to prevent the malpractices prevalent in primary, central and apex levels of the cooperative movement; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Cooperative Education plays an important role in successful working of the cooperatives. However, 'Cooperative Societies' is a state subject under entry 32 of the Second List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution and therefore cooperative societies except the multi-state cooperative societies are governed by the State Cooperative Societies Acts enacted by the respective States. The State Cooperative Unions have the responsibility to take care of the cooperative education in the States/UTs.

(c) & (d): As the State Cooperative Unions are not fully equipped to provide cooperative education as per the requirements, the Government of India under the Central Sector Scheme for Cooperative Education and Training, provides assistance to the National cooperative Union of India (NCUI) to implement the cooperative education and training programmes in the country. Government of India also provides assistance under the aforesaid scheme to Junior Cooperative Training Centers (JCTCs) in the States/UTs, through NCUI, to train the personal working in the cooperatives at the grass-root level.

(e) & (f): The cooperative education and training provided by NCUI, State Cooperative Unions and JCTCs strengthen the cooperatives in the country and assist to professionalise the working of cooperatives. It also creates awareness amongst the members about their duties, rights and responsibilities which in turn help in prevention of malpractices in the cooperative societies.