

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
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World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has inaugurated a pilot project on world largest grain storage plan;
- (b) if so, the details of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) where the pilot project started, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has laid foundation-stone for 500 more PACS, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of PACS going to be set up in Karnataka; and
- (e) the impact of newly laid PACS on achieving the largest grain storage plan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government on 31.05.2023, approved the “World’s Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector”, to be rolled out as a Pilot Project. The Plan entails creation of various agri infrastructure at Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) level, including godowns, custom hiring center, processing units, etc. through convergence of various existing schemes of the Government of India (GoI), 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.

(b): Under the Pilot Project of the Plan, construction of godowns has been completed in 11 PACS of 11 States, the State-wise details of which are as under:

S.No.	State	District	Name of PACS	Capacity of Godown (MT)
1.	Maharashtra	Amravati	Neripanglai Vividh Karyakari Sahakari Sanstha	3,000
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Mirzapur	Bahudeshiya Prathamik Grameen Sahakari Samiti Limited, Kotwa Panday	1,500

3.	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat	Bahudeshiya Prathamik Krishi Saakh Sahakari Society Maryadit Parswada	500
4.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	The Chandranagar Group Seva Sahakari Mandli Limited	750
5.	Tamil Nadu	Theni	Silamarathupatti Primary Agriculture Credit Society	1,000
6.	Rajasthan	Sri Ganganagar	Ghumudwali Gram Seva Sahakari Samiti Limited	250
7.	Telangana	Karimnagar	Primary Agriculture Credit Society Limited, Gambhiropet	500
8.	Karnataka	Bidar	Primary Agriculture Cooperative Federation Limited, Ekamba	1,000
9.	Tripura	Gomati	Khilpara Primary Agriculture Credit Society Limited	250
10.	Assam	Kamrup	2 No. Pub Bongshar G.P.S.S Limited	500
11.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Bahudeshiya Kisan Seva Sahakari Samiti Limited, Sahaspur	500
	Total			9,750

(c): In addition to the above, foundation stones have been laid in 500 additional PACS under the Pilot Project. So far, a total of 575 PACS have been identified in various States/ UTs, the State-wise details of which are attached at **Annexure**.

(d): The Ministry is implementing a plan to establish and strengthen 2 lakh multipurpose PACS, Dairy and Fishery Cooperative Societies to cover all the panchayats/ villages across the country, for which a Margdarshika (Standard Operating Procedure) has also been launched. As per the Margdarshika, 128 PACS have already been formed in the State of Karnataka against the target of establishing 218 PACS till FY 2028-29.

Further, under the Pilot Project of the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan, a godown of 1,000 MT capacity at Primary Agriculture Cooperative Federation Limited, Ekamba in Bidar District of the State of Karnataka, has also been constructed.

(e): As a result of the Pilot Project of the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan, a total of 9,750 MT of decentralized storage capacity has been created at PACS level. The creation of godowns at PACS level intends to reduce food grain wastage by creating sufficient decentralized storage capacity, strengthen food security of the country, prevent distress sale of crops and enable farmers to realise better prices for their crops. Since PACS can also operate as procurement centre as well as Fair Price Shops (FPS), the cost incurred in transportation of food grains to procurement centres and again transporting the stocks back from warehouses to FPS can also be saved.

Annexure**State-wise details of identified PACS/ LAMPS**

Sr.No	Name of the State	Identified PACS / LAMPS
1.	Maharashtra	258
2.	Gujarat	47
3.	Tripura	8
4.	Haryana	11
5.	Odisha	78
6.	Uttar Pradesh	24
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	11
8.	Rajasthan	100
9.	Madhya Pradesh	38
Sub Total		575
