

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 268
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02nd DECEMBER, 2025**

World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector

268. Shri Arun Bharti:

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

- (a) the current status of the 'World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector';
- (b) the number of PACS in Bihar identified for the creation of godowns and the other agricultural infrastructure under this plan;
- (c) the specific number of PACS in Jamui and Munger districts included in the pilot and subsequent phases;
- (d) the total funds allocated for this purpose in Bihar and the convergence model being used with schemes like the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF); and
- (e) the timeline for the completion of these storage facilities and their expected impact on reducing post-harvest losses in Bihar?

ANSWER

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

(a): The *World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector* is under active implementation in a phased manner through convergence of various existing schemes of the Government of India (GoI). Currently more 500 PACS have been identified for construction of godowns under the project out of which 85 godowns have been completed. The current status of the same is annexed at **Annexure-I**. Additionally, agencies such as Food Corporation of India (FCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) have identified 378 districts/ location across the country as per their storage requirement and States/UTs concerned have been requested for further identification of land in PACS and Other Cooperative Societies.

(b) and (c): In Bihar, 36 PACS have been identified across the State for creation of godowns with total storage capacity of 1.33 LMT under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector. No PACS have been identified in the districts of Munger and Jamui under the Grain Storage Plan, so far.

However, under the State Government Scheme of Bihar for construction of godowns at PACS level, till date 53 godowns have been constructed in Munger district with total storage capacity of 14,500 MT and 141 godowns have been constructed in Jamui district creating total storage capacity of 41,900 MT.

(d): The Plan is being implemented through a convergence model, dovetailing various schemes 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 which subsidy, interest subvention and credit guarantee facilities are provided to PACS for warehouse/godown construction. Applicant PACS, across the country including the State of Bihar, can avail benefits under AIF and other converged schemes under the Plan.

(e): The creation of decentralized storage infrastructure is expected to significantly reduce post-harvest losses across the country, including Bihar by enabling scientific storage, minimizing distress sales, improving procurement efficiency, and strengthening the local agricultural supply chain. States/ UTs have been requested to construct godowns under the Plan, at the earliest.

Current status of implementation of Grain Storage Plan

Identified PACS/ LAMPS	DPR submitted	PACS approved in DCDC	Financial closure	Under Construction	Construction Completed	Capacity Created (MT)
534	328	389	173	49	85	49,952
