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To,

Under Secretary (M-II)
Agricultural Marketing Division (M-II),
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

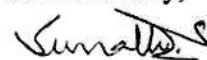
Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Dy. No. 1738 for 25/07/2023 - request for inputs.

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 19.07.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

| S. No | Question | Reply from SFAC |
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| (a) | the details of the total number of registered Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOS) in the country, State/UT-wise; | The details of 6,319 FPOs formed as on 30.06.2023 under Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10000 FPOs. |
| (b) | whether it is a fact that thousands of FPOS are still unable to access from financial institutions; | Under the scheme, there is Provision of Matching Equity Grant up to Rs.15 lakh/FPO on submission of member's equity Producer members' own equity supplemented by a matching Equity Grant from Government, has strengthened financial base of FPOs and help them to get credit from financial institutions for their projects and working capital requirements for business development. 2346 FPOs formed under the 10,000 FPOs scheme have been disbursed matching equity grant of INR 95.99 Crores till date. Under the scheme, there is provision of Credit Guarantee Facility of 75% project loan of Rs. 2.00 Crore per FPO; To ensure access of FPOs to credit from mainstream Banks and Financial Institutions, a dedicated Credit Guarantee Fund (CGF) has been created to accelerate flow of institutional credit to FPOs by minimizing the risk of financial institutions for granting loan to FPOs and to improve their financial ability to execute better business plans. 828 Credit Guarantees has been issued to 740 FPOs with the guarantee cover of INR 147.04 Crore so far. |
| (c) | if so, the details thereof; | |
| (d) | whether the Government is taking any measures to help better accessibility of funds for these FPOS in the country; and | |
| (e) | if so, the details thereof and If not, the reasons therefor? | |
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Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Sumathi S)

Dy. Director (Admn)