

## Madhya Pradesh is the First State in the Country to Computerize PACS

## Why In News?

 On December 20, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Principal Secretary Cooperative K.C Gupta told in the Legislative Assembly the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Cooperative Department that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to computerize PACS (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society).

## **Key Points**

- Principal Secretary Cooperative informed that 16 thousand 452 fair price shops are being operated through PACS. Ration is being distributed on time from shops to about 5 crore beneficiaries of 119 lakh families.
- 8 new services have been included in the Public Service Guarantee Act by the department. The system of online registration of cooperative societies has been started on the ICMIS portal.
- About 18 lakh farmers of Kharif season and 14 lakh farmers of Rabi season have been benefitted with crop loan of Rs 16 thousand 860 crore in the zero percent interest scheme by the department in the year 2021-22.
- In the year 2022-23, 19 lakh farmers of Kharif season and 7 lakh farmers of Rabi season have been benefited so far. So far, crop loans worth Rs 14 thousand 699 crores have been disbursed. 39 lakh 57 Kisan Credit Cards have been issued to the eligible beneficiaries of cooperative banks of PM Kisan Yojana.

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