

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATION

- Short-term credit is supplied to members through Punjab State Cooperative Bank (PSCB).
- Long-term Agricultural Credit through Punjab State Agricultural Development Bank (SADB)
- Department ensures supply of Fertilizers; DAP, Urea through Markfed and IFFCO is ensured by timely assessing the demand for timely supply through Cooperative Societies and finalizing the Policy well in time in this regard and also ensuring the timely supply of Agrochemicals.
- Department raises the economic status of its members through Milkfed by way of increasing their income through sale of Milk under various parameters of Milkfed including providing Animal Health Services, Registration of new Milk Cooperative Societies and also providing Dairy Loans through PSCB and SADB.
- Improvement of the Financial Position of PACS in a phased Manner: The function of the department in this regard includes improvement of the Financial condition of PACS by bringing them out of losses, setting up of new Agro-service centres, strengthening of existing Agro Service Centres by way of replacement/ upgradation of machinery resulting in increase in the number of members' utilization of services of the Agro Service Centers.
- The training for the members and elected committee members of cooperative societies through PUNCOFED and also training for the staff through PICT.
- The Department is also effecting computerization and its implementation in its constituent Apex Federations viz; Punjab State Cooperative Bank (Installation of ATMs), SADB (PADBs to be computerized).
- Women Empowerment: The Department is providing for socio and economic development of women members of PACS by way of their membership in PACS, formation of women SHGs, their linkages with the Banks and also providing micro-finance to women and also helps in getting micro enterprises established for the women members under the "Mai Bhago Istri Shakti Scheme". Department is also ensuring empowerment of women by way of organization of new Women Milk Cooperative Societies.
- To arrange Health Cover for the members of Cooperative Societies: The Department is furthering this purpose under the "Bhai Ghaniya Sehat Seva Scheme" and ensuring health insurance of the members of the Cooperative Societies.
- Provision of legal and institutional framework;
- Updating Rules.
- Coordinating co-operative activities with other institutions;
- Preparation of programmes and policies for the Co-operative Sector.
- E-office has been implemented in the Department.