

Hon'ble Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives of Republic of Mauritius visits NCUI

The Hon'ble Soomilduth Bholah, Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives of Republic of Mauritius accompanied by Mr. D. Gaoneadry, Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry and Mr. G. Seechurn, Director of the National Institute of Cooperative Entrepreneurship (NICE) of Mauritius were on an official mission to India from 14 – 22 January 2017 to sign an MoU on Cooperation in the field of cooperatives and related aspects between the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives of the Republic of Mauritius and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare of the Republic of India.

The ministerial delegation visited NCUI on 16th January 2017 to have consultation with NCUI and its training wings regarding cooperative training strategy in Mauritius and collaboration between the National Institute for Cooperative Entrepreneurship and NCUI/NCCE. While, welcoming the delegates at NCUI by Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, President accompanied by Dr. Bijender Singh, Vice-President, Shri V.P. Singh, Senior Advocate and Member, Governing Council, NCUI and Shri N. Satyanarayana, Chief Executive, NCUI, the President informed the delegation about the important role playing by the cooperatives in India towards augmenting income of farmers and contributing in National economy. Being the largest movement in the world, the apex organization NCUI is promoting the cooperative education and training through the network of 20 Cooperative Institutions of National Council of Cooperative Training and National Centre for Cooperative Education. During the brief presentation on activities of NCUI, the strategies towards imparting cooperative education & training by NCUI through its National Centre for Cooperative Education (NCCE) and 20 Institutes of Cooperative Management and VAMNICOM of NCCT were highlighting before the delegation. The role of these cooperative education & training institutions towards capacity building of personnel & functionaries engaged in cooperative development have been explained to have further collaboration between the two countries.

While addressing the august gathering, the hon'ble Minister recalled that the relationship of Mauritius and India gain momentum during 1977 at the time of the then Prime Minister Morarji Desai. Highlighting the role of Cooperative Movement in Mauritius, he informed that the Mauritius government is using the cooperative model of development to eradicate poverty and generate employment opportunities. He further added that his ministry emphasized the participation of youths in cooperatives and working towards more ICT applications in cooperative institutions to attract the youth in cooperative model of enterprises.

The interaction with the Ministerial delegation was also attended by Mr. Jagdishwar Goburdhun, GOSK, High Commissioner of Mauritius High Commission, New Delhi, Mr. Balu G. Iyer, Regional Director, ICA – AP, Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh, Assistant Secretary General, African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) and senior officials of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, NCUI and NCCT.

Earlier, the delegation from Mauritius lead by the Hon'ble Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives, met the Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India for the bilateral meeting and signed an MoU on cooperatives and related areas between the two countries. During the visit of the delegation to Maharashtra, an MoU between NICE, Mauritius and VAMNICOM, Pune was also signed, besides the Ministerial delegation also visited IFFCO, NCCF and selected Cooperative Federations in Delhi and Katraj Dairy (Pune District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union) etc.

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The Hon'ble Soomilduth Bholah, Minister of Business, Enterprise & Cooperatives, Republic of Mauritius with Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, M.P. & President NCUI, during his visit to NCUI on 16th January 2017. Also seen are the Director, National Institute of Cooperative Entrepreneurship (NICE) Mauritius, Chief Executive & Vice President, NCUI.



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