

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
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Computerization of Agricultural and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs)

2098 # Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has implemented any national scheme for the computerization of Agricultural and Rural Development Banks, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of State Agricultural and Rural Development Banks which have been a part of computerization scheme, so far;
- (c) the number of ARDBs that have been onboarded on the ERP system and the State-wise number thereof;
- (d) whether proposals have not yet been received from any State under the project, if so, the name of such States; and
- (e) the estimated timeline fixed for the completion of this scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a Centrally Sponsored Project namely “Strengthening of Cooperatives through IT Interventions” for computerization of Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs). The total estimated cost of the Project of Computerisation of ARDBs is Rs. 119.40 Crore. The project provides for hardware procurement, digitization, National level Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) based software, cyber security, data centre support and establishment of a Central Project Management Unit (PMU).

Till date, only 10 states out of 13 States have been onboarded on the project. The state-wise details are at **Annexure-‘A’**.

(d) No proposal has been received from West Bengal and Kerala for onboarding under the project. Further, Jammu and Kashmir has opted out of this project due to ARDBs in their region have been deemed financially unviable based on reports from NABARD and a special audit.

(e) The initial estimated timeline was fixed as 31.03.2026.

Annexure-‘A’

S.No.	State	Total ARDBs	Total Hardware to be Delivered	Hardware Delivered	Total Fund released (Cr.)
1	Gujarat	195	440	440	0.82
2	Haryana	90	203	0	0.76
3	Himachal Pradesh	88	202	202	1.04
4	Rajasthan	163	351	351	1.14
5	Punjab	113	272	0	0.94
6	Karnataka	207	467	467	1.28
7	Tamil Nadu	216	477	471	1.96
8	Puducherry	2	17	4	0.11
9	Tripura	6	15	5	0.04
10	Uttar Pradesh	342	740	0	1.75
11	Jammu & Kashmir*	51	115	0	0.3
	Total	1473	3299	1940	10.14