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Department of Cooperation  
Government of Tripura

The Department is deeply committed to strengthen the Cooperative Societies and making them efficient and viable towards improvement of socio-economic condition of the common people in general & the tribal population residing in interior areas of the State in particular. Towards achievement of the cherished objectives of Cooperatives, in total 1795 different categories Cooperative Societies having 8.34 lakhs members, are working in the State.

2. The Cooperative set-up in the state is of 2(two) tier system - Apex Cooperative Societies (functioning in the state level) the Primary Cooperatives (working at the village level). Out of 1795 Societies, there are pre-dominantly 56 LAMPS, 212 PACS & 14 Primary Marketing Cooperative Societies at the village level playing a pivotal role for the economic up-liftment of the rural people in general & farmers in particulars. All these societies are having elected Boards. The LAMPS & PACS are the only reliable farmers centric Rural Credit Dispensation Units.

3. Following are some of the prime activities being engineered by the village level coop. societies (PMCS / LAMPS / PACS) namely :-

- a) Disbursement of seasonal Agricultural loan (ST & MT) including KCC holders, among the members / farmers through-out the year.
- b) Distribution / supply of Agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, Pesticides, Custom Hiring Centre & ensuring supply of other Agricultural equipments / Machineries.
- c) Procurement of farmers produces, both agri. & agri. allied.
- d) Storage of farmers produces in the nearby rural go-downs own by the Cooperatives.
- e) Marketing arrangement of farmers / members produces in the local markets.
- f) Transportation of members produces etc.

4. In the state by this time, 2385 Joint Liability Group (JLG) having a total women membership strength of 11,817 have been formed by the LAMPS & PACS at the village level to promote the rural based Agri. & Agri allied activities by way of credit linkage with the State Cooperative Bank Branches .

5. The State Cooperative Bank is working for providing credit to the farmers with minimum paper works in a speedy manner. The Department is ensuring that the target groups are provided maximum credits in due time with other input support, so that the seasonal Agricultural practice of farmers may not be suffered owing to untimely delivery of support system of TSCB/ LAMPS/PACS. However, for ensuring bumper crop production of the farmers, adequate care needs to be taken for extending institutional support and Cooperation to the Members/Farmers from the Nodal Departments i.e Agriculture, Fishery & ARDD etc.

6. By & large, all the Rural Cooperatives have got their ready built basic infrastructure support, which includes Market Stalls / Selling outlets & rural go-downs . There are 219 go-downs (50 M.T to 200 M.T capacity) owned by



the Cooperative Societies in rural areas which are functioning and however some of the godowns are needed repairing for which estimation is going on. The necessary budgetary provision is required to maintain/ development of go-downs of the Cooperatives.

7. Many of the village level Cooperative Societies are also having adequate idle land which can be put in use for Infrastructure development in the rural helmets, like water bodies by **rain water harvesting, construction of cold storage, construction of new go-down, market stall, crop drying/ processing centers etc.**

8. There are 14 (four-teen) Marketing Cooperatives (in Short PMCS) are functioning in different Sub-Divisions in a sound manner with elected Boards. These PMCS can play a significant role for improving the Marketing strategy & thereby Pave the way towards enhancing economy of the farmer members.

9. Therefore, available Cooperative Infrastructure & solid man power could be link with the Agriculture extension activities in a better way. The TSCU located at A.D.Nagar may be best option of Training institute for all the training programmes in the State. More emphasis is given in designing training programmes for leadership development of Board of Directors, Skill development on Accounts and business development of Cooperatives in multiple way. Besides, special courses on farming, pisciculture, diary, processing, agro-industry etc may also be conducted with the support from the Nodal departments i.e Agriculture, Fishery, ARDD etc.

10. Department of Cooperation has taken all possible effort under the mandates of **“Easy of Doing Business”** particularly in the field of online registration and amendment in respect of Cooperatives and NGO’s (under e-district platform through NIC).

11. In brief, during 2018-19, the Action Plan of this Department is as below:

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme/ Programme	Centrally outlay during 2018-19 (Rs.- in Crore)			Annual Action Plan 2018-19	100 day Action Plan
		Central Share	State Share	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Audit works of Cooperative Societies	-	-	-	1450 pending unit	300 unit
2	Annual Return Collection	-	-	-	1020 pending unit	500 unit
3	KCC (Kishan Credit Card)	-	-	-	10,000 Nos. of farmers	1500 farmers
4	Annual General Meeting	-	-	-	777 pending units	300 unit
5.	Inspection of Cooperative Societies	-	-	-	720 nos of Coops	200 nos of Coops
6.	Training programme to be conducted by TSCU	-	-	-	80 nos	20 nos

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7.	Election of Societies	-	-	-	All pending/New societies	As per Election schedule
8.	Citizen charter	-	-	-	To be implemented	Drafting & implementation
9.	Transfer Policy	-	-	-	To be implemented	Drafting
10	Non-Tax Revenue collection(Audit fees/Registration fees)	-	-	-	Rs.11.00 lakhs	Rs.2.00 lakhs

Remarks: The Department of Cooperation is not implementing any Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

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