

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 318
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th FEBRUARY, 2025**

Role of PACS

318. Smt. D K Aruna:

Shri Eatata Rajender:

Shri Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy:

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

- (a) whether the Government is in the process of making two lakh multi-purpose PACS so that the traditional role of PACS could be expanded beyond credit and input supply and also planning to set up 70,000 grain storage points across the country, with PACS potentially playing a key role as grain storage in rural areas; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and changes made/implemented till now along with funds sanctioned/spent till date in the country especially, Odisha, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) and (b): 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 through establishment of 2 lakh multipurpose PACS, Dairy and Fishery cooperative societies covering all the Panchayats/ villages in the country, through convergence of various existing GOI schemes, including 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/UT Governments.

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 stakeholders concerned. Further, Joint Working Committees (JWC) at the district level have also been formed by States/ UTs to ensure timely execution of the plan at the grassroot level.

As per National Cooperative Database, till now 3,667 new multipurpose PACS, 8,294 dairy and 996 fishery cooperatives have been registered in the country since the launch of this initiative.

In addition to the above, the Government on 31.05.2023, has also approved the “World’s Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector”, which has been rolled out as a Pilot Project. The Plan entails creation of various agri infrastructure at PACS level, including godowns, custom hiring center, processing units, Fair Price Shops, etc. through convergence of various existing schemes of the Government of India (GoI), such as, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Scheme (AMI), Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME), etc. Under the Pilot Project of the Plan, construction of godowns has been completed in 11 PACS of 11 States.

These plans are being implemented by utilizing the existing budgetary outlays under various GoI schemes that are being converged at the level of these primary level cooperative societies, such as AIF, AMI, SMAM, NPDD, PMMSY etc.

The State-wise details of new multipurpose PACS, Dairy and Fishery cooperative societies formed are at **Annexure**.

Newly Registered Cooperatives				
State/UT	PACS	Dairy	Fishery	Total
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	1	1	7	9
ANDHRA PRADESH	0	896	1	897
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	12	9	12	33
ASSAM	59	233	29	321
BIHAR	25	283	0	308
CHHATTISGARH	0	136	195	331
GOA	12	0	0	12
GUJARAT	291	435	7	733
HARYANA	2	43	5	50
HIMACHAL PRADESH	57	350	4	411
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	84	1005	29	1118
JHARKHAND	44	131	73	248
KARNATAKA	128	453	17	598
LADAKH	0	3	1	4
LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	7	7
MADHYA PRADESH	16	443	154	613
MAHARASHTRA	148	668	73	889
MANIPUR	68	17	10	95
MEGHALAYA	193	12	1	206
MIZORAM	25	2	2	29
NAGALAND	12	0	2	14
ODISHA	1535	0	0	1535
PUDUCHERRY	2	2	3	7
PUNJAB	0	80	0	80
RAJASTHAN	760	1232	3	1995
SIKKIM	23	34	0	57
TAMIL NADU	21	478	21	520
TELANGANA	0	15	67	82
THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	4	0	1	5
TRIPURA	38	0	2	40
UTTAR PRADESH	94	1181	189	1464
UTTARAKHAND	0	66	81	147
WEST BENGAL	13	86	0	99
Total	3,667	8,294	996	12,957
