

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2395
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th DECEMBER, 2024**

Primary Agricultural Credit

2395. Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposals to establish Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in underserved regions like West Champaran to enhance credit access for farmers; and
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed coverage and implementation schedule?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government on 15.02.2023, has approved the Plan for strengthening cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grassroots. The Plan entails establishment of new multipurpose PACS, Dairy and Fishery cooperative societies covering all the Panchayats/ villages in the country including the underserved regions in the next five years, through convergence of various existing GOI schemes, including Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF), National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), etc, with the support of National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and State Governments.

As per National Cooperative Database, there are 303 Gram Panchayats and 315 PACS in West Champaran district of the State of Bihar.

In order to ensure effective and timely implementation of the plan, Ministry of Cooperation in coordination with NABARD, NDDB and NFDB has launched a Standard Operating Procedure (Margdarshika) on 19.9.2024, indicating the targets and timelines for all stakeholders concerned. As per Margdarshika, Joint Working Committee (JWC) at the district level have been formed by States/ UTs to ensure timely execution of the plan at the grassroot level. As reported by the State of Bihar, JWC has been constituted in all 38 districts of the State, including West Champaran.
