GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1450 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th MARCH, 2025

Status of digitisation of PACS

1450 # Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) that have been connected to the digital platform across the country so far along with the details of the timeline set for digitization and linking of PACS to the Core Banking System (CBS);
- (b) the details of allocated budget and expenditure of the Centrally Sponsored Project for PACS Computerisation (CSPCP) project along with the percentage of project work completed so far; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target to digitize 63,000 PACS by 2026-27, if so, the details of implementation of the project so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c) Government of India is implementing the Project for Computerization of functional PACS with a total financial outlay of ₹2,516 Crore (with a Government of India share of ₹1,528 crore), 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). This common ERP software is provided to all the PACS in the project, across the country, to capture data on all functionalities of PACS, both credit and non-credit. This software is customizable for state-specific needs.

The ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) based common national software brings about efficiency in PACS performance through a Common Accounting System (CAS) and Management Information System (MIS). Further, governance and transparency in PACS also improves, leading to speedy disbursal of loans, lowering of transaction cost, reduction in imbalances in payments, seamless accounting with DCCBs and StCBs.

So far, proposals for computerization of 67,930 PACS from 30 States/ UTs have been sanctioned, for which Rs. 741.34 Cr. has been released as GoI share to the States/UTs concerned. As of 27th January 2025, hardware has been delivered to 60,382 PACS, covering 89% of the total target. A total of 50,455 PACS (74%) have been onboarded onto the ERP system, while 40,050 PACS (59%) have gone live. The sunset date of the project is 31.03.2027
