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QUESTIONNAIRE

Research Project on “Cooperative Societies in Mizoram: Problems and Prospects” for the award of Doctor of Philosophy under the Department of Public Administration, Mizoram University.

The data collected with the help of this questionnaire will be used only for academic purposes. These data, including the personal information, if any, will not be disclosed in any manner which may not be required for the academic work. Your kind cooperation is solicited for the progress of Cooperative movement in Mizoram.

John C. Lallawmawma, Research Scholar. Ph. No. 09436144913

Please tick (✓) against the most appropriate answer using the box (□) provided.

1. The way cooperative societies are being looked after by Government of Mizoram is-
   (1) very good □
   (2) good □
   (3) average □
   (4) bad □
   (5) very bad □
   (6) no idea □

2. Do you think that cooperative movement in Mizoram is successful?
   (1) very successful □
   (2) successful □
   (3) not so successful □
   (4) not at all successful □
   (5) no idea □

3. The main reason behind the failure of cooperatives in Mizoram is –
   (1) lack of good leadership □
   (2) lack of enthusiastic member □
   (3) lack of good cooperative policy □
   (4) lack of cooperative education and training □
   (5) any other reason (please specify) ____________________________
4. Which one do you think is the most important factor for the success of cooperatives in Mizoram?

(1) good cooperative leaders
(2) enthusiastic members
(3) government policies
(4) government grants and subsidies
(5) no idea
(6) any other factor (please specify) ____________________

5. What is your opinion on the deputation of Officers in Cooperative Societies from the Department of Cooperation in Mizoram?

(1) very good for Societies
(2) good for Societies
(3) bad for Societies
(4) very bad for Societies
(5) no idea

6. Educational qualification for leadership in Primary Level cooperatives should be fixed as

(1) primary school
(2) middle school
(3) high school
(4) higher secondary school
(5) no need for educational qualification
(6) any other (please specify) ____________________

7. Educational qualification for leadership in a State Level cooperative society should be fixed at the standard of –

(1) primary school
(2) middle school
(3) high school
(4) higher secondary school
(5) graduation
(6) no need for educational qualification
(7) any other (please specify) ____________________
8. Do you think that cooperatives in Mizoram receive adequate cooperative education and training?
   (1) highly adequate
   (2) adequate
   (3) inadequate
   (4) very poor
   (5) no idea

9. The system of Cooperative education and training imparted by State/District Cooperative Union to cooperative societies in Mizoram is –
   (1) very good
   (2) good
   (3) average
   (4) bad
   (5) very bad
   (6) no idea

10. How do you rate the course contents of cooperative education and training in Mizoram?
    (1) very good
    (2) good
    (3) average
    (4) poor
    (5) very poor
    (6) no idea

11. Does the Government of Mizoram consult cooperative societies while formulating developmental plans in the state?
    (1) to a great extent
    (2) to some extent
    (3) never
    (4) not at all
    (5) no idea

12. Does the Government of Mizoram use cooperative societies as implementing agencies for economic policies and other developmental plans in the state?
    (1) to a great extent
    (2) to some extent
    (3) never
    (4) not at all
    (5) no idea
13. How much share holding the government should have in cooperative societies?
   (1) 25 %
   (2) 50 %
   (3) 75 %
   (4) no share
   (5) no idea

14. What is your view on the provision of Mizoram Cooperative Societies Act, 2006, Section 46 (5) which requires all the proceedings and decisions of the Annual General Assemblies, Special Assemblies and Managing Committees of Primary, Secondary and Federal Cooperatives to be approved by their concerned Cooperative Officers without which such meetings shall not be valid and decisions thereof have no legal force or validity?
   (1) it is necessary for the smooth functioning of different cooperative societies
   (2) it is necessary provided that Officers are bound to approve such decisions or take appropriate action within time frame
   (3) it should be deleted as it infringes and undermines the principles of cooperative autonomy and democratic member control
   (4) no idea

15. Is it true that political parties interfere in the elections of cooperative leaders in Mizoram, especially at state level?
   (1) yes
   (2) no
   (3) no idea

If yes
   15.1. Does it create any problem on cooperative management and success?
   (1) yes
   (2) no
   (3) no idea

