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Circular No.35/2025

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To All Members

Dear Comrades,

National Webinar on Cooperatives

We reproduce hereunder the full text of Circular No.61/2025 dated 09.12.2025, issued by General Secretary, Bank Employees Federation of India.

Please go through the circular and take necessary initiative for participation in large number in the said Webinar on 17.12.2025.

With warm greetings,

Comradely yours,

(Prakash Chandra Ray)
General Secretary

Full text of BEFI Circular No.59/2025 dated 04.12.2025

Quote

The National Cooperation Policy 2025, announced with the stated objective of strengthening cooperative institutions, expanding their role in socio-economic development, and modernising their governance structures, has emerged as a key policy intervention which threatens the foundational ethos of cooperatives and a big step forward in the ongoing restructuring of India's cooperative sector for centralisation, corporatisation, and the erosion of democratic federal character of functioning of the cooperative sector.

Cooperatives, especially in rural areas, evolved as institutions of economic justice and grassroots empowerment, but the proposed framework will gradually transform them into corporate entities prioritising financial efficiency over social equity. One of the major concern is the increasing centralisation of regulatory powers. Traditionally, cooperatives—being community owned and democratically governed—operate under the jurisdiction of state cooperative laws in accordance with constitutional federalism. The Policy is a serious threat to the democratic and autonomous character of the cooperative banking sector

BEFI firmly opposes any attempt for commercialisation and corporatisation of the cooperative sector. We vow to continue our fight to uphold the autonomy, democratic functioning and social objectives of cooperative sector in general and cooperative banking sector in particular for highlighting their role in inclusive, sustainable development focusing on poverty alleviation, gender equality and economic growth.

The United Nations declared 2025 the **International Year of Cooperatives** (IYC 2025) themed as "**Cooperatives Build a Better World**". The GC meeting of BEFI held at Jaipur on 22-23 Nov 2025 decided to observe the IYC 2025 to create awareness about the role of Cooperatives. The meeting further decided to organise a National Webinar on Cooperatives in the calendar year 2025. Accordingly a Webinar will be held as follows:

- **National Webinar on Cooperatives**
- **To be held on 17 December 2025 (Wednesday) at 8 PM**
- **Subject: National Cooperation Policy 2025**
- **Speaker: Comrade Vijoo Krishnan, General Secretary, All India Kisan Sabha.**

The Webinar will be held in Zoom Platform and the Link will be provided in due course. We call upon our Office Bearers, CC Members, GC Members, the General Secretaries of our Units and Affiliates, the Cooperative Sub Committee, the Women Sub Committee to take all possible initiatives to make the National Webinar a stupendous success.

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NATIONAL WEBINAR

**ON THE OCCASION OF
INTERNATIONAL YEAR
OF CO-OPERATIVES - 2025**

17TH DECEMBER 2025

AT 8.00 P.M.

ZOOM PLATFORM

SUBJECT —

NATIONAL CO-OPERATION POLICY 2025



SPEAKER —

COM. VIJOO KRISHNAN

GENERAL SECRETARY

ALL INDIA KISAN SABHA



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