GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/03/2023

Computerization of PACS

2116. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION **(सहकारिता मंत्री)** be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Society (PACS), State wise;

(b) the changes observed therein as a result of digitization; and

(c) the number of farmers who have been benefitted from the above?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): There are nearly 1 lakh Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)/ Large Area Multi-Purpose Societies (LAMPS) with a member base of around 13 crore farmers. 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, proposal for computerization of 54,752 PACS has been received from the States/UTs and central share amounting to Rs. 201.18 crore has been released for the procurement of hardware, digitization of legacy data and establishing support system.

The State-wise details of PACS recommended for computerization under the project is attached as *Annexure*. The Project Monitoring Units (PMUs) have been set up at Central and State Levels by NABARD. Development of software has started by the National Level Project Software Vendor (NLPSV) selected by NABARD. Process for empanelment of System Integrators (SIs) is going on and the list of SIs will be shared with the States/ UTs shortly.

Computerization of PACS will provide various benefits such as increasing the efficiency of their operations, ensuring speedy disbursal 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.

*****

Sr No.	State/ UT	PACS recommended for coverage
	States	
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	2,037
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	14
3	ASSAM	583
4	BIHAR	2,223
5	CHHATTISGARH	2,028
6	GOA	44
7	GUJARAT	5,754
8	HARYANA	662
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	870
10	JHARKHAND	1,500
11	KARNATAKA	5,491
12	MADHYA PRADESH	4,534
13	MAHARASHTRA	12,000
14	MANIPUR	232
15	MEGHALAYA	85
16	MIZORAM	25
17	NAGALAND	33
18	PUNJAB	3,482
19	RAJASTHAN	1,963
20	SIKKIM	107
21	TAMIL NADU	4,478
22	TRIPURA	268
23	UTTAR PRADESH	1,539
24	WEST BENGAL	4,167
	UTs	
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLAND	41
2	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	537
3	LADAKH	10
4	PUDUCHERRY	45
	TOAL	**54,752**