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To,

Under Secretary (M-II)
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi.

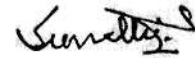
Sub: Lok Sabha Admitted Starred Question No. 298 due for answer on 22.12.2023 regarding "Fertilizer License for FPOs"

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 20.12.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Query	Reply
a)	whether Fertilizer Control Organization (FCO) has included Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) to be eligible to avail fertilizer license by engaging a person with prescribed qualification in the country; and	FPOs are eligible to avail fertilizer license for fertilizer dealership (wholesale/retail) by engaging a person with prescribed qualification.
b)	if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof.	An FPO Board of Director or an employee of the FPO can apply for new fertilizer license upon having a qualification as B.Sc (Agriculture)/ B.Sc (Chemistry)/Diploma in Agriculture or certificate course on agri-inputs from state specified institutions.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. Sumathi S)
Dy. Director (Admn)