

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4176**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2026**

**Multipurpose PACS**

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made towards establishing Multipurpose PACS, dairy and fisheries cooperatives in every Panchayat/village as approved by Government;
- (b) the number of new cooperatives registered so far under this plan and their geographic spread; and
- (c) how convergence with NABARD, NDDDB and NFDB is being operationalised to ensure financial viability of these institutions?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) & (b) The Government of India on 15.02.2023, has approved the plan to establish new multipurpose PACS/dairy/fisheries cooperatives, aiming to cover all panchayats and villages in the country over the next five years. This initiative is supported by NABARD, National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB), National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), and State/UT Governments.

As per the National Cooperative Database, a total of 36,040 Multipurpose PACS (M-PACS), Dairy (M-DCS) and Fishery (M-FCS) Cooperative Societies have been registered; and 15,793 Dairy and Fisheries Cooperative Societies have been strengthened across the country since the approval of the plan. So far, 16,698 Gram Panchayats (GPs) are covered by 9,444 M-PACS; 20,238 GPs are covered by 24,350 M-DCS; and 4,777 GPs are covered by 2,246 M-FCS. The State-wise number of such newly registered multipurpose PACS/ dairy and fishery cooperatives is attached as **Annexure-1**.

(c) The Government has adopted a “whole of Government” approach to operationalize convergence among NABARD, NDDDB, and NFDB for strengthening cooperative institutions, ensuring their financial viability without requiring separate budgetary allocations. In this regard, an institutional mechanism has been put in place through a National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC), chaired by Secretary (Cooperation) with representation from NABARD, NDDDB, and NFDB, to oversee implementation and ensure coordinated action. Further, a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure (Margdarshika) has been issued on 19.09.2024, outlining clear targets, timelines, and roles of all stakeholders.

**State-wise no. of Multipurpose PACS (M-PACS) /Dairy (M-DCS) /fishery (M-FCS)  
cooperatives registered since 15.02.2023**

S. No.	State	M-PACS	M-DCS	M-FCS	Total
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	1	1	11	13
2	Andhra Pradesh	11	1,077	2	1,090
3	Arunachal Pradesh	130	24	27	181
4	Assam	514	692	86	1,292
5	Bihar	57	4,590	2	4,649
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	482	350	321	1,153
8	Delhi	0	0	0	0
9	Goa	38	5	4	47
10	Gujarat	607	792	24	1,423
11	Haryana	37	177	6	220
12	Himachal Pradesh	129	820	10	959
13	Jammu And Kashmir	230	1,327	37	1,594
14	Jharkhand	45	276	194	515
15	Karnataka	255	1,183	51	1,489
16	Kerala	0	0	0	0
17	Ladakh	3	3	1	7
18	Lakshadweep	0	0	7	7
19	Madhya Pradesh	667	1,151	242	2,060
20	Maharashtra	213	1,202	167	1,582
21	Manipur	108	26	70	204
22	Meghalaya	253	17	15	285
23	Mizoram	98	2	2	102
24	Nagaland	30	5	20	55
25	Odisha	1,545	807	62	2,414
26	Puducherry	4	3	3	10
27	Punjab	94	933	53	1,080
28	Rajasthan	1,613	2,811	25	4,449
29	Sikkim	27	76	4	107
30	Tamil Nadu	28	962	31	1,021
31	Telangana	0	192	102	294
32	Dnh & Dd	5	0	1	6
33	Tripura	290	2	26	318
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,285	4,341	515	6,141
35	Uttarakhand	621	269	122	1,012
36	West Bengal	24	234	3	261
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,444</b>	<b>24,350</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>36,040</b>

Source: - NCD portal as of 26.03.2026.