16. Is it true that struggle for leadership creates problems in the management and functioning of cooperative societies in Mizoram?
   (1) to a great extent
   (2) to some extent
   (3) sometimes
   (4) never creates problems
   (5) no idea
17. Is it true that a good number of cooperative societies in Mizoram are formed only for receiving loans and grants from government and other financing agencies?
   (1) many of them □
   (2) some of them □
   (3) not true □
   (4) no idea □

18. If more educated youth participate, cooperative societies in Mizoram will be –
   (1) very successful □
   (2) successful □
   (3) the same as they are □
   (4) weaker □
   (5) no idea □

19. If cooperative societies in Mizoram are provided with adequate capital to invest in various activities, they will be –
   (1) very successful □
   (2) successful □
   (3) the same as they are □
   (4) weaker □
   (5) no idea □

**Personal Data. Please tick (✓) against the appropriate statements using boxes (□) :-**

(1) Male: □ / Female: □

(2) Age Category: (i) 18-25 □ (ii) 26-35 □ (iii) 36-50 □
   (iv) 51-60 □ (v) 61 or More □

(3) Education: (i) primary school □ (ii) high school □
   (iii) higher secondary/PUC □ (iv) Graduate □ (v) Post-Graduate □
   (vi) Any other (please specify) _______________________________________

(4) Occupation: (a) Government servant □ (b) Business □
   (d) Wet Rice Cultivation □ (c) Jhumming □
   (e) Farming □ (f) Wage Labourer □
   (g) Any other (please specify): _______________________________________

(5) Name and address of your Cooperative Society: _______________________________________

(6) Your position in Cooperative Society: _______________________________________

(7) Year of joining the Cooperative Society: _______________________________________

**NB. Please give your further suggestions, if any, for the success of cooperative societies in Mizoram in the space of this paper________________________**
Appendix – II

Scheduled questions used for conducting interview to assess the performance of cooperative societies in Mizoram:

1. What is the membership strength of the society?
   Answer :- Male = ____; Female = ____; Total = ____.

2. Is the society able to conduct general body meetings (Annual General Assembly, etc.) every year?
   Answer :- (1) Yes (2) No
   If no, please state –
   2.1 Reasons for the same?
   Answer :-

3. Besides the Annual General Assembly does the society conduct Special General Assembly?
   Answer :- (1) Yes (2) No
   If yes, please state –
   3.1 How many Special General Assemblies are held in a calendar year ?
   (1) 1 – 3 (2) 4 – 6 (3) more than 6

4. Are Office Bearers/Executive members elected according to the Bye-laws and Rules governing Societies?
   Answer :- (1) Yes (2) No
   If no, please state –
   3.1. Reasons for the same?
   Answer :-

5. Does the society conduct Managing Committee/O.B meetings?
   Answer :- (1) Yes (2) No
   If yes, please state –
   4.1 Number of meetings held in one calendar year
   (1) 1 – 3 (2) 4 – 6 (3) more than 6

6. Have any members of the society undergone/undertaken any Cooperative Training Course?
   Answer :- (1) Yes (2) No
   If no, please state –
   5.1 Reasons for the same?
   Answer :-

   If yes, please state –
   5.2. The total number of members having attended such courses?
   Answer :- Male = _______ Female = ________ Total = ________.
7. Does the society conduct in-house training or awareness programmes to increase its efficiency and/or effectiveness?
Answer:-(1) Yes (2) No

8. Does the society have any liabilities (loans/borrowings, etc.)?
Answer:-(1) Yes (2) No

If loan/borrowing has been availed, please state –

7.1. Where has the loan been taken from?
Answer :-

7.2. Has the loan been repaid during the loan period?
(1) Yes (2) No

If no, please state–

7.2(1) Reasons for the same?
Answer :-

If loan/borrowing has not been availed, please state –

7.3. Reasons for the same?

9. Do the members of the society have shares?
Answer:-(1) Yes (2) No

If yes, please state –

8.1. What is the total monetary value of the share?
Answer :- Rs.__________________.

If no, please state –

8.2. Reasons for the same?
Answer :-

10. Exclusive of shares, state any other sources of income of the society?
Answer :-

11. Does the society have any fixed assets?
Answer:-(1) Yes (2) No

If yes, please state –

10.1. Total value of all fixed assets?
Answer :- Rs.__________________.

12. Has the society received any awards in recognition of its services/performance?
Answer:-(1) Yes (2) No

If yes, please state –

11.1. Name of the award and financial benefits (if any)?
Answer :-
13. Does the Government have any share in your society?
Answer:- (1) Yes (2) No
If yes, please state –
12.1. What is the Government’s share?
Answer :-

