

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by the agricultural cooperative societies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government along with the funds released to various States during the last three years for accelerating the cooperative movement in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has received any specific proposals from the States for promotion of the cooperative sector in the rural areas of the country including Gujarat;
- (e) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government so far, in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(a) to (c) Agriculture cooperative societies generally face problems such as lack of democratic control, excessive dependence on government assistance, poor deposit mobilization, lack of professional management, lack of active member participation, uneconomic level of business, etc. Government of India has taken various measures to address the aforesaid problems including, inter-alia, framing of National Policy on cooperatives, enactment of Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002, assistance for cooperative education and training, assistance through NCDC for development of cooperatives, implementation of recommendations of the Vaidyanathan Committee, enactment of the Constitution (97th Amendment) Act 2011, etc. A State wise details of sanctions and release of funds including the loans by the National Cooperative Development Corporation for the last three years is enclosed.

(d) to (f) No specific proposal from any state has been received in this regard. However, Government of India is implementing two Central Sector schemes, namely (i) Assistance for Cooperative and Training (ii) Assistance through NCDC for development of cooperatives. The proposals received under these schemes are considered by the concerned organizations implementing these schemes.