

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2026**

Coverage of PACS in Gram Panchayats

131# Shri Nilesh Dnyandev Lanke:

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

- (a) the details of the current coverage of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies (PACS) in Gram Panchayats in the country along with the establishment of new multi-purpose cooperative institutions under the national plan;
- (b) the steps taken to link PACS with Central schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PMKSK) and Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJK);
- (c) the steps taken to expand the scope of cooperative institutions in emerging sectors like organic production and fisheries through institutions like National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) and National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) in States including Maharashtra; and
- (d) the monitoring and evaluation mechanism established by the Government to ensure effective coordination and accountability among the States and Union Territories?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 131 “COVERAGE OF PACS IN GRAM PANCHAYATS” ASKED BY SHRI. NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE AND DR. SHIVAJI BANDAPPA KALGE, HON’BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT DUE FOR REPLY ON 28TH JULY, 2026.

- (a) As per the National Cooperative Database, as on 15.07.2026, out of 2,71,110 Gram Panchayats (GPs) across the country, **2,52,151 GPs** are covered by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). Of these, 2,23,016 GPs are fully covered and 29,135 GPs are partially covered. The State-wise details of PACS coverage in Gram Panchayats are enclosed at **Annexure-1**.

Since the Government of India approved the plan on 15.02.2023 to establish new multipurpose PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperative societies, a total of **38,292** new PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperative societies have been registered. The State-wise details of these newly registered PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperative societies are enclosed at **Annexure-2**.

- (b) The Government has taken several measures to link Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) with Central Government schemes and transform them into multipurpose rural service centres. The Government prepared and circulated Model Bye-laws for PACS, which enable PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities. PACS are now functioning as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhhi Kendras (PMKSKs), Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs), Common Service Centres (CSCs), and other service centres.

Further, under the PACS Computerization Project, with a total outlay of Rs. 2,925.39 crore, functional PACS are being brought onto a common ERP-based national software. The software has provisions for integration with PMKSKs, PMBJKs, CSCs, the Kisan Rin Portal, and the RuPay and Kisan Credit Card databases.

- (c) The Government has expanded the role of cooperative institutions in emerging sectors such as organic farming, exports and fisheries under the vision of "Sahakar-se-Samridhhi." The National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) has been established to support aggregation, certification, processing, branding and marketing of organic products. As on 15.07.2026, 14,286 PACS and cooperative societies, including those from Maharashtra, have become members of NCOL. Its products are marketed under the "Bharat Organics" brand, with 29 organic products currently available. NCOL has also launched a portal and mobile application and expanded its reach through e-commerce and quick-commerce platforms.

Further, the National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) has been established to promote exports of cooperative produce. As on 15.07.2026, 16,408 PACS and cooperative societies have joined NCEL. In the fisheries sector, new primary fisheries

cooperative societies are being formed in uncovered areas. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has registered 70 Fish Farmer Producer Organisations (FFPOs) and is supporting the conversion of 1,000 fisheries cooperative societies into FFPOs to strengthen aggregation and market linkages.

(d) Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) has adopted a multi-layered approach to monitor cooperative societies at the grassroots level for ensuring effective implementation, coordination and accountability in States. For this purpose, committees have been constituted at various levels, from the national level to the district level. These include:

- (i). Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) – Chaired by the Hon’ble Minister of Home Affairs & Cooperation;
- (ii). National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC) – Chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation;
- (iii). State Cooperative Development Committee (SCDC) – Chaired by the Chief Secretary of the respective State/UT; and
- (iv). District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) – Chaired by the District Collector of the respective district.

In addition, State/ UTs have been facilitated to review the performance of primary cooperative societies of 12 major sectors using the cooperative ranking framework through National Cooperative Database (NCD) portal of the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India.

