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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Cooperation**

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Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

*Dear Sir/Madam*

As you are aware Government of India has created Ministry of Cooperation for the development of cooperative sectors in India. Recently we had a National Conference on New Cooperation Policy on 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 where various State Governments, Central Ministries and Federations participated. I would like to thank all of you for active participation.

2. There are more than 8.5 lakh cooperatives in India, as per the statistical profile of Indian Cooperatives, 2018 published by the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI). However, everyone has felt the need to have a comprehensive and authentic database on cooperatives for which there was also a national consultation meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021 with the stakeholders. The objective of developing a national database on cooperatives is to provide a single point access to information on cooperative on data and develop a process and tool for economic planning and development of this sector. It is also expected that this database would bring synergy among the line Ministries and State Governments.

3. It is proposed to develop the system on a platform which could be adopted by various stakeholders over a period of time. The platform of database would be made available on 24x7 basis in a secure environment and would adopt standards of open technology etc. There would be an OTP based system for authentication of data creator. Data creator could be Secretary/CEO of the cooperative.

4. The Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India has drafted a Template for collecting Data for proposed National Database on Cooperatives. The draft Template has been divided in the Static and Dynamic parts. Further, blocks for sector specific details need to be added.

The static part will contain the fields that remain unchanged for a longer period of time, which may be updated after every three years. The outline of the Static block is listed below;

- A. Identification Block
- B. Particular Block
- C. Operative Detail Block
- D. Details of Board of Director' Block
- E. Use of ICT Block

The dynamic part has fields related to employment and financial parameters that may need to be updated annually after the closure of the financial year. The outline of the Dynamic part is listed below;

- a. Employment and Labour Cost Block
- b. Income and Expenditure Block
- c. Asset and Liability Block
- d. Products and Services Block
- e. Verification and Submission Block

5. The draft template has been enclosed with this letter. Ministry of Cooperation is seeking your suggestions on the following:

- (a) Suggestion with respect to the draft template including the format, fields of the national database on cooperatives.
- (b) To suggest sector specific fields of those sectors e.g. dairy, housing, fisheries, sugar, handloom, tourism, hospitals etc which has to be identified by the user office of RCS and the line Ministries and the Federations. These suggestions may differ from one State to another depending on the dominant sector present in that State.
- (c) The manner of filling this data, its validation and modalities involved including role of federations and unions. It may also be suggested about the measures we could adopt so as to get the entire data on cooperatives in a mission mode process including cost involved, if any.

6. Ministry of Cooperation requests your valuable inputs and suggestions latest by 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022. Ministry would also like to convene a workshop to finalize and freeze the template in May itself.

*with regards,*

Yours Sincerely,



(Devendra Kumar Singh)

Encl: As above

To

As per list enclosed

1. All State Governments (Secretary Cooperatives)
2. All RCS of State Governments
3. All Central Ministries, NITI Aayog, Railway Board
4. All Federations
5. NCUI

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