

Lok Sabha Passes Bills Renaming Kerala to Keralam and Amending NCDC Act

The Lok Sabha passed the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 and the NCDC (Amendment) Bill, 2026 amid parliamentary deadlock.

Parliamentary legislation officially renaming the State of Kerala as 'Keralam' and amending the National Co-operative Development Corporation framework.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The Lok Sabha passed the **Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026** to change the official name of the state to **Keralam**.
- The Kerala name change bill was moved in the House by Union **Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai**.
- Parliament also passed the **National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026**.
- The NCDC Amendment Bill was introduced and moved by Union **Minister of State for Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol**.
- Both bills were passed without debate during the **Monsoon Session** on **August 11, 2026**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 3 of the Indian Constitution empowers **Parliament** to alter the name, boundaries, or area of any State.

A bill altering the name of a State under **Article 3** can be introduced in Parliament only on the prior recommendation of the **President**.

Under **Article 3**, the President must refer the state renaming bill to the concerned **State Legislature** for expressing its views within a specified period.

The **First Schedule** of the Constitution of India lists the States and Union Territories, which is amended when a State is renamed.

The **National Co-operative Development Corporation** (NCDC) was established as a statutory corporation in **1963** under the NCDC Act, **1962**.

Co-operative societies fall under Item 32 of the **State List** (List II) in the **Seventh Schedule** of the Indian Constitution.

The **97th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2011** added **Part IXB** to the Constitution, granting constitutional status to co-operative societies.

Article 43B was inserted into the **Directive Principles of State Policy** (DPSP) by the 97th Amendment to promote voluntary formation of co-operatives.

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Parliament alters state names under Article 3 following prior recommendation of the President and amending the First Schedule.

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for Group 1/2/4 polity questions on Article 3 state creation/renaming and 97th Amendment on Cooperatives.

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