

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1923  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15/12/2021**

**PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES**

1923. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce a new cooperative policy in the country;
- (b) the number of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) in the country at present;
- (c) whether Government proposes to increase the number of PACS in order to strengthen the cooperative movement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF COOPERATION**

**(SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

(a): The Country already has a rich cooperative heritage and a robust cooperative sector. However, public policy in any sector is a dynamic instrument which is revised from time to time depending upon the needs of the time and situation. The Ministry of Cooperation has accordingly started consultations with various stakeholders including different Ministries of Central Governments, State Governments, NABARD, and major cooperative institutions across the country to evolve a new cooperative policy so as to further strengthen the sector.

(b) to (d): There are about 95 Thousand Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) in the country at present. However, the mandate of the Ministry of Cooperation includes strengthening of cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grassroots level so as to cover unserved areas as well.

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