

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2696
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2023**

Model by e-Laws for Storage Capacity

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

- (a) whether any model bye-laws has been made by the Ministry to facilitate work in the areas of storage capacity increase, processing etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the benefits likely to be obtained by Primary Agriculture Credits Societies (PACS) and farmers out of this?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): In order to transform Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) into vibrant economic entities at Panchayat/ village level and to diversify their business activities, Model Byelaws have been framed by Ministry in consultation with all the States/Union Territories, Central Government Ministries, NABARD, National Level Federations, State Cooperative Banks, District Central Cooperative Banks, etc. Model Byelaws were circulated to all the States/ UTs on 5th January, 2023 for their adoption by PACS after making suitable changes as per the respective State Cooperative Acts. Model Byelaws have been adopted by 31 States/ UTs so far.

The Model Byelaws will enable PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities, including setting up godowns/storage capacity, processing units, dairy, fishery, floriculture, 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. Provisions have also been made to make the membership of PACS more inclusive and broad-based, giving adequate representation to women and Scheduled Castes/Schedules Tribes.

By adopting Model Byelaws, PACS would be able to serve as multi-service centers & improve their operational efficiency, transparency and accountability and provide short term & long term credit and various non-credit services, etc. to crores of farmer members in rural areas.

By enabling PACS to diversify their business activities, Model Byelaws will help farmers to get various services, such as short, medium and long-term credit, fertilizers, seeds, pesticides, storage facilities, banking services, etc. at one stop for meeting their varied needs. Farmers will also be able to obtain benefits of social security schemes, micro insurance, more than 300 e-services of CSC, etc. It will also help farmers in getting additional & stable sources of income, thus improving their financial sustainability.
