

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPENDITURE OF COOPERATIVE DEPARTMENT, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012: -

The history of Cooperative Movement in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands started in the year 1946 with registration of the first Cooperative Society viz. Rangachang Cooperative Land Syndicate was registered under Cooperative Societies Act 1912. The major development took place only after Independence with the influx of refugees brought under Colonization Schemes of the Government of India and the movement in these islands had gained more and more importance in the recent past with more and more unemployed youths opting for Cooperative ventures for their livelihood with a view to seek self-employment in the field of consumable, hardware articles, construction and labour contract works, transport, fisheries, marketing, livestock, dairy, Agriculture and Non Agriculture Credit, banking, tourism, and multipurpose and allied activities Cooperative Societies etc. At present there are 1435 Nos. of Cooperative Societies with a total membership of 86479 comprising of 22.76% of the total adult population (Total adult population 379944 (provisional) as per 2011 Census) and a share capital of Rs. 528.958 lakhs.

The Cooperative movement has played significance role among the aboriginal tribes Viz., Andamanese, Ongees and Nicobarese whose life style and economic stay are fully dependent on plantation produces like coconut and Arecanut which have been brought under Cooperative fold. Every village in Car Nicobar and Nancowry Group of islands has a cooperative society viz. Panam Hinengos and all heads of families of each village are its members.

The Cooperative Department is placed under the administrative control of the Secretary (Cooperation), Andaman & Nicobar Administration. At the departmental level, Registrar of Cooperative Societies is the Head of Department assisted by 03 Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies one each at Port Blair, Mayabunder and Car Nicobar, 12 Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies, 36 Inspectors of Cooperative Societies and 15 Sub-Inspector of Cooperative Societies posted in different location of the A & N Islands from Diglipur in North to Campbell Bay in South for monitoring & supervising functioning of cooperative societies, responsible for registration, registration of amendment of bye-laws, Inspection, audit, inquiry,

arbitration, election, winding up of cooperative societies , liquidation, execution of award/decrees, disposal of appeal, test audit of apex/central Cooperative societies, recovery of Govt. loan, disposal of complaints in respect of Cooperative societies, surcharge proceedings, disposal of VIP reference, supervision of cooperative societies and matters relating to High court cases/CAT cases which are the main functioning of cooperative department, Among the above duties the statutory duties shall carry out under the A & N Islands Cooperative Societies Regulation, 1973 and Rules framed there under and the bye-laws framed by the respective cooperative societies under the ambit of the said Regulation & Rules. Besides there are 25 ministerial staffs as well as 23 Group 'D' employees are posted in various offices of this department to assist various works.

The Cooperative Department has been set up by the Administration for proper monitoring and supervision of Cooperative societies and subsequently posts have created in the department.

EXISTING POSTION OF SANCTIONED POST OF EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE DEPARTMENT: -

Sl. No.	Designation	Sanctioned Strength
1	Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies	12
2	Inspector of Cooperative Societies	36
3	Sub Inspector of Cooperative Societies	15
Total: -		63

The functioning of Cooperative Department is regulated under the A&N Islands Cooperative Societies Regulation, 1973 and A&N Islands Cooperative Societies Rules, 1974. The statutory powers are being exercised by the Officials for the organization, registration, inspection, audit, enquiry, arbitration, liquidation, etc. and also the regular supervision & guidance for the promotion of Cooperative Societies.

TIME FRAME FIXED FOR DISPOSAL OF DIFFERENT CASES AS PER THE APPROVED CITIZEN CHARTER

S.No.	Cases	Time frame
1.	Registration of new Cooperative Societies	30 days
2.	Registration of amendment of bye-laws	15 days
3.	Inspection of Primary Societies(as per calendar)	07 days

4.	Inspection of Apex/Central Societies	20 days
5.	Disposal of complaints in respect of any Primary Cooperative Societies	07 days
6.	Disposal of Complaints of Apex/Central Cooperative	20 days
7.	Audit of Cooperative Societies	As per calendar
8.	Test audit of Primary Cooperative Societies	07 days
9.	Test audit of Apex/Central Cooperative	20 days
10.	Enquiry against Societies violating norms/bye-laws	20 days
11.	Conducting election to societies after registration	2 months
12.	Special Audit on complaint against Apex/Central Cooperative	20 days
13.	Special Audit on Primary Cooperative Societies	10 days

Cooperatives have been playing a vital role in economic upliftment of the people, particularly the weaker and down trodden people in rural areas. Different types of cooperatives in this Union Territory serve the people in diverse economic activities.

Development activities covered by the cooperatives under the control of Registrar of Cooperative Societies relate to credit for Agricultural Production, Rural Credit, Marketing of agricultural produce, Distribution of agricultural inputs, and supply of consumer goods, particularly essential commodities through Cooperatives, implementation of Public Distribution System, Cooperative Education and Training.

Before attainment of independence only 04 primary cooperative societies were in existence whereas 1435 cooperative societies of various types are now functioning in these islands covering the major economic fields of people of these islands.

