

Introduction

Government observed that there had been a large scale exploitation of forest labour, tribals and other construction workers by the private contractors. The workers by and large belongs to weaker sections of the society. Labour Cooperatives were, therefore, accepted as one of the media to check this exploitation. Since then the Central as well as the State Governments have been adopting supporting policies for promotion of labour cooperatives for the socio economic development of their members. In order to coordinate the activities of labour cooperatives in different States and to influence the national policies for their development, need for an apex organization gave birth as National Labour Cooperatives Federation of India Ltd. (NLCF).

1. NLCF - An overview

National Labour Cooperatives Federation of India Ltd. (NLCF) is an apex organisation established in the year 1981, now working under the provisions of Multi State Cooperative Societies Act. NLCF's main objective of NLCF is to organise, help and develop the working of Labour Cooperatives for economic and social development of the unorganised sector, the poor labourers consisting of economically weaker sections of the society mainly SC/ST, OBCs & Tribals. About 44,000 Labour Contract/Construction & Forest Labour Cooperatives are in existence in the country with their 215 District and 18 State level Federations having a membership of 27 Lakhs member workers. Presently NLCF has membership of 365 Societies/Federations which includes Primary, District and State Fedns. as on 31.03.2016.

2. Share Capital

Share Capital of NLCF as on 31.03.2016 is Rs. 82.01 Lakhs of which the Government of India and NCDC have contributed Rs. 11.50 Lakhs and Rs. 10 Lakhs respectively.

3. Financial Resources

Activities of NLCF are being run with the financial assistance of Govt. of India, Ministry of Agricultural and Annual contribution received from member organisations.

4. Management

The election of Board of Directors of NLCF was conducted on 14.07.2014. The details of existing office bearers of NLCF are as under :

1.	Sh. Sanjiv R. Kusalkar	Chairman
2.	Sh. W.Z. Tekam	Vice-Chairman
3.	Sh. Bhaskar Hegde Kageri	Vice-Chairman
4.	Sh. Kasipeta Lingaiah	Director
5.	Sh. Ramesh Ramhut	Director
6.	Sh. Ashok Dabas	Director
7.	Sh. Vishvas K. Sarang, MLA	Director
8.	Sh. Amit Bajaj	Director
9.	Sh. V.V.P. Nair	Director
10.	Sh. Ganapati R. Hegde Sonda	Director
11.	Sh. Sachin Mohanrao Gudge	Director
12.	Sh. R.K. Shukla, Ex-MLA	Director (Gov. Nominee)
13.	Sh. K.V. Nagaraja Setty	Director (NCDC's Rep.)
14.	Dr. Narender Singh Rana	Director (Co-opted)
15.	Sh. Vithal Babu Khot	Director (Co-opted)
13.	Smt. Pratibha Ahuja	Director/MD (l/c)

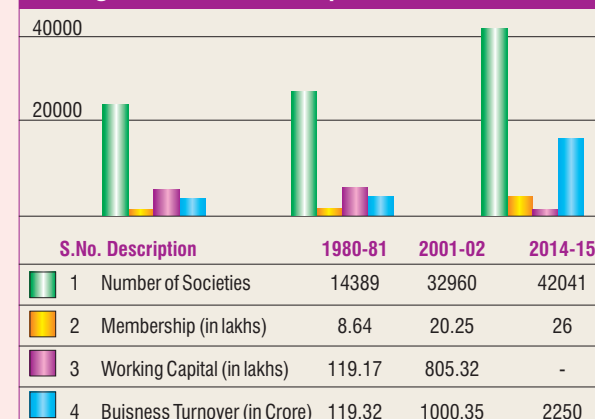
5. NLCF'S Secretariat

The Federation is being managed by experienced officers and staff headed by Managing Director.

6. Office building

The office of NLCF is located in its own building having five floors at Plot No. 11, Sarita Vihar Institutional Area, Near Telephone Exchange, New Delhi-110076.