14. In general, what is your personal opinion of Government having shares in societies?
Answer:- (1) Positive (2) Negative
If positive, please state –
13.1. Reasons for the same –
Answer :-
If negative, please state –
13.2. Reasons for the same –
Answer :-

15. Does the society distribute the profits (if any) to shareholders at the end of the year?
Answer:- (1) Yes (2) No
If no, please state –
14.1. Reasons for the same?
Answer :-
Appendix - III

Questions asked to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of Mizoram:

1. What are the strategies taken by the Government of Mizoram for the progress and development of cooperative societies in the state?

2. Has the Department of Cooperation singly or in collaboration with any other institution conducted any research or case study on the problems of cooperative societies in Mizoram? If so, please state -

   (i) The main problems faced by the cooperatives in Mizoram as found out by the study?
   (ii) Remedial measures required to be taken for the progress and development of cooperatives in Mizoram?

3. Are there any schemes or programmes of assistances available for the cooperatives to be availed from Mizoram under the Central Government or institutions under it? If so, please state –

   (i) The name/names and general guidelines of the scheme/schemes available;
   (ii) Names and addresses of the cooperatives that have availed those schemes in Mizoram.

4. Does the Department of Cooperation, Government of Mizoram have any partner-institution such as research institutions, financial institutions, etc. in its efforts to develop cooperative societies in the state? If so, please state –

   (i) Name of the institution;
   (ii) Terms and conditions of association with photo-copy of Agreement.

5. Is there any system of grading of cooperatives based on their performances in Mizoram? If so, please state –

   (i) Names of different grades;
   (ii) Criteria of grading;
   (iii) Are there any preferential treatment among different grades;
   (iv) Number of cooperative societies under each grade.
6. Is there any award or incentive measure for cooperative societies in recognition of their performances? If so, please state –
   (i) Name of the award or incentive with the amount of money given (if any);
   (ii) Process of selection;
   (iii) Number of cooperatives covered in a year.

7. What are the main reasons responsible for the cancellation and liquidation of cooperative societies?

8. State the process of liquidation of cooperative societies as executed by the Department of Cooperation, Government of Mizoram.

9. Does the Government of Mizoram have any share in the state level cooperative societies? If so, please state –
   (i) Amount of shareholdings of Government in all the ten (10) state level cooperative societies.

10. Does the Government of Mizoram have any share in the cooperative societies other than state level cooperative societies? If so, please state –
    (i) Number and names of the cooperative societies where the Government has shareholdings;
    (ii) Total amount of government share;

11. Has the Mizoram State Cooperative Societies Act, 2006 been amended in the past? If so,
    (i) How many time has it been amended?
    (ii) Please provide photo-copy of amended Articles and Sections of the said Act.

12. How many cooperative societies are there within the administrative district of Aizawl? Please give total number of their membership.

13. How many cooperative societies are there within the administrative district of Mamit? Please give total number of their membership.
Appendix - IV

National, State and Village Level Cooperative Societies and Institutions visited

National Level:


State Level:

1. Mizoram Apex Handloom & Handicraft Cooperative Society Ltd. Aizawl, Mizoram.
3. Mizoram Fish Farming, Marketing & Processing Federation Ltd., Aizawl, Mizoram.
4. Mizoram Milk Producers’ Cooperative Union Ltd., Aizawl, Mizoram.
5. Mizoram Pig Producers Federation Ltd., Aizawl, Mizoram.
9. Mizoram State Cooperative Union Ltd., Aizawl, Mizoram.
**Village Level:**

