

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1577
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2026**

Delay in Granting Permission to Multi-State Cooperative Societies

1577 Shri Chavan Ravindra Vasantrao:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a). whether applications submitted by several Multi-State Cooperative Societies for opening new branches have remained pending for several years, including cases pending for more than five years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b). the total number of applications for branch opening permission received during each of the last five years, along with the number approved, rejected and presently pending;
- (c). the reasons for such prolonged delays in granting branch opening permissions and whether the Government has fixed any statutory timeline for disposal of such applications;
- (d). whether the Government proposes to introduce an online single-window, transparent and time-bound approval mechanism for granting branch opening permissions to Multi-State Cooperative Societies, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e). if not, the corrective measures proposed to ensure faster approvals so that cooperative institutions can expand their services, improve financial inclusion and strengthen the cooperative movement across the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(सहकारिता मंत्री) (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

(a) to (c): Year-wise details regarding number of applications for branch opening permission submitted by Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCSs) are as under:

S. No.	Year	Total no. of applications for branch opening permission received	No. of approved applications	No. of rejected applications
1	2022	03	02	01
2	2023	16	05	07
3	2024	13	04	02
4	2025	29	08	02
5	2026	15	05	04
	Total	76	24	16

After examination, deficiencies found in the applications in case of 36 MSCSs have been sent to the respective societies. Further, no statutory timeline for disposal of applications for branch opening permission is provided under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.

(d) and (e): An online ‘CRCS office portal’ for granting branch opening permissions to Multi-State Cooperative Societies in a transparent manner has already been launched.
