

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.801
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/12/2022

Welfare schemes for tribal areas

801. Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- a) Whether the Ministry is introducing any special scheme for the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh in order to strengthen the rural economy; and
- b) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (b): In order to revitalize the cooperative sector with active participation of various States/UTs by bringing transparency, modernization, computerization, creating competitive cooperatives and deepening its reach to the grassroots across the country, including the State Madhya Pradesh and its tribal areas, the Ministry of Cooperation is implementing the following schemes:

- Project for Computerization of 63,000 Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) across the country at a total estimated cost of Rs. 2,516 Crore.
- Financial assistance of Rs 341.67 Cr in the Year 2021-22 and Rs 47.9 Crore in the current year, in the form of subsidy/grant to the Cooperative societies under erstwhile Central Sector Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperation (CSISAC) Scheme for the cooperative sector.

Further, Ministry of Cooperation with active participation of various States/UTs has taken various initiatives to strengthen the cooperative movement which includes the following:

- Preparation of model bye-laws for the PACS to transform them into multipurpose vibrant economic entities at Panchayat Level.
- Creation of National Cooperative Database in consultation with all stakeholders.
- Inclusion of eligible Urban Co-operative Banks, State Co-operative Banks and District Central Co-operative Banks as Member Lending Institutions under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).
- Onboarding of Cooperative Societies on GeM Portal as “buyers”.

Under erstwhile CSISAC Scheme financial assistance to cooperative units with specific preference to tribal areas had been provided. During 2020-21, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) disbursed Rs. 68.64 Crore for 143 tribal cooperative units.