The Cooperative Societies of this Union Territory has been classified into three categories viz. Apex level Cooperative Societies, Central level Cooperative Societies and Primary level Cooperative Societies.

SECTOR WISE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES AS ON 31/03/2012

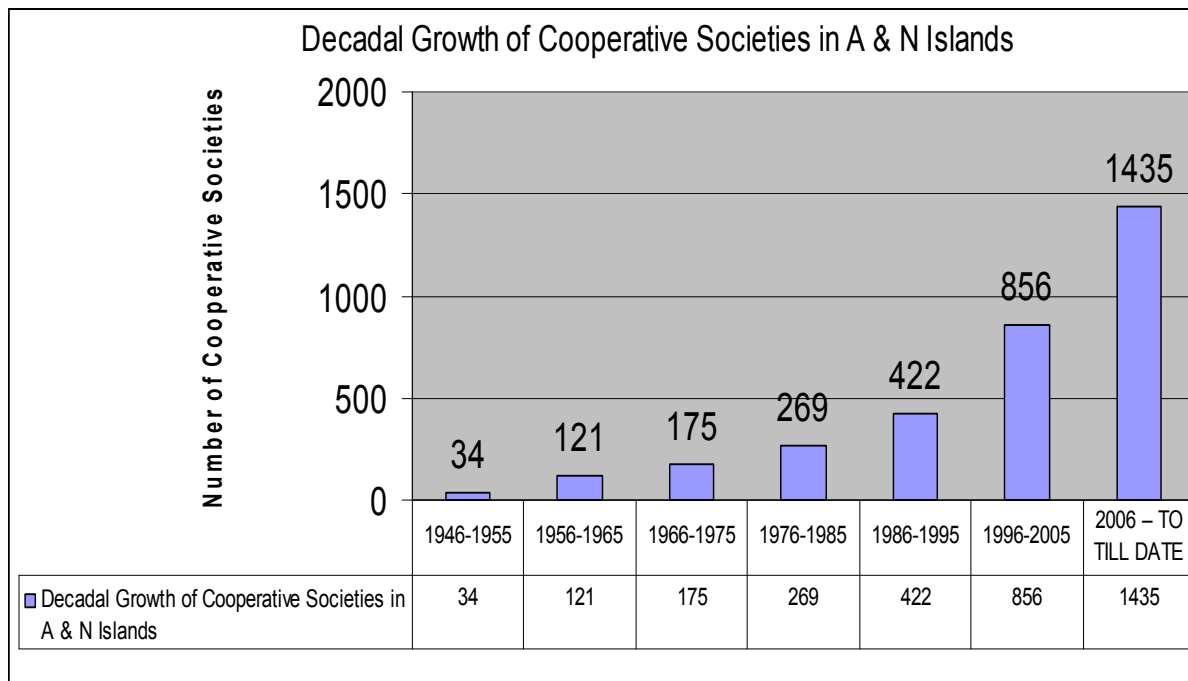
S.No	Sector	No. of Cooperative Societies
1	Agriculture	45
2	Bank	01
3	Canteen	30
4	Construction	485
5	Consumer	68
6	Fisheries	108
7	Housing	68
8	Industrial	118
9	Labour Contract	92
10	Live Stock	06
11	Marketing	60
12	Milk	37
13	Multipurpose	114
14	Others	57
15	Plantation	19
16	Poultry	10
17	Thrift & Credit	34
18	Tourism	17
19	Transport	58
20	Union	03
21	Vegetable	05
	Total	1435

DECADAL GROWTH OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES

YEAR	NO. OF COOP. SOCIETIES
1946-1955	34
1956-1965	87
1966-1975	54
1976-1985	94
1986-1995	153
1996-2005	434
2006 – TO TILL DATE	579
Total	1435

District Wise No. of Cooperative Societies

Name of the District	No. of Cooperative Societies
North & Middle Andaman	353
South Andaman	967
Nicobar	115
Total	1435



Apex Level Cooperative Societies

1. Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd, Port Blair :-

The bank functions with 29 branches in all major pockets of these Islands and most of them are computerized. The Bank has installed 10 Nos of ATM at Diglipur, Mayabunder, Rangat, Garachrama-I, Head Office, Port Blair, Dollygunj, Shippighat, Chakargaon, Wimberlygunj and Havelock. The bank has also the facility of Any Branch Banking since 2009-2010.

2. Andaman & Nicobar Cooperative Supply & Marketing Federation Ltd (ANCOFED):-

The Federation is an Apex level Marketing Cooperative society. It mainly deals with the marketing of agriculture produce like copra and areca nut. It is a Nodal Agency of NAFED for dealing in procurement of copra through its 08 branches under Price support Scheme (PSS) of Govt. of India. The annual turn over of ANCOFED is 13.27 crores.

Central Level Cooperatives

1. The Consumers Cooperative Stores Ltd, Port Blair:-

The store is having 49 retail outlets functioning in almost every part of the Union Territory. This society trades in all type of daily need consumer items and essential commodities. Distribution of LPG is one the prime activities of the store. The annual turn over of the CCS Ltd is around 44.54 Crores.

