

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1581  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/12/2023**

**Common Software for PACS**

† 1581. **SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:**  
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Will the Minister of COOPERATION (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make use of a common software by the Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) under the Digitalisation Project;
- (b) if so, whether the said software is enabled to work according to the activities prescribed under the Model Bye-Law; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which the said software is being introduced for digitalisation and is likely to improve the work efficiency of PACS including the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION**  
**सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. In order to strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies(PACS), project for Computerization of 63,000 functional PACS with a total financial outlay of ₹2,516 Crore has been approved by the Government of India, which entails bringing all the functional PACS onto an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) based common national software, linking them with NABARD through State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs).Proposals to computerize 62,318 PACS across 28 States/ UTs have been sanctioned. The Software has already been developed by NABARD and ERP trial run has started in 5,673 PACS in 26 States/ UTs so far. Hardware procurement and digitization of legacy data by the States and Union Territories are under process.

This software will provide a comprehensive ERP solution for all the activities prescribed under the Model Byelaws to PACS covering various modules such as membership, financial services for short/medium/ long term loan, procurement operations, Public Distribution Shops (PDS) operations, business planning, warehousing, merchandising, borrowings, asset management, human resource management, etc.

The project will improve the work efficiency of PACS by ensuring speedy disbursement of loans, lowering of transaction costs, reducing imbalances in payments, seamless accounting with DCCBs and StCBs and will also increase transparency. It will enhance trustworthiness in the working of PACS among farmers.

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