

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd APRIL, 2025

PACS/Dairy/Fisheries Cooperative Societies in every Panchayat/Village

3529. Dr. K. Laxman:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Government's initiative to establish new multi-purpose PACSs, dairy, and fisheries cooperative societies has strengthened rural economies across all panchayats and villages;
- (b) the manner in which convergence of various Government schemes with the support of NABARD, NDDDB and NFDB is ensuring the effective implementation of this plan; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the registration of 10,825 new cooperative societies has contributed to enhance the cooperative sector's reach and impact across States-wise/UTs-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): The Government has approved the Plan to establish 2 lakh new multi-purpose PACS (M-PACS), Dairy & Fishery Cooperative Societies to cover all the Panchayats/ Villages across the country through convergence of various existing schemes of Government of India (GoI), including Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF), National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), etc, with the support of National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB), National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and State/ UT Governments. The convergence of GoI schemes under this Plan enables newly formed Dairy & Fishery Cooperative Societies to set up and modernize necessary infrastructure for diversifying their activities, like, milk testing laboratories, bulk milk coolers, milk processing units, construction of biofloc ponds, fish kiosks, development of hatcheries, acquiring deep sea fishing vessels, etc.

Further, in order to diversify the business activities of PACS, the Government has circulated Model Bye-laws for PACS to all the States/ UTs, which enable them to undertake more than 25 economic activities, including dairy, fishery, floriculture, setting up godowns, processing, marketing of agricultural produce, custom hiring centers, Common Service Centers (CSCs), Fair Price Shops (FPS), community irrigation, etc. The registration of new PACS as multipurpose PACS enables them as well as their farmer members to diversify their business

activities, expand their access to markets & credit and generate additional sources of revenue for themselves.

As on 27.1.2025, 12,957 new M-PACS, Dairy and Fishery Cooperative Societies have been registered across States/ UTs, with 17,10,224 farmer members associated with them, the details of which are enclosed at **Annexure**.

The formation of these newly formed cooperative societies enables their farmer members to get requisite forward and backward linkages to market their produce, expand the size of their markets, enhance their incomes, obtain credit facilities, and other services at the village level itself, thus contributing towards strengthening the rural economy.

Annexure**State/ UT- wise details of newly registered Cooperative Societies**

Sr. No.	State/UT	Total no. of newly registered M-PACS, DCS and FCS	No. of associated farmer members
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	9	104
2.	Andhra Pradesh	897	18,018
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	33	1,337
4.	Assam	321	17,546
5.	Bihar	308	80,873
6.	Chhattisgarh	331	6,050
7.	Goa	12	247
8.	Gujarat	733	98,031
9.	Haryana	50	4,389
10.	Himachal Pradesh	411	8,556
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,118	22,840
12.	Jharkhand	248	9,858
13.	Karnataka	598	82,035
14.	Ladakh	4	371
15.	Lakshadweep	7	508
16.	Madhya Pradesh	613	27,350
17.	Maharashtra	889	65,008
18.	Manipur	95	11,216
19.	Meghalaya	206	11,994
20.	Mizoram	29	1,093
21.	Nagaland	14	657
22.	Odisha	1,535	6,87,126
23.	Puducherry	7	507
24.	Punjab	80	1,851
25.	Rajasthan	1,995	3,22,255
26.	Sikkim	57	1,192
27.	Tamil Nadu	520	36,271
28.	Telangana	82	2,345
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	5	298
30.	Tripura	40	961
31.	Uttar Pradesh	1,464	1,79,926
32.	Uttarakhand	147	3,612
33.	West Bengal	99	5,799
Total		12,957	17,10,224