

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3722
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ABOLITION OF COOPERATIVE UNITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to end the alleged monopoly of various agricultural cooperatives like the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) with setting up of a PSU and prepare a road map to abolish various cooperative units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is going to create a parallel body with a funding of 100 crore instead of giving 200 crore to NAFED and achieve the objectives of providing essential items to consumer at slashed prices; and

(d) if so, the details of the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): In order to undertake procurement of oilseeds & pulses when prices of these commodities fall below MSP and also for expanding the coverage of procurement operation to far flung areas of the country. Government has authorized Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), National Consumer Cooperative Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF) and Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (SFAC) as central agencies to undertake procurement of these commodities under Price Support Scheme (PSS), besides NAFED.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.