

## **Hon'ble Minister of Business, Enterprise & Cooperatives of Republic of Mauritius visits NCUI**

**Hon'ble Mr. Soomilduth Bholah**, *Minister of Business, Enterprise & Cooperatives of Republic of Mauritius* accompanied by Permanent Secretary of Ministry and the High Commissioner of Mauritius High Commission, 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 Mauritius and President NCUI & senior officers of NCUI & NCCT. While welcoming the hon'ble Minister and delegates from Mauritius, the President, NCUI stressed upon to enhance the ties of friendship between India & Mauritius for strengthening bilateral relations. He informed about the pioneering role of NCUI in promoting the cooperative education & training through the network of 20 Cooperative Training Institutions of NCCT and National Centre for Cooperative Education of NCUI. He also informed that personnel from Mauritius Cooperative sector has been participating in various Management Development and other programmes organized by NCCT & NCCE. The President also proposed for signing a MoU between two countries for taking advantages of the experience of each other. The President also invited their Hon'ble Minister & delegates to participate in forthcoming ICA – AP Regional Assembly to be held in New Delhi during November 2016.

The Hon'ble Minister from Mauritius expressed his satisfaction to visit NCUI and able to meet the President and other Board Members of NCUI. He also informed that there are 1200 cooperative societies at Primary & Secondary level having membership of 1.3 million and the important activities of the cooperatives are in Agricultural services, Fisheries and the most popular are the Credit Unions. The Hon'ble Minister suggested that a MoU can be signed between NCUI & MCU (Mauritius Cooperative Union). The hon'ble Minister also informed that the Ministry is in process of amending the Cooperative Law during 2016, as the present law is in force since 2006. He further told that the National Institute of Cooperative Entrepreneurship of Mauritius is responsible for capacity building of personnel working in the cooperative societies in Mauritius.

Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh, Assistant Secretary General of African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi (*who was earlier the Secretary of Cooperative Development in the Ministry of Business, Enterprise & Cooperatives of Republic of Mauritius*) who was also invited for the meeting, informed about his passion for cooperative sector and is trying to involve the cooperatives into the activities of AARDO.

Earlier, a presentation on Indian Cooperative Movement and activities of NCUI were made by Shri Ritesh Dey, Deputy Director (International Relations) 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.



**Hon'ble Mr. Soomilduth Bholah**, *Minister of Business, Enterprise & Cooperatives* of Republic of Mauritius accompanied by the Officials during interaction with **Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav**, MP and President, National Cooperative Union of India, Vice-Presidents and Senior Officers NCUI and NCCT on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 in NCUI.