

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4239
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH AUGUST, 2025**

Cooperative College in the Name of Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das

4239. Shri Rudra Narayan Pany:

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

- (a) whether the famous intellectual Leader of Odisha, Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das was the founder promoter of co-operative movement in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Co-operative College in his memory at his workplace in Cuttack, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das is acclaimed as the pioneering torch bearer of the co-operative movement. As a trend setter and harbinger of the movement, he organised the first multifaceted cooperative enterprise of the country, "The Cuttack Cooperative Store" on 11th June, 1898. He had also established the export oriented giant venture "Utkal Tannery" which was running on Co-operative lines. By drawing inspiration from Sri Madhusudan Das, Agriculture Credit Cooperative Societies were set up at Charchika, Suvarnap and Barput of Banki region.

(c): With the establishment of "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University (TSU), Central Government has requested the State Governments to propose colleges/institutes in their state to be affiliated to the TSU. In recognition of the significant contribution of "Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das", pioneer of Cooperative Movement of Odisha, the Institute of Cooperative Management, one of the 20 Units of National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT), New Delhi which has been promoted by Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India was renamed as Madhusudan Institute of Cooperative Management.