1. Aibawk Piggery Cooperative Society Ltd., Aibawk, Aizawl district, Mizoram.

2. Aibawk Consumers’ Cooperative Society Ltd., Aibawk, Aizawl district, Mizoram.

3. Darlung Sericulture Cooperative Society Ltd., Darlung, Mamit District, Mizoram.

4. Darlung Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Darlung, Mamit district, Mizoram.

5. Durtlang North Multi-commodity Producers’ Cooperative Society Ltd., Aizawl district, Mizoram.


8. Luangmual Weaving Cooperative Society Ltd., Aizawl, Mizoram.


10. Reiek Multi-farming Cooperative Society Ltd., Reiek, Mamit district, Mizoram.


12. Sihphir Multi-commodity Producers; Cooperative Society Ltd., Sihphir, Aizawl district, Mizoram.


15. Tanhril Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Tanhril, Aizawl district, Mizoram.

17. Zawlnuam Fishery Cooperative Society Ltd., Zawlnuam, Mamit district, Mizoram.


Appendix - V

Persons Interviewed:

1. Biakliana, Chairman, Mizoram Cooperative Apex Bank, Aizawl, Mizoram.
2. Duhawma, Secretary, Sateek Consumers’ Cooperative Society Ltd., Sateek, Aizawl district, Mizoram.
3. Edenthara R.C, Secretary, Zawlnuam Consumers’ Cooperative Society Ltd., Mamit district, Mizoram.
4. Jacob-a, Secretary, Sihphir Multi-commodity Producers’ Cooperative Society Ltd., Sihphir, Aizawl district, Mizoram.
5. Kapliana, Executive Officer, Mizoram State Cooperative Union.
6. Lalchhanhima, Senior Cooperative Education Instructor, MSCU.
7. Lalchhunga C, JRCS (Rtd), Ramhlun, Aizawl.
8. Laldhuва R.V, Secretary, Aibawk Piggery Cooperative Society Ltd., Aibawk, Aizawl district, Mizoram.
9. Lalhlira R, Secretary, Zemabawk Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Zemabawk, Aizawl district, Mizoram.
11. Lalpekliana, Addl. Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Gov’t of Mizoram.
12. Lalramzaua, Secretary, Consumers’ Cooperative Society Ltd., Maubuang, Aizawl district, Mizoram.
13. Lalrinliana, Chairman, Tanhril Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Tanhril, Aizawl district, Mizoram.
15. Lalzamlova R, JRCS, Department of Cooperation, Gov’t of Mizoram.
16. Lalzidinga B, Secretary, Zotlang Piggery Cooperative Society Ltd., Zotlang, Aizawl.
17. Lianthangpuia, President, Mizoram State Cooperative Union Ltd.

19. Mawia V.L, Chairman, Reiek Multi-farming Cooperative Society Ltd., Reiek, Mamit district, Mizoram.

20. Pachhunga T.C, Former MLA of Mizoram and Chairman of MIZOFED.

21. Ralte Rosiamliana, Member, Zotlang Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Ltd.

22. Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of Mizoram.

23. Rochungnunga, ARCS (Rtd), Chanmari, Aizawl.

24. Rohmingliana K, Secretary, Darlung Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Darlung, Mamit district, Mizoram.

25. Ronguri, Vice Chairman, Luangmual Weaving Cooperative Society Ltd., Aizawl, Mizoram.


27. Sapzuithanga, resident of Kawrtethawveng, Mamit district, Mizoram.

28. Suri V.K, Chief Managing Director, NCDC, New Delhi.

29. Thangbauaia, Chairman, Consumers’ Cooperative Society Ltd., Zawlnuam, Mamit district, Mizoram.

30. Thangzuali, Former President, Mizoram State Cooperative Union Ltd.

31. Tluangi, Chairman, Mizoram Women Cooperative Federation Ltd., Aizawl, Mizoram.

32. Valpuia, Secretary cum manager, Sihphir Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Sihphir, Aizawl district, Mizoram.

33. Vanlaldiki, member, Zotlang Piggery Cooperative Society Ltd., Aizawl Mizoram.

34. Vanlalsawma, Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Gov’t of Mizoram.

35. Vena V.L, senior member, Darlung Service Cooperative Society Ltd., Darlung, Mamit district, Mizoram.
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Annual Plan and Expenditure, Department of Cooperation, Government of Mizoram during 2004-05 to 2008-09

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