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Title: Need to release central share of funds towards computerization of Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS) in Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): The Union Government has decided that the cost of computerisation of Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS) will be shared by the Union Government, State Government and PACS in the ratio of 60:35:5. Accordingly, the Government of Odisha has taken initiatives to complete the computerisation of 2600 PACS by 31 March, 2018 as a part of the Core Banking Solution Project of the Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure to harmonise their functioning with the computerised State and Central Cooperative Banks across the State. The Government of Odisha has, therefore, provided Rs. 48.77 Crore as against its share of Rs.27.30 Crore for computerisation of such PACS. However, no funds have been provided by the Union Government of its share so far. I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to provide its share for computerisation of the said 2600 PACS to the Government of Odisha to enable it to complete computerisation of the said PACS by 31 March, 2018.