

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2638  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2023**

**PACS in Chhattisgarh**

**†2638. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:**

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

- (a) the features of the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS);
- (b) whether the Government is collecting data under the PACS; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof for the State of Chhattisgarh, district-wise?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

(a): Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) constitute the lowest tier of the Short-Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS) in the country, primarily providing short-term and medium-term credit facility and other input services, like seed, fertilizer, pesticide distribution, etc. to member farmers. PACS are refinanced by NABARD through District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and State Cooperative Banks (StCBs). Presently, around 13 crore farmers are linked with PACS. Being the grassroots level cooperative institutions, PACS play a crucial role in sustaining the rural economy of the country by purveying institutional credit to small and marginal farmers.

In order to transform PACS into vibrant economic entities at Panchayat/ village level Model Byelaws have been framed by this Ministry and circulated to all the States/ UTs on 5th January, 2023 for their adoption by PACS after making suitable changes as per respective State Cooperative Acts. Model Byelaws have been adopted by 31 States/ UTs so far.

Model Byelaws will enable PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities, including dairy, fishery, setting up godowns, procurement of foodgrains, fertilizers, seeds, LPG/Petrol/Diesel distributorship, short-term & long-term credit, custom hiring centers, Fair Price Shops (FPS), community irrigation, Business Correspondent activities, Common Service Centre, etc.

(b) and (c): A comprehensive National Cooperative Database is being developed by Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, with the support of State Governments. The data of all the Cooperative Societies from various sectors, including PACS, is being entered in the database by nodal officers appointed by the States /UTs for this purpose. So far, data related to around 8 lakh cooperative societies has been collected, out of which 1,03,559 are PACS/ Large Area Multi-purpose Societies (LAMPS)/ Farmers Service Society (FSS). The district wise details of cooperative societies in the State of Chhattisgarh are enclosed at Annexure.

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**Details of Cooperative Societies in the State of Chattisgarh**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Total number of Cooperative Societies</b>	<b>Total number of PACS/ LAMPS/ FSS</b>
1	BALOD	486	122
2	BALODA BAZAR	282	129
3	BALRAMPUR	334	37
4	BASTAR	280	52
5	BEMETARA	371	102
6	BIJAPUR	77	32
7	BILASPUR	418	114
8	DANTEWADA	48	21
9	DHAMTARI	321	74
10	DURG	707	87
11	GARIYABAND	217	67
12	Gaurella Pendra Marwahi	74	13
13	JANJGIR-CHAMPA	307	101
14	JASHPUR	127	24
15	KABIRDHAM	328	90
16	KANKER	376	70
17	KHAIRGARH CHHUIKHADAN GANDAI	89	39
18	KONDAGAON	123	47
19	KORBA	251	41
20	KOREA	141	16
21	MAHASAMUND	601	130
22	MANENDRAGARH CHIRIMIRI BHARATPUR	186	14
23	MOHLA MANPUR AMBAGARH CHOUKI	94	19
24	MUNGELI	200	66
25	NARAYANPUR	39	9
26	RAIGARH	289	70
27	RAIPUR	687	126
28	RAJNANDGAON	289	74
29	SAKTI	232	95
30	SARANGARH BILAIGARH	249	64
31	SUKMA	35	27
32	SURAJPUR	201	47
33	SURGUJA	512	39
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,971</b>	<b>2,058</b>

As per data entered by Nodal Officers of the State of Chattisgarh on National Cooperative Database.