

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2903
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th March, 2026**

†2903. Dr. Sambit Patra:

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

- (a) whether the Government has established and developed any policy or institutional mechanism for the evaluation of computerization of Agriculture and Rural Development Banks and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the contribution of NABARD and other cooperative institutions in the arrangement of the said monitoring mechanism and the details thereof;
- (c) the number of proposals for the computerization of the said banks, which are under consideration of the Government, along with the number of proposals which have been approved State and Territory-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the computerization of the said banks, bank-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a Centrally Sponsored Project namely “Strengthening of Cooperatives through IT Interventions” for computerization of Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs). The proposal was considered and recommended by the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) in its meeting held on 06.10.2023. Under the project, till date, only 10 States/UTs have participated for Computerization of all units of ARDBs. A national level ERP-based software developed by National Unified Software Provider (NUSV) in collaboration with NABARD as implementing agency is utilized with suitable customization as per the needs and requirement of participating States/UTs. The total estimated cost of the Project of Computerisation of ARDBs is Rs. 119.40 Crore. The project provides for hardware procurement, digitization, software customization, cyber security, data centre support and establishment of a Central Project Management Unit (PMU).

NABARD has developed the national-level ERP-based software for ARDBs, which has been adopted for implementation under the project. Further, Ministry of Cooperation is providing technical support and domain expertise in customization and rollout through NABARD and NUSV. The Central PMU under the Ministry monitors project implementation in consultation with NABARD. State Governments/UT Administrations and concerned

ARDBs are involved in coordination, software finalization, hardware procurement, and field-level implementation.

(c) & (d) The details of proposals approved and 10 participating states along with details of funds released, who have been approved under the project are below:-

State Name	Amount released in FY 2023-24	Amount released in FY 2024-25	Amount released in FY 2025-26	Total amount released
Gujarat	-	0.82	0.47	1.29
Haryana	-	0.76	-	0.76
Himachal Pradesh	-	0.56	0.48	1.04
Karnataka	0.80	-	0.48	1.28
Puducherry	0.04	-	0.07	0.11
Punjab	0.47	-	0.95	1.42
Rajasthan	-	0.67	0.48	1.15
Tamil Nadu	-	1.49	0.48	1.97
Tripura	0.04	-	0.10	0.14
Uttar Pradesh	1.27	-	0.48	1.75
Total	2.62	4.30	3.97	10.89
