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To,  
**Marketing Officer Group-I,**  
**Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,**  
**Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare**  
**HO, Faridabad.**

**Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred D.N.1305 regarding Farmers Producers Organisations due for 06/02/2024 - reg.**

Sir,  
 Please refer to your mail letter dated 29.01.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Query	Reply
a)	The various steps taken by the Government to promote Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) in the country;	<p>Realizing the significance of Small, marginal and landless farmers and for providing better services to these farmers, Government has launched the Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" on 29.02.2020 with a clear strategy to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs in the country to facilitate and support small and marginal farmers with Budget of Rs. 6865 crores.</p> <p>The objective of the scheme is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide a holistic and broad-based supportive ecosystem to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs.</li> <li>• To enhance productivity through efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable resource use and realize higher returns through better liquidity and market linkages for their produce and become sustainable through collective action.</li> <li>• To provide handholding support to the FPOs for five years in all aspects of management of FPO, inputs, production, processing and value addition, market linkages, credit linkages and use of technology etc.</li> </ul> <p>To provide effective capacity building to FPOs to develop agriculture-entrepreneurship skills to become economically viable and self-sustaining beyond the period of support from government.</p> <p>Under central sector scheme for Formation and promotion of 10,000 FPOs Scheme, formation of FPOs is based on Produce Cluster Area which means a geographical area wherein agricultural and allied produce such as horticultural produce of similar or of almost similar nature is cultivated. Benefits Extend under 10,000 FPOs scheme are.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Management cost up to INR 18 lakhs over a period of 3 years for office and operational expenses.</li> <li>ii) Provision of Equity Grant of Rs. 2000/- per farmer to the ceiling of Rs.15 lakh/FPO on submission of member's own equity.</li> <li>iii) Credit Guarantee up to INR 2 crores. NABARD has created solely owned NABSANRAKSHAN Private Trustee Ltd. (NABTL) to manage sovereign Credit Guarantee Fund trust for FPO credit guarantee fund.</li> </ol>

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		iv) Capacity building, training and skill development of CEOs/ BoDs and other stakeholders. v) Handholding and support to new FPOs up to 5 years from the year of creation in all aspects of management of FPO, inputs, production, processing and value addition, market linkages, credit linkages and use of technology etc.
b)	The details and the number of FPOs have been formed across the country especially in the States of Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, State-wise;	As on date, total 7853 FPOs has been registered in country and 510 are registered in the state of Maharashtra and 170 registered in Chhattisgarh under Central Sector Scheme of "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).  State wise FPOs formed are attached (Annexure-I)
c)	The details list for the registered FPOs in Maharashtra State, district-wise;	List enclosed (Annexure-II)
d)	The amount of funds released for these registered FPOs in the State of Maharashtra; and	The amount of Fund released for the registered FPOs in the state Maharashtra as on date is as follows- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity Grant Released - Rs. 13.5 Crores</li> <li>• FPO Management cost - Rs. 19.1 Crores</li> <li>• CBBO Management Cost - Rs. 15.4 Crores</li> </ul>
e)	The details of the functions/activities / services allowed to be carried by the FPOs?	<b>Services and Activities to be undertaken by FPOs-</b>  The FPOs may provide and undertake following relevant major services and activities for their development as may be necessary:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Supply quality production inputs like seed, fertilizer, pesticides and other inputs at reasonably lower wholesale rates.</li> <li>ii) Make available need based production and post-production machinery and equipment like cultivator, tiller, sprinkler set, combine harvester and such other machinery and equipment on custom hiring basis for members to reduce the per unit production cost.</li> <li>iii) Make available value addition like cleaning, assaying, sorting, grading, packing and also farm level processing facilities at user charge basis on reasonably cheaper rate. Storage and transportation facilities may also be made available.</li> <li>iv) Undertake higher income generating activities like seed production, bee keeping, mushroom cultivation etc.</li> <li>v) Undertake aggregation of smaller lots of farmer-members' produce; add value to make them more marketable.</li> <li>vi) Facilitate market information about the produce for judicious decision in production and marketing.</li> <li>vii) Facilitate logistics services such as storage, transportation, loading/un-loading etc. on shared cost basis.</li> <li>viii) Market the aggregated produce with better negotiation strength to the buyers and in the marketing channels offering better and remunerative prices.</li> </ol>

In addition to above, FPOs may engage different value addition services from time to time.

Yours faithfully

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Dy. Director (Admn)

		Annexure-I
S. No.	States	Grand Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	394
3	Arunachal Pradesh	138
4	Assam	332
5	Bihar	501
6	Chhattisgarh	170
7	Dadra Nagar Haveli	-
8	Goa	8
9	Gujarat	391
10	Haryana	150
11	Himachal Pradesh	116
12	Jammu & Kashmir	203
13	Jharkhand	287
14	Karnataka	271
15	Kerala	122
16	Ladakh	3
17	Lakshadweep	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	582
19	Maharashtra	510
20	Manipur	76
21	Meghalaya	52
22	Mizoram	48
23	Nagaland	83
24	Odisha	414
25	Puducherry	6
26	Punjab	121
27	Rajasthan	505
28	Sikkim	13
29	Tamil Nadu	392
30	Telangana	277
31	Tripura	54
32	Uttar Pradesh	1,181
33	Uttarakhand	134
34	West Bengal	311
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,853</b>