

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 204
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2024**

Computerization of PACS

+*204. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

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

- (a) the manner in which software is being developed under the project for computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) by the Government;
- (b) whether the software used under PACS Computerisation project is integrable with already computerised PACS, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the type of modules included in the software for various activities of PACS; and
- (d) the manner in which the said software is likely to bring transparency in the activities and business diversification of PACS?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 204 DUE FOR REPLY ON 06th AUGUST, 2024**

(a): Government of India is implementing the Project for Computerization of functional PACS with a total financial outlay of ₹2,516 Crore, which entails bringing all the functional PACS onto an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) based common national software, linking them with NABARD through State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs). So far, proposals for computerization of 67,930 PACS from 30 States/ UTs have been sanctioned, for which Rs. 654.23 Cr. has been released as GoI share to the States/UTs concerned. The National Level Common Software for the project has been developed by NABARD and 25,674 PACS have been onboarded on ERP software in 27 States/ UTs. This common ERP software is being provided to all the PACS in the project, across the country, to capture data on all functionalities of PACS, both credit and non-credit. This software is customisable for state specific needs. At the national level, NABARD has engaged a vendor namely National Level PACS Software Vendor (NLPSV) to provide the common software including cyber security and data storage through open bidding as per the relevant procurement guidelines.

(b): Yes Sir, The software used under PACS Computerisation project is integrable with already computerised PACS. As per the guidelines of the project, PACS which have already been computerised, expenditure will be reimbursed to States ₹50,000/- per PACS subject to the condition that they integrate their software with the National PACS Software. Also, their hardware meets the required specifications and the computerization of PACS should be commissioned by the State on or after 01 February 2017 i.e. the date of budget announcement by Central Government for computerization of PACS.

PACS which have not been computerised by such states are being taken up under this project at full cost. For sustainability of the project, maintenance and handholding of the software and hardware is considered critical. For this purpose, the Project envisages a support system by setting up one support centre. These support centres, are being set up by the System Integrator(s) and reporting to State PMUs which also serves as State level support centre. This entire support system is under the overall supervision and control of the State Governments and are being operated by the concerned SI.

(c): In order to increase the viability of PACS and diversify their business activities to make them vibrant economic entities at Panchayat level, Model Byelaws for PACS have been prepared by the Government after consultation with all the stakeholders 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. Computerization of PACS project aims to provide a comprehensive ERP solution for entailing more than 25 economic activities prescribed under the Model Bye-Laws for PACS covering various modules such as financial services for short, medium & long term loans, procurement operations, Public Distribution Shops (PDS) operations, business planning, warehousing, merchandising, borrowings, asset management, human resource management, etc.

(d): The ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) based common national software brings about efficiency in PACS performance through Common Accounting System (CAS) and Management Information System (MIS). Further, governance and transparency in PACS also improves, leading to speedy disbursement of loans, lowering of transaction cost, reduction in imbalances in payments, seamless accounting with DCCBs and StCBs. It will enhance trustworthiness in the working of PACS among farmers, thus contributing towards realizing the vision of “Sahakar se Samridhi”.
