

Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Cooperatives, Labour & Social Welfare, Islamic Republic of Iran visits NCUI

H.E. Mr. Hamid Kalantari, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Cooperatives, Labour & Social Welfare of the Islamic Republic of Iran, along with 10 member delegation comprising of senior Officers of the Ministry, Iran Chamber of Cooperatives, Cooperative Development Bank, Members of selected Cooperative Societies and representatives of Iran Embassy New Delhi visited NCUI on Thursday, 21st January 2016.

Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, MP and President, NCUI accompanied by the Vice-Presidents of NCUI welcomed the hon'ble Minister and accompanied delegates. A meeting was arranged with the Hon'ble Minister & delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and President NCUI & senior officers of NCUI & NCCT. While welcoming the hon'ble Minister and other distinguished delegates from Iran, the President, NCUI extended heartfelt thanks & gratitude to hon'ble Dy. Minister for inviting him to attend the International Conference on Advantages & Capacities of Cooperatives in Economic & Social Development that was organized in Tehran. The President told the Hon'ble Minister that the Indian cooperative movement has been playing an important role in the economy of the country and cooperative institutions like IFFCO, KRIBHCO, AMUL and many more have earned the reputation of being pride of cooperative movement in India. He also informed the hon'ble Minister and delegates about the prime objective of NCUI for providing training & education to the members as well as personnel working for cooperatives in various sectors. The President also invited the personnel working in the field of cooperatives in Iran to participate in various training & Management development programme organized by NCUI through training units NCCT & NCCE. He also invited the hon'ble Minister to participate in the forthcoming ICA – AP Regional Assembly scheduled in November at New Delhi.

The Hon'ble Minister from Iran expressed his satisfaction to visit NCUI and able to meet the President, NCUI once again and other Board Members. Citing the good & cordial relationship Iran has with India on social & cultural aspects, the hon'ble Minister pointed that the role of cooperative movement in India is not only relevant in Asia Pacific Region but also at global level. He mentioned that agricultural cooperatives plays an important role in disbursing credit to farmers and Iran need to learn the pattern from India. While, briefing about the status of cooperatives in Iran, the hon'ble Minister informed that there are around 100 thousand cooperatives in Iran having 5 million members of which 26% are agricultural cooperatives, 17% are industrial cooperatives and 12% are building cooperatives that are playing important role in National Economy. The Ministry has recently stressed on seven strategies for promotion & growth of cooperatives in Iran. To strengthen the bilateral cooperation in the field of cooperatives, a MoU may be signed in future between the two countries.

While replying a query of Hon'ble Minister on the role of NCUI & NCDC, Dr. Bijender Singh, Vice-President, NCUI clarified the same and informed that the role of NCDC is like a financial institution and described NCUI as an apex body of Indian Cooperatives managed by an elected Board of Directors, whose main objective is to impart the cooperative education & training for the personnel working in the field of cooperatives.

Earlier, a presentation on Indian Cooperative Movement and activities of NCUI were made by Shri Ritesh Dey, Deputy Director of International Relations division of NCUI. The meeting was also attended by the two Vice-Presidents of NCUI Dr. Bijender Singh & Shri G.H. Amin, Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, Chairman, BISCOAUN and all senior officers of NCUI & NCCT.



H.E. Mr. Hamid Kalantari, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Cooperatives, Labour & Social Welfare of the Islamic Republic of Iran is greeted by Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, MP and President, National Cooperative Union of India on 21st January 2016 at NCUI New Delhi.