

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:609
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PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVE SECTOR
Barman Shri Hiten

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the specific proposals formulated by Government to promote and develop cooperative sector in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) the necessary steps taken by the Government so far in this regard; and
- (c) the achievements made after implementation of the above proposals for the development of cooperative sector in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 609 DUE FOR REPLY ON 9TH MAY, 2005.

(a)&(b): Government has undertaken several measures for promoting and developing the cooperative sector in the country. These include, inter-alia, framing of a National Policy on Cooperatives, enactment of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, enactment of National Cooperative Development Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2002 and initiatives for revitalization of the cooperative credit structure. The Central Government is also funding programmes of Cooperative Education and Training in the country. As a new initiative, Government has undertaken programmes of assistance to Junior Cooperative Training Centres, which are under the administrative control of State Cooperative Unions/State Governments. Agro-processing units and development of grass-root cooperatives are being implemented through National Cooperative Development Corporation.

(c): The National Policy on Cooperatives and Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 provide the guiding principles to States to bring their cooperative legislation on principles of autonomous, democratic and professional functioning. The Schemes of the Central Government implemented through Apex level cooperative organizations have been helpful in developing cooperative initiatives in the spinning, sugar and allied sectors.