

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2565
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2023**

Computerisation of PACS

**2565. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:**

Will the Minister of COOPERATION (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pilot tests carried out under the Computerization of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) have been successful, if so, the details thereof including the beneficiary PACS and States under the same;
- (b) the budget allocation for computerization of PACS projects, State-wise/UT-wise, PACS-wise for 2023-24 including the amount released to various States by the Ministry for it so far;
- (c) the manner in which PACS computerization project of the Ministry would realise Sahakar se Samridhi vision, increase the work efficiency, strengthen and empower the PACS;
- (d) the details of the number of PACS covered under the said scheme in the States;
- (e) whether its implementation is likely to increase the new economic activities in various sectors of cooperation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the various benefits likely to be received by the farmers associated with the said PACS?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): In order to strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), the 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). Out of the total budget of Rs. 2,516 crore for the project, the shares of Government of India (GoI), State Governments and NABARD are Rs. 1528 crore, Rs. 736 crore and Rs. 252 crore, respectively.

So far, proposals for computerization of 62,318 PACS from 28 States/ UTs have been sanctioned, for which Rs. 475.55 Cr. has been released as GoI share to the States/UTs concerned. The proposed revised estimate of GoI share for financial year 2023-24 is Rs. 350 Cr. which can be released to States/UTs & NABARD after utilization of funds released earlier to them. Details of number of PACS sanctioned and GoI share released till date to States/UTs are enclosed as **Annexure**.

The National Level Common Software for the project has 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.

Implementation of Common Accounting System (CAS) and Management Information System (MIS) at PACS level under this project would improve governance and transparency in PACS, thus leading to speedy disbursement of loans, lowering of transaction cost, reduction in imbalances in payments, seamless accounting with DCCBs and StCBs and will also increase efficiency. It will enhance trustworthiness in the working of PACS among farmers, thus contributing towards realizing the vision of “Sahakar se Samridhi”.

Computerization of PACS project will provide a comprehensive ERP solution for all the economic activities prescribed under the Model Byelaws for PACS covering various modules such as financial services for short, medium & long term loans, procurement operations, Public Distribution Shops (PDS) operations, business planning, warehousing, merchandising, borrowings, asset management, human resource management, etc

The project will improve farmers access to short-term, medium-term and long-term credit. In addition, through inclusion of different modules for various economic activities, as mentioned under Model Byelaws for PACS, computerization will also enable farmers to obtain these services at PACS level itself. It will also help in diversification of PACS economic activities, thus enabling the farmer members to get additional & sustainable sources of income.

Annexure

Status of Computerization of PACS Project

S. No.	States	No. of PACS Sanctioned	GoI Share released in FY 2022-23 & 2023-24 (in crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2037	14.93
2	Arunachal Pradesh	14	0.21
3	Assam	583	6.41
4	Bihar	4495	32.95
5	Chhattisgarh	2028	14.86
6	Goa	58	0.32
7	Haryana	711	4.85
8	Himachal Pradesh	870	13.22
9	Jharkhand	1500	10.99
10	Karnataka	5491	40.25
11	Madhya Pradesh	4534	33.23
12	Maharashtra	12000	87.95
13	Manipur	232	2.55
14	Meghalaya	112	1.23
15	Mizoram	25	0.27
16	Nagaland	33	0.50
17	Punjab	3482	25.52
18	Rajasthan	5585	43.81
19	Sikkim	107	1.63
20	Tamil Nadu	4532	33.2
21	Tripura	268	2.95
22	Uttar Pradesh	3062	24.68
23	West Bengal	4167	30.54
24	Gujarat	5754	42.17
25	Jammu & Kashmir	537	5.25
26	Puducherry	45	0.44
27	Andaman & Nicobar	46	0.52
28	Ladakh	10	0.12
Total		62,318	475.55