

No: SFAC/43/Parl.Qus/2025-26
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Dated : Signed date

To,

Marketing Officer (Group-1)
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 New Delhi

Sub: Lok Sabha admitted Unstarred Q. No. 641 due for answer on 03.02.2026-reg

Sir,

Please refer to your email dated 28.01.2026 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

Question	Reply
(a) whether the Government provides subsidies to farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs) and entrepreneurs under employment-oriented schemes in the agricultural sector; (b) if so, the names of such schemes presently under implementation along with the provision and percentage of subsidy under each scheme; (c) the prescribed time-limit for disbursement of the sanctioned subsidy amount to the beneficiaries under the said schemes;	(a) to (c) Government has launched a Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" in 2020 in the country to leverage economies of scales in production and marketing both for small holding farmers. Further, scheme provides special focus to include small, marginal including landless farmers, women farmers, women SHGs, SC/ST farmers and other economically weaker categories as members to make FPOs more inclusive. One of the objectives of the scheme, <i>inter-alia</i>, is to create job opportunity in the rural sector through engagement of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs)/ Managers, Accountants, etc and also developing FPOs as agri. enterprises, thereby giving further employment opportunities therein. Under aforesaid central sector scheme, there is no subsidy as such, however, management cost @ Rs. 18.00 lakh per FPO as grant is provided for three years from its formation, in addition to matching equity grant maximum of Rs. 15.00 lakh per FPO @ maximum of Rs. 2000/- per farmer-member. Apart from above, scheme also provides credit guarantee facility up to project cost of Rs. 2.0 crore per FPO together with support for capacity building.
(d) whether complaints regarding delays in subsidy payments in various States have come to the notice of the Government; and (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to address and eliminate such delays?	(d) & (e) Payment has been completely digitised and no delay is noticed once demands/ bills by FPOs are raised on the portal

Yours faithfully,
 Digitally signed by
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