

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2367
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2024**

Establishment of PACS

**2367. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:**

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

- (a) the details regarding the aims and objectives behind the establishment of the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS);
- (b) whether the aim of establishing viable cooperatives under PACS in every Panchayat in Andhra Pradesh has been fulfilled;
- (c) if so, the details regarding the number of PACS established in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise especially in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kanseema district;
- (d) the details regarding the number of Primary Fishery Cooperatives established under the PACS in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise especially in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kanseema district; and
- (e) the details regarding the number of beneficiaries of Primary Fishery Cooperatives established under the PACS, in the State of Andhra Pradesh district-wise especially in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kanseema district?

ANSWER

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

(a): Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) constitute the lowest tier of the three-tier Short term cooperative credit (STCC) structure in the country and hence play a significant role in transforming the agricultural and rural landscape of Indian economy. PACS provide credit facility by linkage with District Central Cooperative Bank, State Cooperative Bank and NABARD, distribute agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilizers, crop purchase, storage facilities, etc to the member farmers. Further, to enable PACS to diversify their businesses and become financially sustainable economic entities, the Government has framed Model Bye-laws for them which allow them to undertake more than 25 economic activities. Through Inter-Ministerial coordination, PACS have also been enabled to function as PM Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra, PM Kisan Samridhhi Kendra, LPG Distributors, Petrol/ Diesel retail outlets, Paani Samitis for rural piped water supply scheme, etc. Further, PACS have been enabled to function as Common Service Centre (CSC) to deliver more than 300 e-services, including banking, insurance, Aadhar enrolment/ updation, health services, legal services, etc. to rural citizens. These initiatives will provide them with additional and stable sources of income making them more economically viable and improve access of rural masses to various services.

(b) and (c): As per National Cooperative Database, there are 1,05,439 PACS in the country including 1908 PACS in the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, they are not evenly distributed across all regions. In order to address their skewed distribution, the Government, on 15.02.2023, has approved the Plan for establishing new multipurpose PACS or primary dairy/ fishery cooperative societies covering all the uncovered Panchayats/ village in the country in the next five years. Further, 912 new multipurpose PACS or primary dairy/ fishery cooperative societies have been formed in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) and (e): As per National Cooperative Database, no Primary Fishery Cooperatives are established under the PACS in the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, the district-wise details on the number of PACS and the number of Primary Fishery Cooperatives along with its members who may be the beneficiaries of various initiatives of Government of India, established in State of Andhra Pradesh, including Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kanseema district are as under:

S.No.	Districts	Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS)	Fishery Cooperatives	Total Members of Fishery cooperatives
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	26	14	577
2	Anakapalli	0	17	1656
3	ANANTAPUR	60	68	4752
4	Annamayya	39	17	699
5	Bapatla	112	123	20026
6	CHITTOOR	37	28	3791
7	EAST GODAVARI	107	78	9120
8	Eluru	171	198	17859
9	GUNTUR	64	20	3146
10	Kakinada	70	155	18759
11	Konaseema	166	185	19284
12	KRISHNA	173	146	23788
13	KURNOOL	42	33	1744
14	Nandyal	54	78	4759
15	NTR	131	80	4536
16	Palnadu	59	34	4393
17	Parvathipuram Manyam	43	44	6652
18	PRAKASAM	91	98	12851
19	SPSR NELLORE	77	203	34910
20	Sri Sathya Sai	52	45	3205
21	SRIKAKULAM	36	130	27698
22	Tirupati	60	101	10827
23	VISAKHAPATANAM	13	45	5926
24	VIZIANAGARAM	65	48	7796
25	WEST GODAVARI	114	89	10718
26	Y.S.R.	46	23	994
	Total	1908	2100	260466
