

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3620
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th DECEMBER, 2024**

PACS as PMKSK

† 3620. Shri Anil Baluni:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to promote the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to work as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhhi Kendras (PMKSKs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which PACS are likely to be strengthened as a result thereof; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has allowed Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) to operate Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhhi Kendras (PMKSKs) for ensuring easy accessibility of fertilizers, pesticides and related services to farmers in rural areas. PACS functioning as PMKSK helps in offering quality agri-inputs, like fertilizers, seeds, farm implements, pesticides, soil/seed testing facilities, etc., to the farmers under one roof. Through PMKSKs, information on crop related issues and Government schemes is also made available to the farmers. By providing various quality agri-inputs to the farmers at Panchayat/village level itself, they also help in improving the agricultural productivity. 36,180 PACS are functioning as PMKSKs.

(c) and (d): By functioning as PMKSKs, the business activities of PACS are diversified beyond credit distribution which increases their revenue streams, enhances their financial sustainability, and helps them become multi-dimensional vibrant economic entities. This initiative allows PACS to provide easy accessibility of agriculture-related inputs and services to farmers at Panchayat/ village level itself, thus eliminating the need for farmers to travel to different places for these services.
