

Eligible Machinery under SMAM (Indicative List)

Farmers and PACS can avail subsidies for the following machinery types:

- Tractors (for small/marginal holdings)
- Power Tillers & Power Weeders
- Rotavators & Cultivators
- Disc Ploughs & Seed-cum-Fertilizer Drills
- Paddy Transplanters & Laser Land Levelers
- Multi-crop Threshers & Harvesters (crop-specific)
- Plant Protection Equipment (sprayers, dusters)
- Chaff Cutters & Brush Cutters
- Post-Harvest & Value Addition Tools (solar dryers, graders, cleaners)
- Irrigation Pumps
- Agricultural Trailers
- Region/Crop-Specific Machinery (based on local needs)

Key points

- **Customizable List:** PACS may suggest additional machinery based on local requirements (with approval).
- **Hi-Tech Support:** Equipment for high-value crops (e.g., sugarcane, cotton) is eligible, especially in Hi-Tech Hubs.
- **Post-Harvest Tech:** Tools supporting value addition and minimizing losses are encouraged.
- **Exclusions:** Items like construction machinery and non-agri vehicles are not eligible (updated periodically).



Implementing agency:



Digital Platform for Farm Mechanization and Technology
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India

Website : <https://agrimachinery.nic.in/>

Click on Registration>> Click on Societies:
Select the Check box of PACS and register



Note: This document provides a broad summary only. Please refer to official website for complete details and detailed application procedures.



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SETTING UP CUSTOM HIRING CENTER BY PRIMARY AGRICULTURE CREDIT SOCIETY (PACS)

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Background

Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs) established by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) are a key rural infrastructure initiative aimed at providing farmers with affordable access to modern agricultural machinery and equipment. Under recent Government plans, including World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector CHCs are being set up at the PACS level alongside other agri-infrastructure such as godowns, processing units, and cold storage facilities.

Why Custom Hiring Centres by PACS?

- High-quality machinery available at affordable rental rates.
- Reduces financial burden on farmers, especially smallholders.
- Increases agricultural productivity and income.
- Promotes sustainable and mechanized farming.
- Diversification of PACS Activities
- Employment Generation
- Timely Operations
- Cost Efficiency

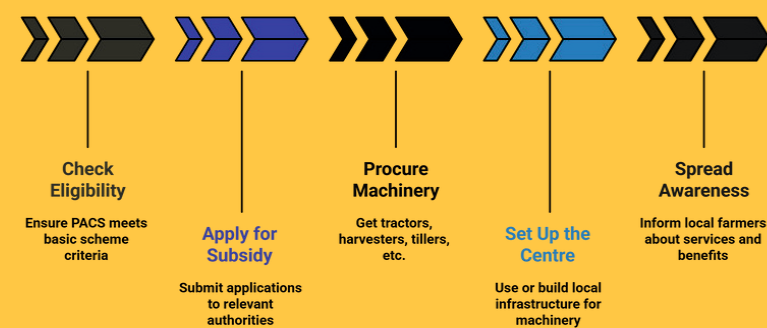
Various Schemes for PACS

Scheme Name	Scheme Name Implementing Agency Support Provided Eligibility Key Features	Support Provided	Eligibility	Key Features
Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	Interest subvention, credit guarantee for loans	PACS, FPOs, SHGs, Agri-entrepreneurs	Loans for CHCs, storage, processing; 3% interest subvention, CGTMSE cover
Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET)	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	Capital subsidy (up to 40% or as per guidelines)	PACS, FPOs, SHGs, Farmer Groups	Direct subsidy for CHC establishment, farm machinery purchase
Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	Subsidy/assistance for infrastructure	PACS, Cooperatives, FPOs	Support for marketing, storage, and CHC infrastructure
PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME)	Ministry of Food Processing Industries	Credit-linked subsidy, technical support	PACS, FPOs, SHGs, Micro-entrepreneurs	Support for processing and hiring centers at PACS
State Government Schemes	State Agriculture/Cooperation Departments	Capital subsidy (up to 40%, up to ₹25 lakh/project)	PACS, FPOs, SHGs, Farmer Groups	Varies by state; direct incentives for CHCs, especially for small/marginal farmers
Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme for Rural Entrepreneurs	State Governments (e.g., West Bengal)	Credit-linked capital subsidy for CHCs	PACS, Rural Entrepreneurs	Focus on high-end machinery, rural entrepreneurship

