

## **Minorities & Co-operation Department**

The cooperative movement in India took birth in 1904 by the enactment of cooperative societies Act 1904 & after making a long journey it has entered into the new millennium with lots of hopes & expectations. The erstwhile Mysore state was a pioneer in establishing the first cooperative credit society in the country at Kanaginahala in the erstwhile Dharwad district in 1905.

There are about 34,000 cooperative societies in our state, out of which 500 societies belong exclusively of minority community. These cooperative institutions are playing a vital role in socio-economic development of the people.

There are various schemes implemented by the department of cooperation for its members. Under these schemes financial assistance is provided as share capital, loan & subsidy. Some of the programmes implemented by the cooperative department is as follows:

### **Enrolment of minorities as members in all types of cooperative societies.**

The main objective of the scheme is to enroll the people belonging to Minorities in all types of Co-operative societies & thus enable them to avail the facilities provided by the society & to uplift them socially & financially.

The Government sanctions an amount equivalent to value one share as subsidy which is limited to Rs. 500/- per person.

During the year 2009-10, 38,037 minority people have been made members in 151 Co-operative societies by sanctioning an amount of Rs. 52.12 lakhs.

District wise details are as follows

Sl.No.	District	No of societies	No of members enrolled	Amount (in lakhs)
1	Bagalkot	5	2380	2.380
2	Bangalore (rural)	02	956	1.356
3	Belgaum	13	2759	7.871
4	Bellary	14	1592	1.592
5	Bidar	3	560	2.80
6	Bijapur	3	1814	1.814
7	Chickballapur	10	2972	2.972
8	Chickmagalur	5	387	0.587

9	Dakshina Kannada(Mangalore)	7	1557	1.557
10	Davangere	10	3385	3.385
11	Dharwad	7	1112	1.484
12	Gadag	1	36	0.036
13	Gulbarga	22	11804	12.204
14	Hassan	4	482	1.605
15	Haveri	3	533	1.865
16	Karwar	1	115	0.575
17	Kodagu	5	223	0.896
18	Koppal	5	446	0.466
19	Mandya	3	595	0.757
20	Mysore	4	481	0.565
21	Raichur	5	1355	1.355
22	Shimoga	8	782	1.95
23	Tumkur	11	1711	2.071
	Total	151	38037	52.123

**Financial Assistance to Minorities Co-operative society.**

Under the scheme financial assistance is provided in the form of subsidy to minority Co-operative societies to create infrastructure & assets so that the societies will be enabled to increase their business.

During the year 2009-10, Government has sanctioned Rs. 24.25 lakhs as subsidy to 20 Co-operative societies belonging to minorities. The details are as follows.

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the society	District	Amount sanctioned
1	Sahaara Minority Credit Cooperative Society, Shikaripura	Shimoga	1.00
2	Shri. Mahaveer Minority Credit Cooperative Society, Sagar	Shimoga	1.00
3	Madini Minority Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Shikaripura	Shimoga	1.00
4	Amanath Rural Minority Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Shikaripura	Shimoga	1.00

5	Raichur District Millat Credit Cooperative Society, Raichur	Raichur	2.00
6	Catholic Credit Cooperaitve Society, Beltangadi	Dakshina Kannada	1.00
7	The Nahara Abaan Credit Cooperative Society, Hanagalla.	Haveri	1.00
8	Shri. Mahaveer Urban Credit Cooperative Society, Haveri	Haveri	1.00
9	Taluk Sadaabaa Credit Cooperative Society, Narasimharajpura	Chickmagalur	1.00
10	Kulbhushan Minority Cooperative Credit Society, Bylahongal Taluk	Belgaum	1.00
11	Azad Minority Cooperative Credit Society, Bijapur	Bijapur	1.00
12	The Madina Cooperative Credit Society, Dharwad	Dharwad	1.196
13	The Aman Minority Cooperative Credit Society, Bagalkot	Bagalkot	1.98
14	Shri. Adinath Minority Cooperative Society, Bijapur	Bijapur	1.98
15	The Christian Credit Cooperative Society	Shimoga	1.89
16	Anjuman Credit Cooperative Society	Gadag	1.00
17	Shri. Parshvanath Minority Credit Cooperative Society, Jamkhandi	Bagalkot	2.00
18	Azad Cooperative Credit Society, Uppina Bettagiri,	Dharwad	1.00
19	The Millath Cooperative Credit Society, Mangalore	Dakshina Kannada	2.00
20	The Azad Urban Cooperative Society, Akki Aloor, Hanagalla Taluk.	Haveri	1.00

### **Yeshaswini Co-operative Farmers Health Care Scheme:**

A landmark initiative has come as a great boon to the farmers in the state. Launched on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2003, the scheme has revolutionized rural health care & healing in the state. Today a rural co-operator in every nook and corner of

Karnataka is able to get quality surgical facilities from a reputed hospital/nursing home.

**Membership:**

To avail the benefit of Yeshaswini scheme a person should be a member of registered rural Co-operative society of the state for a minimum period of six months. All members of the main member family are eligible to avail the benefit of the scheme though they are not members of a rural Co-operative society. However each of the beneficiaries are required to pay the Yeshaswini contribution separately. The membership contribution is Rs. 150/- per person per year.

Apart from the above members the Self Help Groups, Stree Shakti Groups who have financial transactions with Co-operative societies/Co-operative banks can avail the benefit of the scheme.

Members of fishermen Co-operatives, beedi workers Co-operative & weavers Co-operative societies situated in urban areas can also avail the benefit.

The higher age limit fixed is 75 years for availing benefit under the scheme.

**Benefits of schemes:-**

450 private hospitals & nursing homes including Government hospitals situated in the state are recognized as network hospital. These hospitals provide free OPD & investigations at concessional rate & cashless surgeries at fixed tariffs.

**Agricultural loans to farmers at 3% interest.**

Short term, Medium term and Long term Agricultural loans are provided to farmers at the 3% rate of interest through credit cooperative societies.

Today the cooperative movement has penetrated in all walks of life i.e., Agriculture, Credit & Banking Housing, Dairy Consumers, Horticulture, Irrigation, Fisheries, Information Technology etc.,. Be it green(agriculture), white(dairy), yellow(poultry) & blue(fisheries) revolutions their success is mainly due to the vast cooperative network spread across nook & corner of the state.

For further details contact: Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Karnataka State Minorities Commission, Bangalore or Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies of the concerned districts.

Link websites:

[www.sahakara.kar.gov.in](http://www.sahakara.kar.gov.in)

[www.yeshasvini.org.in](http://www.yeshasvini.org.in)