

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.327**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/07/2022

**Funding of PACS**

327. Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of Cooperation be pleased to state

- (a) the number of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) identified to be computerised by Government and the quantum of funds earmarked for the same purpose;
- (b) the number of PACS of Bihar which would be benefitted by the same;
- (c) the quantum of funds Bihar would receive per PAC and also the total funds under the said scheme;
- (d) whether funds would also be provided for the upgradation of the already computerised PACS; and
- (e) whether there is any provision of funds for maintenance of computers and computer operator?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

a) A centrally sponsored project “Computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)” has been approved with an outlay of about Rs. 2,516 crores for computerization of 63,000 functional PACS which are at the bottom of the three tier rural credit structure.

(b) & (c): As per the preliminary survey done by NABARD, approximately 5,618 PACS are functional in Bihar which will be benefitted in the project. However, all the functional PACS, as per the recommendation of the respective State Governments will be taken up for computerization under the said project. The cost for the computerization and digitalization is Rs. 3,91,369/- per PACS which is inclusive of procurement of hardware, multi-functional devices, a comprehensive ERP solution covering all the businesses, training, digitization and porting of legacy data, maintenance and handholding support etc. The cost for the hardware, digitization and support system will be shared between the Government of India and State Government in ratio of 60:40. For other components such as software, cyber security and data storage, training and setting up of PMU will be borne by the Government of India and NABARD.

(d) In those states where PACS have been already computerized, an amount of Rs. 50,000 per PACS will be reimbursed provided they agree to integrate with the common National software, their hardware meets the required specifications, and the computerization of PACS was commissioned after 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017 i.e. the date of 2017-18 budget announcement.

(e) The project has a provision of a support system whereby one support centre on an average for about every 200 PACS/District level will be set up. These support centres will provide hardware support, maintenance, training and handholding to the PACS during the project period upto 2027. The society will have to arrange for the manpower including the computer operator for its day to day operation.

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