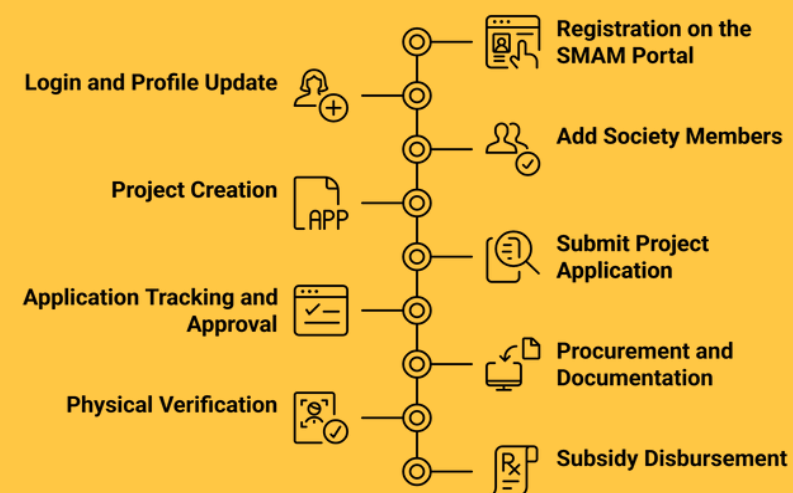
Benefits of CHC for PACS Members

- Affordable Access to Machinery: Rent instead of purchase – reduces costs for farmers.
- Higher Productivity: Perform farming tasks faster and more efficiently.
- Eco-Friendly Farming: Reduce soil erosion and conserve water.
- Extra Income for PACS: Earn revenue by renting out equipment.
- Employment Generation: Create local jobs for operating and maintaining machines

How to Set Up a CHC Under PACS



Step-by-Step Application Process



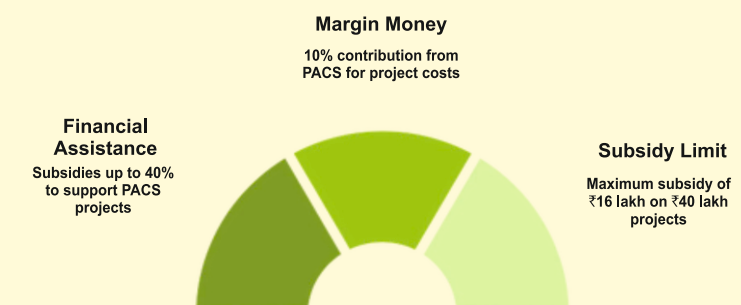
Financial Assistance Available

- Up to 40% subsidy (Max ₹25 lakh) under State Government Schemes
- Credit-linked capital subsidy for CHCs (e.g., West Bengal)

Who Can Apply?

- PACS, FPOs, SHGs, Farmer Groups
- Especially beneficial for small & marginal farmers

Salient features of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)



Implementing entity : Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)

Eligible Activities

- Hiring of farm machinery
- Grain storage & processing
- Agri services

Key Benefits

- Support for small/marginal farmers
- Revenue boost for PACS
- Promotes rural employment

Registration:

Mandatory on Govt. portal with asset tracking

Monitoring:

Through GPS & digital apps for transparency

Funding Pattern:

- 60:40 (Centre:State)
- 90:10 for NE/Himalayan states
- 100% for UTs

Machinery Type:

Crop/location-specific, including hi-tech tools

Application Process:

Apply online via portal or visit local / district office