

CHAPTER - 10 COOPERATION

10.1 The co-operative movement in Rajasthan is playing a vital role in the social and economic development of the State, particularly in rural areas. Initially, this movement was confined to agricultural credit, later on, it rapidly spread to other fields like agro-processing, agro-marketing, milk production and distribution, rural industries, consumer stores, social services etc.

10.2 About 90% of the institutional credit to the farmers is being provided by cooperatives. About 70% of the district credit plan is fulfilled by cooperative banks. 30% of the total agricultural inputs are being supplied by the cooperative marketing organisations. India leads the world in milk production. The contribution of the cooperative sector in milk production and distribution is about 95%.

10.3 At present there are 20 State Level Federations, 27 Central Cooperative Banks, 16 milk Unions, 32 Upbhokta Wholesale Bhandars, 36 Primary Land Development Banks (PLDB), 5,244 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and 212 Kraya - Vikraya Sahakari Samities (KVSS). Thus about 23727 co-operative societies are registered in the State including above societies.

10.4 State Government will promote agriculture cooperative societies, promote cooperative movement by amending cooperative acts and developing transparency & accountability, renewal and strengthening of Gram Seva Cooperative Societies, empowerment of women through cooperatives, timely availability of seeds & fertilisers to farmers etc. as per the resolution accepted.

10.5 As against the provision of Rs. 100.00 crores for the 11th Five Year Plan, Rs. 2.63 crores were spent during 2007-08 and Rs.8.99 crores are likely to be spent during 2008-09. An amount of Rs. 8.94 crores is proposed for the year 2009-10. The important physical targets proposed for Eleventh Plan, likely achievements during 2008-09 and targets proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10 are as under :-

Table No. 10.1

(Rs. in crores)

S. NO.	Scheme	Proposed Target for Eleventh Plan	Anticipated Achievement 2008-09	Proposed Target for 2009-10
1	Short Term Loan Distribution	20800.00	2900.00	3000.00
2	Medium Term Loan Distribution	1275.00	165.00	180.00

S. NO.	Scheme	Proposed Target for Eleventh Plan	Anticipated Achievement 2008-09	Proposed Target for 2009-10
3	Long Term Loan Distribution	2020.00	300.00	350.00
4	Sale of fertilizers	2480.00	467.99	480.00
5	Marketing of Agriculture Produce	6300.00	170.48	190.00
6	Distribution of Consumer goods	4750.00	803.70	820.00

10.6 Scheme-wise details are as under:-

Direction and Administration

10.7 Rs.55.00 lakhs is proposed for the Annual Plan 2009-10 for publication and publicity, construction of cooperative complexes and assistance to GRAMSAT.

10.8 At present there are 7 cooperative complexes in the state at zonal head quarters and one at Jhalawar is under construction. An amount of Rs. 20.00 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10.

10.9 Publication and publicity is an integral part of the department. Department not only publishes various bulletins, magazines etc. but also play an important role in organizing cooperative fairs too. Rs. 25.00 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10.

10.10 This scheme is being run by the Science and Technology Department of the State. This scheme provides the platform to the department to communicate its schemes, plans to the block level. It is a 2-way audio-video programme through Satellite. A hub has been established at IGPRS. Rs. 10.00 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10.

Credit Cooperatives

10.11 Integrated Cooperative Development Project - Rs.280 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10.

10.12 Interest subsidy to good borrowers – State Government has provided 2% subsidy on interest to the good borrowers during 2008-09 who have not defaulted for repayment of their loan for 5 years. Rs. 550.01 lakhs are likely to be spent during the year 2008-09. Only a token amount of Rs 0.01 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10.

10.13 Assistance for restructuring of Primary Cooperative Credit Institutions - NABARD has constituted Vaidyanathan Committee to reorganise and increase viability of the state credit cooperative institutions, which include Central Cooperative Banks, Primary Land Development Banks and Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies. On the recommendations of Vaidyanathan Committee, Government of India

had announced a package to revamp the short-term cooperative credit structural reforms in PACS to curb net losses of CCBS and Apex Bank. Rs. 500.00 lakhs is proposed for this purpose for the year 2009-10.

Cooperative Education and Training

10.14 Training to departmental employees - To increase the efficiency and to provide the information regarding new schemes and also to train the newly inducted employees, Rajasthan Institute of Cooperative Education and Management (RICEM) is working as a leading institution in the cooperative sector. Besides this, training is also provided in different training institutes as and when required. Rs. 5 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10 for this purpose.

Miscellaneous Cooperatives

10.15 Assistance to Women Cooperatives- Under this scheme, Rs.20000/- as share capital and Rs.10,000/- as managerial subsidy is provided to women cooperatives for their successful running. This scheme has helped the women cooperatives to function in a successful manner, which has resulted in better economic conditions of women in the State. At present there are 2036 women cooperatives in the State including Annapurna Mahila Cooperative Societies. Rs. 19.00 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10.

10.16 Development of common accounting/business software for KVSS/ Bhandars - KVSS and Bhandars in order to function with modern techniques like computer a common software has been prepared and is being installed in KVSS and Bhandars. Also the employees of these institutions are trained so that they can work on this software. For the year 2009-10, Rs.15.00 lakh is proposed as assistance to these institutions.

10.17 Training to Women SHGs - In order to encourage micro finance in the state women SHGs are being trained regarding their functioning and bank linkages. Their officials are trained by the CCB employees and master trainers. Rs. 10 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10.

10.18 Cooperative Rural Tourism (Rajgramya) - Primary societies like PACS/ LAMPS and KVSS have taken up rural cooperative tourism as additional function. They are being provided with share capital and assistance. Rajasthan State Cooperative Tourism Federation has been constituted. Rs. 10 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10.

Agriculture Credit

10.19 This head covers Special Debentures, Ordinary Debentures and Share Capital to RRBs. Against the provision of Rs. 35.00 crores for the 11th Five Year Plan, Rs. 650 lakhs were spent during the year 2007-08 and Rs.1117.68 lakhs are likely to be spent during the year 2008-09. A sum of Rs. 650.02 lakhs is proposed for the year 2009-10 which includes Rs.650 lakhs for Special Debentures.