

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 345
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd JULY, 2025**

Cooperative Societies Linked to Digital Platforms

345. Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat:

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

- (a) whether cooperative societies have been linked to digital platforms to accelerate rural development in Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of PACS societies that have been computerized;
- (c) whether any assistance has been provided to milk cooperative societies in Haridwar district, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the multi-purpose cooperative societies are likely to be expanded in future, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Yes, cooperative societies in Uttarakhand are part of broader national initiatives aimed at digital transformation and rural development, including computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) on a common ERP platform. Under this initiative of the Ministry of Cooperation, 670 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the State of Uttarakhand have been selected for computerisation as part of the national PACS Computerisation Project. This initiative is aimed at enhancing transparency, improving service delivery, and accelerating rural development through digital integration of cooperative institutions. These societies have been linked to e-PACS software as developed by NABARD.

As on 30.06.2025, 670 PACS have been provided with hardware including computers, biometric devices, printers, UPS and VPN (connectivity device) and all 670 PACS have been onboarded onto the e-PACS Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform, enabling digitization of their core operations. The total approved cost of the Project in Uttarakhand is 13.48 Crore out of which 12.13 Crore is the Central Share.

(c): As per annual action plan submitted by Uttarakhand Cooperative Dairy Federation, it has been planned to setup 27 new dairy cooperative society and strengthen 25 existing DCS in Haridwar district during FY 2025-26 under revised National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD). State Dairy Department is providing data processing milk collection units for testing of the quality of milk to the milk cooperative societies.

(d): Yes, Sir. The Government on 15.2.2023, approved the Plan for strengthening cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grassroots. The Plan entails establishment of 2 lakh new multipurpose PACS (M-PACS), Dairy, Fishery Cooperative Societies covering all the Panchayats/ villages in the country in 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. Currently all 672 PACS have become Multi Purpose Cooperative Societies, so that all MPACS can carry out different business activities such as operating CSC centre, Jan Aushdhi Kendra, Kisan Samridhi Kendra etc. In addition 587 new MPACS have also been formed under central government initiative “Formation of 2 lakh New MPACS/Dairy/fisheries cooperative societies. All these MPACS may expand their business activities as per their byelaws to strengthen their financial position and increase their profitability.
