

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st July 2026

PACS as PM Kisan Samriddhi Kendras

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

- (a) the total number of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the country have been granted permission to function as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra;
- (b) the actual number of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) that are currently functioning as PMKSK;
- (c) the States where the pilot project for PACS training was conducted by the Government including the number of PACS provided training under the said pilot project;
- (d) in which States the pilot project of PACS training was conducted by the Government and how many PACS were trained under the 'Pilot Project'; and
- (e) the key learnings from the pilot project on Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) training?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) & (b) The Government aims to operationalise PMKSKs in a phased manner, in all functional PACS. PACS functioning as PMKSKs enables them to provide various quality agri-inputs like fertilizers, seeds, farm implements, pesticides, soil/ seed testing facilities, etc., to the farmers at Panchayat/village level itself, thus helping in improving the agricultural productivity.

As per the data provided by States/ UTs, 38,974 PACS are currently operating as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSKs) in the country.

(c) & (d) The pilot project for PACS training was conducted in the year 2024-25 in 4 districts of 4 states i.e. Himachal Pradesh (Una), Rajasthan (Jodhpur), Tamil Nadu (Theni) and Odisha (Sambalpur) in which 284 PACS were provided training by conducting 295 training programmes in which 85,219 participants were trained. Apart from the pilot project, the NCCT is conducting awareness programmes for PACS every year. Since inception of Ministry of Cooperation, the NCCT has conducted a total of 7,320 awareness programmes in the country for PACS through its 20 institutes in which 6,00,602 participants were trained from the year 2022-23 to June, 2026. The institute-wise position of number of programmes conducted and number of participants trained is given in Annexure.

(e) Key learnings from the pilot project on PACS training are as follows-

- Training interventions have significantly reduced performance gaps and strengthened functional capabilities.
- Participants have acquired new skills, particularly in DPR preparation, and gained a better understanding of government schemes.
- Members are now more aware of their roles, responsibilities, and powers within cooperatives.
- PACS have developed a clear understanding of converging schemes of different ministries to strengthen cooperative activities.
- Members have gained a stronger sense of ownership and participation in cooperative institutions.
- Several PACS have shown interest in diversifying activities, including Common Service Centres, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, LPG agencies, obtaining license for providing high quality seeds, pesticides, etc., to farmers.

Annexure

Unit-wise Cooperative Awareness Program (Scaling up) data from 2022-23 to 2026-27 (up to June, 2026)p

S. No	Name of the Institutes	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27	
		No. of Prog	No. of Part.	No. of Prog	No. of Part.	No. of Prog	No. of Part.	No. of Prog	No. of Part.	(up to June, 2026) No. of Prog	No. of Part.
1	VAMNICOM, Pune	48	6387	115	10558	35	3970	100	5625	0	0
2	RICM, Bengaluru	27	4225	56	9072	104	12574	141	12055	17	761
3	RICM, Chandigarh	100	9445	70	6330	50	4338	108	7462	38	1863
4	RICM, Gandhinagar	68	7420	120	9000	168	7709	230	10000	65	5833
5	RICM, Kalyani	92	6935	106	9011	71	6194	10	912	0	0
6	RICM, Patna	19	830	86	5637	72	3781	71	4041	21	494
7	ICM, Bhopal	54	6822	101	5631	94	4804	35	2403	23	1366
8	ICM, Bhubaneswar	85	7991	124	6108	127	4463	157	5962	23	1093
9	ICM, Chennai	27	3253	55	10855	40	8016	103	16462	34	3762

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10	ICM, Dehradun	147	7883	73	3538	37	1788	33	1434	6	271
11	ICM, Guwahati	76	7577	53	8141	33	4161	46	12844	19	748
12	ICM, Hyderabad	54	6979	75	7473	114	7259	96	3130	27	711
13	ICM, Imphal	60	7315	55	4267	27	1651	70	3386	14	485
14	ICM, Jaipur	69	5044	214	8325	22	1201	115	8108	42	3832
15	ICM, Kannur	43	6461	79	9976	122	20798	254	27662	52	2668
16	ICM, Lucknow	65	5585	36	1962	47	3868	44	4220	11	778
17	ICM, Madurai	54	6154	94	8065	41	4626	100	10014	12	1118
18	ICM, Nagpur	77	5340	97	7325	104	5699	129	7128	24	983
19	ICM, Pune	187	8215	138	8919	54	3783	113	2922	16	347
20	ICM, Thiruvananthapuram	122	4329	133	12787	53	11760	137	25119	15	2987
	Total	1474	124190	1880	152980	1415	122443	2092	170889	459	30100