

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3092
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2023**

Database for Cooperative Societies

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SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a National Cooperative Database for Cooperative Societies is being prepared by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of points/issues that have been included in the preparation of the Cooperative Database along with the time limit fixed for preparation of it;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for creation of database in the cooperative sector and the objectives thereof;
- (d) the manner in which the said database will be helpful to the policy makers and other stakeholders of the cooperative sector;
- (e) whether the State Government and other stakeholders make use of the said database and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the manner in which the said database will be protected and updated on real-time basis; and
- (g) the details of benefits that the Cooperative Societies will get after preparation of this database?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (g): Ministry of Cooperation is developing a comprehensive National Cooperative Database in a phased manner. Mapping of about 2.64 lakh primary cooperative societies of three sectors i.e. Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS), Dairy and Fisheries has been completed in February, 2023 under Phase-I. Under Phase-II, Mapping of National Cooperative Societies/Federations has been completed. Under Phase-III, the Database is being extended to the remaining cooperative societies working in all other sectors.

Throughout the creation of the National Cooperative Database, several rounds of consultations have been conducted with all stakeholders at all levels, ranging from primary to apex entities viz. State/UT Governments, National Cooperative Federations, regulatory bodies, etc. In addition to general information related to cooperatives i.e. location details, number of members, economic activities, etc., the database would also capture sector-specific information of sector concerned and their forward & backward linkages.

National Cooperative Database would provide a single point access to authentic and updated information on all cooperatives of different sectors across the country. The database would facilitate policy making, improve governance and transparency in cooperative sector. It would also help in identifying gaps in geographical distribution of cooperatives and establishing upward & backward linkages of cooperative societies working at different levels. The database would be made available to all stakeholders on 24x7 basis through a secured platform maintained by National Informatic Centre (NIC). Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been prepared for regular updation of the database through District Registrar Offices of State RCS.