Progress of Labour Coop. Movement in India



7. Publication

- Quarterly Magazine "Labour Coops".
- Directory of Labour Cooperatives in India.
- Booklet on Concessions and facilities.
- Brochure of NLCF.
- Manual for Managers of District Labour Coop. Federations.
- Case studies of successful Labour Cooperatives.
- Syllabus for skill development training related to masonry, Electric Wiring, Plumbing, Carpentry, Cutting and Tailoring Trades.
- Model bye laws of Primary/Distt. and State Level Societies/Fedns.

8. Projects executed for social causes

- Pilot project sponsored by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare covering 23,000 beneficiaries of Gurgaon district (Haryana) during 1992-95.
- Two health camps at Chandrapur and Yeotmal districts of Maharashtra, sponsored by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India.
- A project titled "Special School for Child Labour" sponsored by Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India from 2001-2004.
- Skill Development Training Programme for the male and female members of labour cooperatives since 1998 with the financial assistance of Ministry of Agriculture & Ministry of MSME.
- Project on Measures for Consumer Protection sponsored by Deptt. of Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
- Training Programme on Capacity Building to Enhance the Competitiveness of forest labour cooperatives Sponsored by Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India.
- One day Awareness/Training Programme for Schedule Caste and Tribals personnels under Sub Plan sponsored by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Govt. of India.
- Skill Development Training Programme for Male and Female members SC/SP Category Sponsored by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Govt. of India.

- Ond Day Awareness/Training Programme for Associating Rural Youths (Male & Female). Sponsored by National Cooperative Union of India under Cooperative Education Fund.

9. Other Important activities

- Organised Six National Labour Cooperative Congress during 1995, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2011 and 2016.
- 248 Number of Training Programmes / Workshops / Conferences / Seminars in different parts of the country.
- Liaison with Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India for reconstitution of National Advisory Council on Labour Cooperatives.
- Assisting Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture for organising the meeting of NACLCL at time to time.

10. Infrastructural Development

- Own office building having 5 floors at institutional Plot measuring 513 Sq. Mtrs at Sarita Vihar.
- Well furnished Conference Hall with equipments.
- Computerized accounts and other official work.
- Experienced manpower for conducting the projects for the betterment of women, child labour, construction labour and bonded labour etc.
- Consultancy & Technical Cell with efficient staff for providing technical and consultancy services to member organizations.
- Operation of own Website www.labcofed.org since 2002.

11. Other Promotional Activities

- Liaison with state governments for constitution of State Advisory Boards.
- Liaison with state governments for issuing the notifications for reserving the works to labour societies.
- Liaison with state government of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Kerala for organization of new state labour federations.

- Preparation and supply of Model Bye-law of State/District and Primary labour contract and forest cooperative Federations/Societies.
- Assisted member/non-member organizations for solving their problems at state/Central level.
- Liaison with NCDC, NABARD for providing concessional finance to Labour Cooperatives.
- Raised the issue with Govt. of India as well as State Governments to exempt the labour cooperatives from Income Tax and Sales Tax.

12. Activities for self reliance

- To open and operate Teak Wood Sales Depot.
- To work as coordinating agency for execution of civil works.
- To Provide security services.
- To deploy manpower to other organisations.
- To open a Sale Depot of Construction Material at Noida or Delhi.
- Execution of civil maintenance work

13. Future Promotional plan

- Organisation of 21000 new primary labour contract/construction & forest labour cooperatives.
- Revival of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Delhi Labour Contract Cooperative Federations.
- Organization of new state labour cooperative federations in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, J&K & Arunachal Pradesh.
- Organization of District Labour Cooperative Federations in 100 new districts belongs to different states particularly in north eastern region.
- To cover the tribal populating of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh under the fold of Labour cooperatives.
- To formulate the schemes for district and state labour cooperative federations for computerization of offices of state federations & to uplink them with NLCF.

