

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2497  
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COOPERATIVE EDUCATION FUND  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the objectives and the functions of the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI);
- (b) whether the NCUI has established a Cooperative Education Fund;
- (c) if so, the details and the objectives of the fund thereof;
- (d) whether any irregularities have come to the notice of the Union Government in the utilisation of the said fund during the course of implementation of educational programmes;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) The objects of the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) are to promote and develop the cooperative movement to educate, guide and assist the people in their efforts to build up the cooperative sector. To achieve its objectives, NCUI is organizing various education and training programmes with assistance of the Government. It also works with the State Governments and international agricultural & cooperative organizations to promote cooperative activities.

(b) & (c) The Cooperative Education Fund (CEF) was established by the Government of India in order to promote the cooperative education and training in the cooperative sector. The fund is administered by a committee constituted by the Central Government under sub-rule

(1) of rule 25 of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002, with President of NCUI as its Chairperson and six other members representing the Government and the Cooperative Societies/Institutes.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) The Question does not arise.