

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1601
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15/03/2023

Functioning of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)

1601. Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

Will the Minister of **Cooperation** be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) are functional in the States, details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether all the PACS have been provided with computers; and
- (c) whether these computers are functional and up-graded from time to time, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): A State-wise list of functional Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) is annexed as **Annexure**.

A Centrally sponsored project for Computerization of functional PACS/ Large Area Multi-purpose Cooperative Societies (LAMPS)/ Farmers Service Societies (FSS) across the country with a total financial outlay of Rs. 2,516 Crore is under implementation. The project entails bringing all the functional PACS on ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) based common software, linking them with NABARD through State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs).

At present, proposals for computerization of 54,752 PACS has been received from the States/UTs and central share amounting to Rs. 201.18 crore has been released for the procurement of hardware, digitization of legacy data and establishing support system. During the project period, a support system would be established for providing handholding support to the PACS. Maintenance of the hardware installed at PACS will be responsibility of the respective PACS, DCCBs/StCBs on an ongoing basis even after completion of the project period. The central infrastructure facility and common software will be maintained and updated by NABARD periodically.

Annexure**State-wise list of functional PACS***

The term 'functional PACS' is understood to cover those PACS that have been audited as on 31st March, 2022

S.No	State/UT	No. of functional PACS
1	Andhra Pradesh	2046
2	Arunachal Pradesh	14
3	Assam	775
4	Bihar	3779
5	Chhattisgarh	2028
6	Goa	44
7	Gujarat	6016
8	Haryana	646
9	Himachal Pradesh	810
10	Jharkhand	1782
11	Karnataka	5168
12	Kerala	1299
13	Madhya Pradesh	4536
14	Maharashtra	20788
15	Manipur	232
16	Meghalaya	128
17	Mizoram	30
18	Nagaland	150
19	Odisha	1239
20	Punjab	3367
21	Rajasthan	4050
22	Sikkim	178

23	Tamil Nadu	7 **
24	Telangana	727
25	Tripura	268
26	Uttar Pradesh	2330
27	Uttarakhand	8
28	West Bengal	4173
	Union Territories	
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	41
2	Jammu And Kashmir	537
3	Ladakh	10
4	Puducherry	45
5	Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu	NO PACS
6	Chandigarh	NO PACS
7	Delhi	NO PACS
8	Lakshadweep	NO PACS
	Total	67251

* Survey done by NABARD

** In case of Tamil Nadu, total number of PACS reported as 4532, has been indicated as 7 because the audit reports have not been finalised due to conduct of special audit with regard to State Debt Waiver Scheme.