- Execution of Janta Personal Accidental Insurance Scheme.
- To provide Computer Training to the Officers/ Staff and office bearers of members societies.
- To set up own Permanent Vocational Training Centre at Delhi or Noida and to operate 4-5 regional centres.
- To work as nodal agency for providing the training to unskilled labourers.

14. Achievements

- Affiliation with International Cooperative Alliance.
- Introduction of Labour Cooperatives under service sector of NCDC by implementing 2 importment schemes.
- Introduction of Labour Cooperatives with NABARD Working in rural areas for Financial Assistance.
- Trained 745 mail 425 female members under skill development training programme.
- Organisation of 8 New State, 77 District and 25,000 Primary Labour Societies.

List of State federations

1. Maharashtra State Coop. Labour Federation Ltd., Plot No. 656-657, Labour Federation. Building, Gultekdi, Market Yard, Pratapgarh Road, Pune-411 037 (Maharashtra).
2. The Haryana State Coop. Labour & Construction Federation Ltd., Bay No. 23-24, Sector-2, Panchkula (Haryana)
3. The Punjab State Cooperative Labour & Construction Federation Ltd., Sec-2, Phase-II, Industrial Area, Chandigarh (Punjab)
4. Uttar Pradesh Shram Avam Nirman Sahakari Sangh Ltd., Daya Nidhan Park, Lal Bagh, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).
5. The Bihar State Cooperative Labour & Construction Federation Ltd., C/o District Cooperative Office, Budh Marg, Patna (Bihar).

6. The Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Labour Contract Societies Federation Ltd., 5-10-193, HACA Bhawan, 1st Floor, Opp. Public Garden, Hyderabad-500 004 (Andhra Pradesh).
7. The New Delhi State Cooperative Labour Construction Federation Ltd., 74/2, Gulshan Park, G-Block, Nangloi, Delhi-110041.
8. The Madhya Pradesh State Minor Forest Produce (T&D) Cooperative Federation Ltd., 74 Bangle, Khel Parisar, Indira Nikunj, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh).
9. The State Federation of Labour & Construction Cooperatives Ltd., A-1/2/3, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751 009 (Orissa).
10. The Gujarat Rajya Majoor Sahakari Sangh Ltd. C/o Shree Vishnagar Nagrik Sahakari Bank Ltd., Ashram Road, Usmanpura, Ahmedabad (Gujrat).
11. The Rajasthan Van Shramik Sahakari Sangh Ltd., Tope Khane Ka Rasta, Chandpole Gate, Jaipur (Rajasthan).
12. Maharashtra Rajya Jungle Kamgar Sahakari Sangh Ltd., Camp Office : Shree Dossar Vaishya Bhawan, Hansapuri Central Avenue Road, Nagpur (Maharashtra).
13. Delhi State Cooperative Labour Construction & Service Federation Ltd., Marketing Federation Building, Main Rohtak Road, Near Cooperative Bank Nangloi, Delhi-110041.
14. The State Federation of Labour Cooperative Society Ltd., Goa 16-Patto Centre, 2nd Floor, EDC Complex, Panaji-403 001 (Goa).
15. Himachal Labour Construction & Power Generation Cooperatives Federation Ltd., Sai Bhawan Sector-4, New Shimla-171 009 (H.P.)
16. Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (T&D) Cooperatives Federation Ltd., A-25, V.I.P. Estate, Khamhardih, Shankar Nagar, Raipur-492 007 (Chhattisgarh).
17. Manipur State Cooperative Labour and Construction Federation Limited, C/o Manipur State Cooperative Union, Cooperative Complex, Lamphelpet, Imphal (Manipur).
18. Kerala State Labour Cooperative Federation Ltd., No. 4491, Sahakarita Bhwan, Chirukkulam Road, Statue GPO, Thiruvanthapuram-695001.



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An Apex Organisation of Labour Co-operative Movement in India



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