

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1454
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2025

Status of National Cooperation Policy

1454. Shri Kunwar Ratanjeet Pratap Narayan Singh:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the National Cooperation Policy proposed in Budget 2024-25, including key areas prioritized, consultations undertaken and the timeline for finalization;
- (b) the role envisioned for Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and other cooperatives in promoting rural economic growth under the policy;
- (c) details of financial allocations for cooperatives and details of the funds utilized till March 2025; and
- (d) specific schemes or plans formulated under the policy to boost rural employment and their expected timelines and impact?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a), (b) & (d): The formulation of New National Cooperation Policy has been envisaged to fulfill the mandate of the Ministry of Cooperation -"Sahkar se Samriddhi." A National level committee was constituted on 2.9.2022 under Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu with experts of the cooperative sector, representatives from National/State/District/Primary level cooperative societies, Secy. (Coop.) and RCSs from States/UTs and officers from Central Ministries/Departments to formulate the New Cooperation Policy to provide a framework to unlock the true potential of the Cooperative sector. The Committee held 17 meetings and conducted four regional workshops throughout the country to elicit suggestions from stakeholders. The received suggestions have been incorporated into the draft policy appropriately. The draft policy has been prepared and is under finalization."

(c):

(Fig. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Scheme Name	Budget Allocation (FY 24-25)	Revised Estimates (FY 24-25)	Utilization / Expenditure As on 05.03.2025
<u>Centrally Sponsored Schemes</u>				
1	4008- Digitalization of Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies	500.00	131.00	113.63
2	4220- Strengthening of Cooperatives through IT Interventions	88.96	25.00	15.87
<u>Central Sector Schemes</u>				
1	4201- Grant-in-aid to NCDC for Strengthening of Cooperative Sugar Mills (CMSs)	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total		1088.96	656.00	629.50
