

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 297  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**Steps to Engage PACS**

**†297. Shri Imran Masood:**

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to engage Primary works related to Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in works related to rural water supply works;
- (b) if so, the role of Uttar Pradesh in successfully implementing the said initiative; and
- (c) the manner in which the people residing across the villages are likely to benefit from the said initiative?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): In order to utilize the reach of PACS in rural areas, on the initiative of the Ministry of Cooperation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has made PACS as eligible agencies to carry out the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) of Piped Water Supply (PWS) in rural areas. States/ UTs have been requested to incorporate suitable provisions in their O&M Policy to engage PACS as O&M agencies for the rural PWS. Also, the willing PACS are encouraged and provided support including their capacity building and skilling by the States/ Union Territories (UTs).

The successful implementation of this initiative relies on the cooperation of State governments. States are required to incorporate enabling provisions in their Operation and Maintenance (O&M) policies and identify suitable PACS for engagement in rural piped water supply schemes. In the case of Uttar Pradesh, no PACS has been identified by the State Government to carry out O&M of piped water supply schemes in rural areas. As on 15.11.2025, total 763 PACS have been identified/ selected by 11 States/ UTs to provide O&M services at Panchayat/ Village level. This initiative will not only enhance the income of PACS and create employment opportunities in rural areas, but will also provide a robust mechanism for operation of water supply in rural areas

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