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Dated 07.12.2023

To,
Marketing Officer Group-1,
Directorate of Marketing and Inspection,
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
HO, Faridabad.

Sub: LS admitted unstarred Q. No. 1537 regarding ' Increasing the Demand of Millets' due for answer on 12.12.2023-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 07.12.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Query	Reply
a)	Whether the government is considering providing incentives to farmers growing Millets and if so, the details thereof.	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. In the said scheme, FPOs are being formed and promoted in Millet's commodity as well . Benefits availed by FPOs under 10,000 FPOs scheme are. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management cost subsidy up to INR 18 lakhs over a period of 3 years for office and operational expenses• Provision of Equity Grant of Rs. 2000/- per farmer to the ceiling of Rs.15 lakh/FPO on submission of member's own equity.• Credit Guarantee up to INR 2 crores. NABARD has created solely owned NABSANRAKSHAN Trustee Private Ltd. to manage sovereign Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for FPO credit guarantee fund.• Capacity building, training and skill development of CEOs/BoDs and other stakeholders
b)	Whether it is also true that the country aims to produce 45 million tonnes of Millets by 2023.	Ministry may reply
c)	Whether it is also true that millets has lost its sheen with the production of more rice and wheat.	Ministry may reply
(d)	Whether it is also a fact that there is a need to make investments in research and development for making products based on Jowar and Bajra for which there was a huge Market	Ministry may reply
	If so, the details thereof?	Ministry may reply

Yours faithfully


07/12/2023
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Accounts Officer

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