Annexure-1

State-wise coverage of PACS in Gram Panchayats (GPs)

S. No.	State/UT	Total GPs	GPs Fully Covered by PACS (%)	GPs Partially Covered by PACS (%)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	264	38 (14.4%)	29 (10.9%)
2	Andhra Pradesh	13367	12234 (91.5%)	246 (1.8%)
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2108	570 (27.0%)	54 (2.6%)
4	Assam	2714	1778 (65.5%)	810 (29.8%)
5	Bihar	8329	6432 (77.2%)	1599 (19.2%)
6	Chandigarh	0	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
7	Chhattisgarh	11719	11362 (96.9%)	257 (2.2%)
8	Delhi	1	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.0%)
9	Goa	191	187 (97.9%)	2 (1.1%)
10	Gujarat	14859	12885 (86.7%)	872 (5.9%)
11	Haryana	6692	5849 (87.4%)	97 (1.4%)
12	Himachal Pradesh	3615	2498 (69.1%)	1099 (30.4%)
13	Jammu and Kashmir	4291	3089 (71.9%)	520 (12.1%)
14	Jharkhand	4372	2729 (62.4%)	1612 (36.9%)
15	Karnataka	5966	4067 (68.2%)	1850 (31.0%)
16	Kerala	941	704 (74.8%)	237 (25.2%)
17	Ladakh	193	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
18	Lakshadweep	15	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
19	Madhya Pradesh	23071	21084 (91.4%)	1859 (8.1%)
20	Maharashtra	28080	25166 (89.6%)	2270 (8.1%)
21	Manipur	3184	1933 (60.7%)	17 (0.5%)
22	Meghalaya	7056	3410 (48.3%)	1 (0.01%)
23	Mizoram	856	161 (18.8%)	3 (0.3%)
24	Nagaland	1321	595 (45.0%)	0 (0.0%)
25	Odisha	6802	5560 (81.7%)	1112 (16.3%)
26	Puducherry	108	85 (78.7%)	6 (5.6%)
27	Punjab	13250	12413 (93.7%)	445 (3.4%)
28	Rajasthan	11442	7782 (68.0%)	3073 (26.9%)
29	Sikkim	199	131 (65.8%)	65 (32.7%)
30	Tamil Nadu	12521	8448 (67.5%)	1398 (11.2%)
31	Telangana	12944	11579 (89.4%)	731 (5.6%)
32	DNH & DD	38	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
33	Tripura	1194	921 (77.1%)	217 (18.2%)
34	Uttarakhand	7862	7161 (91.1%)	631 (8.0%)
35	Uttar Pradesh	58205	51106 (87.8%)	6155 (10.6%)
36	West Bengal	3340	1059 (31.7%)	1868 (55.9%)
	Total	271110	223016 (82.3%)	29135 (10.8%)
			252151 (93.0%)	

Source: NCD portal as of 15.07.2026.

Annexure-2

**State-wise details newly registered PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperative societies,
since 15.02.2023**

S. No.	State/UT	M-PACS	M-DCS	M-FCS
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	1	2	11
2	Andhra Pradesh	11	1067	2
3	Arunachal Pradesh	136	25	29
4	Assam	580	728	89
5	Bihar	61	4498	2
6	Chhattisgarh	517	361	339
7	Delhi	0	0	0
8	Goa	38	5	4
9	Gujarat	663	810	26
10	Haryana	40	200	6
11	Himachal Pradesh	136	861	12
12	Jammu And Kashmir	232	1343	40
13	Jharkhand	45	300	230
14	Karnataka	266	1264	52
15	Kerala	0	0	0
16	Ladakh	3	3	1
17	Lakshadweep	0	0	29
18	Madhya Pradesh	680	1390	259
19	Maharashtra	214	1223	167
20	Manipur	127	27	71
21	Meghalaya	290	17	19
22	Mizoram	97	2	2
23	Nagaland	50	5	19
24	Odisha	1539	1009	61
25	Puducherry	4	3	3
26	Punjab	158	1049	52
27	Rajasthan	2008	3307	31
28	Sikkim	27	77	4
29	Tamil Nadu	27	940	36
30	Telangana	0	166	102
31	DNH & DD	5	0	1
32	Tripura	294	2	26
33	Uttarakhand	606	271	124
34	Uttar Pradesh	1372	4478	514
35	West Bengal	25	241	3
	TOTAL	10252	25674	2366

Source: NCD portal as of 15.07.2026.