

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

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DIGITISATION PROGRAMMES FOR COOPERATIVES

3041 SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cooperatives in the country which are yet to be digitised, State-wise and sector-wise;
- (b) whether Government plans to digitise cooperatives in every sector;
- (c) if so, the amount of fund that has been allocated till date and that has been utilised for the digitisation of the cooperatives during the last five years, year-wise and sector-wise; and
- (d) the details of the funds that are being contributed by the cooperatives in the digitisation programme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) There are two types of co-operative structures in the country i.e. State Cooperative Societies and Multi-State Cooperative Societies. The Cooperative Societies functioning in one state only are governed by the laws of the respective State Government and the cooperative societies functioning in more than one state are governed by the central law, namely 'the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 (39 of 2002)'. Any issues related to their administration are dealt at respective levels. At present, data on State-wise and sector-wise digitized/not-digitized cooperatives is not available centrally with the Ministry of Cooperation.
- (b) Government is formulating a project for computerisation of 63000 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the country.
- (c) Rs. 350 cr. has been allocated in the budget for financial year 2022-23 for computerisation of PACS project mentioned in point (b) above.
- (d) Data on funds contributed by the cooperatives in the digitisation programme is not available centrally in the Ministry.
