GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1214
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2025

Uniform Software for PACS

1214. Shri M K Raghavan:

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

(a) whether the Government has any plan to introduce uniform software for Primary Agricultural Credit Societies in the country;

(b) if so, whether this software will be mandatory for adoption for all States, or there is a provision to choose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c):   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). The National Level Common Software for the project has been developed by NABARD and 50,455 PACS have been onboarded on ERP software as on 27.01.2025.

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.

So far, proposals for computerization of 67,930 PACS from 30 States/ UTs have been sanctioned, for which Rs. 741.34 Cr. has been released as GoI share to the States/UTs concerned. All the participants States/UTs can customize the ERP software as per the needs & functional requirements of the concerned States/UTs.

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 disbursal 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".

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