

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1921
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th AUGUST 2026

DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY CREDIT SOCIETIES

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken so far to develop Primary Credit Societies into multi purpose and modern institutions; and
- (b) the quantum of financial assistance provided to the States under the said initiatives?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) The Government has adopted a whole-of-government approach to develop Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) into multipurpose, modern and financially viable grassroots institutions. The key steps taken include the following:

- i. **Model Bye-laws for PACS:** Model Bye-laws have been prepared and circulated to enable PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities, improve governance and transparency, and provide greater representation to women and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. These have been adopted by 32 States/UTs.
- ii. **Expansion of cooperative coverage:** Under the National Plan approved on 15.02.2023, new multipurpose PACS, dairy and fishery cooperative societies are being formed in uncovered Panchayats and villages. As on 15.07.2026, 38,138 new cooperative societies, including 10,230 new PACS, have been registered.
- iii. **Computerization of PACS:** Under the PACS Computerization Project, with an outlay of ₹2,925.39 crore, functional PACS are being brought onto a common ERP-based national software. As on 15.07.2026, 79,630 PACS had been sanctioned, 63,707 onboarded on the ERP platform and 54,707 declared as e-PACS.
- iv. **Diversification of business activities:** PACS are being enabled to function as Common Service Centres, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras and Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras, and to undertake activities relating to rural water supply, renewable energy, petrol and diesel retail outlets, LPG distributorships and other rural

services. So far, 55,514 PACS are active as CSCs, 38,974 as PMKSKs and 645 as Janaushadhi Kendras.

- v. **Creation of storage and allied infrastructure:** Under the decentralized Grain Storage Plan in the cooperative sector, godowns, custom hiring centres and other agricultural infrastructure are being developed at the PACS level. Construction has commenced in 505 PACS, of which 302 godowns have been completed.
 - vi. **Financial inclusion and market linkages:** PACS are being equipped with Micro-ATMs, while RuPay Kisan Credit Cards are being issued to their members. PACS are also being linked with national-level cooperative societies such as National Cooperative Exports Limited, National Cooperative Organics Limited and Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited for aggregation, branding, marketing and exports.
 - vii. **Capacity building:** Training programmes are being undertaken for PACS secretaries and other functionaries to strengthen managerial, administrative and business-development capabilities. Tribhuvan Sahkari University has also been established to develop trained professionals for the cooperative sector.
- (b) The financial support provided to the States under the various initiatives includes following:
- **PACS Computerization:** Out of the total financial outlay of **₹2,925.39 crore**, significant funds have been released to various states:
 - **Infrastructure Incentives (Grain Storage):** To make construction viable, the Government increased the subsidy from 25% to **33.33%**. Revised construction costs were set at **₹6,000–7,000/MT** for plain areas and **₹8,000/MT** for Northeastern states.
 - **FPO and FFPO Support:** NCDC has disbursed **₹320 crore** for the formation of 1,117 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) through PACS and **₹130 crore** for Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs).
 - **Registrar Computerization:** **₹43.21 crore** has been released as the Government of India's share to States/UTs for the computerization of the **Offices of Registrar of Cooperative Societies**.
 - **General NCDC Assistance:** As on June 30, 2026, the National Cooperative NCDC has disbursed a total of **₹5,74,090.48 crore** for development of cooperative institutions.
