

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3687

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/04/2023

Digitization of Co-operative Societies

3687# Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

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

- (a) whether any plan has been formulated by Government for digitization of co-operatives operating in the country;
- (b) if so, points on which Government is working for the digitization of co-operative societies;
- (c) total number of co-operative societies connected digitally so far; and
- (d) total number of co-operative societies connected digitally in Uttar Pradesh, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (d): A Centrally sponsored project for Computerization of 63,000 functional PACS/ LAMPS across the country with a total financial outlay of Rs. 2,516 Crore is under implementation. The project entails bringing all the functional PACS onto 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 58,383 PACS have been received from 24 States and 4 Union Territories. Release of central share amounting to the States/ UTs for the procurement of hardware, digitization of legacy data and establishing support system is under process. An amount of 11.28 crore has been released to the State of Uttar Pradesh under this Project for Computerization of 1,539 PACS. The Project Monitoring Units (PMUs) have been set up at Central and State Levels by NABARD. Development of software has been started by the National Level Project Software Vendor (NLPSV) selected by NABARD.

The expected benefit of the computerization of PACS Project, inter alia are - increasing efficiency of their operations, ensuring speedy disbursement of loans, lowering of transaction costs, reducing imbalances in payments, seamless accounting with DCCBs and StCBs and increasing transparency. Implementation of Common Accounting System (CAS) and Management Information System (MIS) would enable PACS to carry out their operations online and obtain refinance/ loans for their various activities from NABARD through DCCBs and StCBs.
