

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 971**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

**Fisheries PACS**

971 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to create Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) for fisheries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Primary Fisheries Co-operative Societies in the country at present, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the details of initiatives of the said Co-operative Societies for promoting fisheries in rural areas?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a): With the amendments in the Byelaws of PACS and adoption of these Model Byelaws by States/ UTs, PACS can now undertake more than 25 business activities including fisheries.
- (b): Government, in consultation with all the stakeholders, including States/ UTs, National Level Federations, State Cooperative Banks (StCBs), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs), etc., has prepared and circulated Model Byelaws for PACS to all the States/ UTs, which enable PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities, improve governance, transparency and accountability in their operations. Provisions have also been made to make the membership of PACS more inclusive and broad-based, giving adequate representation to women and Scheduled Castes/Schedules Tribes. So far, 32 States/ UTs have adopted Model Byelaws or their existing byelaws are in line with Model Byelaws.
- (c): As per National Cooperative Database, the State-wise details of the number of Primary Fisheries Co-operative Societies in the country at present are enclosed at **Annexure**.
- (d): The Government on 15.02.2023, has approved the Plan for strengthening cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grassroots. The Plan entails establishment of new multipurpose PACS, Dairy and Fishery cooperative societies covering all the Panchayats/ villages in the country in the next five years, through convergence of various existing Government of India schemes, including Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF), National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), etc., with the support of National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and State Governments.

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State-wise details of the number of Fisheries Cooperative Societies

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Total Fishery Cooperative Societies</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	131
2	Andhra Pradesh	1,951
3	Arunachal Pradesh	25
4	Assam	586
5	Bihar	501
6	Chandigarh	-
7	Chhattisgarh	1,794
8	Delhi	-
9	Goa	26
10	Gujarat	680
11	Haryana	132
12	Himachal Pradesh	76
13	Jammu And Kashmir	35
14	Jharkhand	779
15	Karnataka	745
16	Kerala	990
17	Ladakh	1
18	Lakshadweep	10
19	Madhya Pradesh	2,917
20	Maharashtra	3,307
21	Manipur	908
22	Meghalaya	129
23	Mizoram	48
24	Nagaland	406
25	Odisha	751
26	Puducherry	68
27	Punjab	9
28	Rajasthan	187
29	Sikkim	10
30	Tamil Nadu	1,447
31	Telangana	4,927
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	22
33	Tripura	317
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,111
35	Uttarakhand	243
36	West Bengal	391
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,660</b>