2. The Central Cooperative Welfare Society Ltd, Port Blair:-

This society mainly trades in hardware and textiles through its 14 branches. The Society is the stockiest of Hardware & Building Materials & NTC fabrics. The annual turn over of CCWS is more than 14.85 Crores.

3. Ellon Hinengo Ltd :-

The society mainly trades in marketing of copra produced by the tribals of Car Nicobar and also engaged in Consumer business for distribution of essential commodities through its retail outlets. All the head of Nicobaree families are members of 15 Panam Hinengoes (Primary level Cooperatives) in Car Nicobar which are affiliated to Ellon Hinengo Ltd. This society has also its own shipping fleet, Petrol Pump, Engineering division for undertaking Civil Contract Works, breakwater construction etc. The annual turn over of the EHL is around 21.49 Crores during the year.

Cooperative Union

The A&N State Cooperative Union with its headquarters at Port Blair, Nicobar District Cooperative Union with its headquarters at Car Nicobar and North & Middle Andaman District Cooperative Union with its headquarter at Mayabunder also contributes towards the development of Cooperative Movement. These Unions

are engaged in spreading the message of cooperative movement by organizing seminars, workshops and imparting training to the members and office bearers of the Cooperative Societies with the aid of Cooperative Department, A & N Administration. Recently, the A&N State Cooperative Union has started a Cooperative Training College at Teylerabad.

Primary Level Cooperative Societies

1. Educated Unemployed Cooperative Societies

At present, under this Sector 594 construction/Labour Contract & Tourism Cooperative Societies are in existence with a total membership of 9008. These Cooperatives mainly undertakes the civil construction/Labour contract works of PRIs, Govt. departments and other work awarding agencies. The Cooperatives organized by unemployed youths are engaged in construction of rural roads, footpath, drains, retaining walls and ring well etc. under the aegis of PRIs and APWD.

The contribution of this sector to resolve unemployment problem of these islands is commendable and more and more educated unemployed youths are resorting on such cooperatives to find their livelihood. The Administration has also extended special privileges to encourage youths to take up self employment through Cooperatives.

2. Credit Cooperatives

There are 45 Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies (PACS) to cater the credit and infrastructural need of the farmer members. On the other hand 34 Non-Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies are also functioning in different parts of this territory to meet the financial requirements of its members from own fund and by obtaining finance from Apex Cooperative Bank.

3. Fisheries Cooperatives :-

At present there are 108 Primary Fisheries Cooperative Societies in these Islands engaged in catch and sale of fish in the local market/other market to fetch remunerative price to its members.

Assistance in the shape of infrastructure provided by the department

The Cooperative department has constructed 7 vegetable Shops in different places of Port Blair Municipal areas viz. Goal Ghar, Dairy Farm, Ponghy Chang, Haddo, Shadipur and Naya Gaon and let out to vegetable growers Cooperative Societies.

Besides, the department has also constructed a Wholesale Vegetable Market at Phoenix Bay, Port Blair near Phoenix Bay Power House and allotted among the Cooperative Societies engaged in marketing of vegetable, fruits, poultry products and Fish for whole sale & retail sale at a reasonable price.

Annual Plan Scheme

The Cooperative Department through its Annual Plan Schemes No.1 & 2 has been provided financial assistance to the tune of ` **39.14 lakhs to 24 Nos of various types of cooperative Societies in the shape** of Government Share Capital, Managerial Subsidy, Grant-in-Aid and subsidy.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJOR ISSUES / WORKS TAKEN UP DURING THE PERIOD FROM APRIL, 2011 TO MARCH, 2012.

Registration :

The details of Cooperative Societies registered with members and share capital for the period from April, 2011 to March 2012 are as under:

Total No. of Coop. Societies	Total membership	Share capital (In lacs)
84 Nos.	1008	10.08

Audit:

During the period audit of 362 Nos of Cooperative Societies for 722 years were conducted.

Inspection :

198 Nos of Cooperative Societies have been inspected during the period by the Inspectors.

Election :

Election of 276 Nos. of Cooperative Societies conducted during the period by the staff posted at administrative wing of this department.

Recovery of Govt. dues:

During the period the following Govt. dues has been recovered from the Cooperative Societies.

Sl.No	Particulars	Amount
1.	Audit fee:	5,28,135/-
2.	Govt. Working capital loan (Principal)	19,31,748/-
3.	Govt. Working capital loan (Interest)	13,23,011/-
4.	Govt. Share refund	2,00,000/-
5.	Share Capital Dividend	38,500/-
	Rent of Whole Sale Vegetable Market & retail Shops	2,98,955/-
	Total=	43,20,349/-

Arbitration:

During the year 2011-2012 the department has disposed of 27 arbitration cases filed by the A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Port Blair and others.

Details of Expenditure made by the department during 2011-2012

Fund Allocation			Expenditure made during 2011-2012			Balance as on 31.03.2012		
Plan	Non Plan	Total	Plan	Non Plan	Total	Plan	Non Plan	Total
19100000	38300000	57400000	13001014	35425144	48426158	6098986	2874856	8973842
