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■ PACS to Henceforth Function as Fertilizer Retailers, Drone Entrepreneurs

Moving ahead with the vision of *Sahkar Se Samridhi*, the Union Government has taken the decision to bring Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) under the ambit of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendras. There are about one lakh PACS present across the country which will henceforth serve as retail outlets for organic fertilizers and as drone entrepreneurs for spraying fertilizers and pesticides on the fields with the help of drones. These decisions, taken during in a meeting of Union Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah with Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in New Delhi on June 08, are expected to augment the income of PACS while increasing employment opportunities in rural areas. It will also benefit the farmers by making organic fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, and agricultural machinery readily available at the local level.