



Report on

**Workshop on co-operative societies/ schemes for the creation of employability opportunities for Women in Agriculture/co-related sector in collaboration with NSS**

Date: 03/11/2023

Venue: Radha-Krishan mandir campus, Ghamroj

Event Type: Extension Activity

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Residents of village and Students of SOAS

Organized by: School of Agricultural Sciences

Convener: Dr. J.S Yadav

Faculty organizers: Dr. Parita, Dr. Ambika Bhandari, Dr. Neha Sharma

Number of Participants: 33 (Students), 13 (Residents of village)

School of Agricultural Sciences in collaboration with NSS, K.R Mangalam University, Gurugram organized an extension activity on Workshop on co-operative societies/ schemes for the creation of employability opportunities for Women in Agriculture/co-related sector Radha-Krishan mandir campus, Ghamroj on 3rd November, 2023. The session started with the welcome note by Dr. Parita, Assistant Professor, SOAS, KRMU. She started the session by giving some insights about the Cooperative societies. Cooperative is a form of organisation wherein persons voluntarily associate together as human beings on the basis of equality for the promotion of an economic interest for themselves. Cooperative organisation is "a society which has its objectives for the promotion of economic interests of its members in accordance with cooperative principles.

She further added the information about how to construct and register a cooperative society. The cooperative society is compulsorily required to be registered under the Cooperative Societies Act 1912. The process of setting up a cooperative society is simple enough and at the most what is required is the consent of at least ten adult persons to form a

society. The capital of a society is raised from its members through issue of shares. The society acquires a distinct legal identity after its registration.

She further explained about the various types of cooperative societies based on the nature of their operations.

**i) Consumer's cooperative societies:**

The consumer cooperative societies are formed to protect the interests of consumers. The members comprise of consumers desirous of obtaining good quality products at reasonable prices. The society aims at eliminating middlemen to achieve economy in operations. It purchases goods in bulk directly from the wholesalers and sells goods to the members, thereby eliminating the middlemen. Profits, if any, are distributed on the basis of either their capital contributions to the society or purchases made by individual members. Kendriya Bhandar, Apna Bazar and Sahkari Bhandar are examples of consumers' cooperative society

**ii) Producer's cooperative societies:**

These societies are set up to protect the interest of small producers. The members comprise of producers desirous of procuring inputs for production of goods to meet the demands of consumers. The society aims to fight against the big capitalists and enhance the bargaining power of the small producers. It supplies raw materials, equipment and other inputs to the members and also buys their output for sale. Profits among the members are generally distributed on the basis of their contributions to the total pool of goods produced or sold by the society. Handloom societies like APPCO, Bayanika, Haryana Handloom, etc., are examples of producers' co-operative society i

**iii) Marketing cooperative societies:**

Such societies are established to help small producers in selling their products. The members consist of producers who wish to obtain reasonable prices for their output. The society aims to eliminate middlemen and improve competitive position of its members by securing a favourable market for the products. It pools the output of individual members and performs marketing functions like transportation, warehousing, packaging, etc., to sell the

output at the best possible price. Profits are distributed according to each member's contribution to the pool of output. Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation that sells AMUL milk products is an example of marketing co-operative society

**iv) Farmer's cooperative societies:**

These societies are established to protect the interests of farmers by providing better inputs at a reasonable cost. The members comprise of farmers who wish to jointly take up farming activities. The aim is to gain the benefits of large scale farming and increase the productivity. Such societies provide better quality seeds, fertilizers, machinery and other modern techniques for use in the cultivation of crops. This helps not only in improving the yield and returns to the farmers, but also solves the problems associated with the farming on fragmented land holdings. Lift-irrigation cooperative societies and pani-panchayats are some of the examples

A Co-operative Society can be formed as per the provisions of the Co-operative societies Act, 1912. At least ten persons having the capacity to enter into a contract with common economic objectives, like farming, weaving, consuming, etc. can form a Cooperative Society. A joint application along with the bye-laws of the society containing the details about the society and its members has to be submitted to the Registrar of Co-operative societies of the concerned state. After scrutiny of the application and the bye-laws, the registrar issues a Certificate of Registration.

**Requirements for Registration:**

1. Application with the signature of all members
2. Bye-laws of the society containing:
  - (a) Name, address and aims and objectives of the society; (b) Names, addresses and occupations of members;
  - (c) Mode of admitting new members;
  - (d) Share capital and its division

The session was concluded with a word of thank you to everyone for all the cooperation.

Few glimpses from the activity







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