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To,
Agriculture Census Division
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Sub: Inputs for Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy.No 847 due for answer on 05.12.2023 on 'Schemes for ST/SC tenant farmers' reg.

Sir,
Please refer to your mail letter dated 24.11.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S.No.	Question	Reply as far as SFAC is concerned
(a)	Whether the Government is aware that many Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) tenant farmers are not able to avail the benefits of the welfare schemes of the Ministry as they do not have land title;	Central Sector Scheme of GOI for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs" is available for SC/ST tenant farmers also. "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs" scheme is for supporting farmers belonging to SC/ST/ Women small, marginal, landless tenant farmers.
(b)	If so, whether any scheme are proposed for the benefit of such tenant farmers;	As per clause 11.3 iv) "Minimum 50% of its shareholders are small, marginal and landless tenant farmers as defined by the Agriculture Census carried out periodically by the Ministry of Agriculture, GoI. Women farmers' participation as its shareholders is to be preferred."
(c)	If so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor	Clause 4.4 "It may provide special focus to include small, marginal and women farmers/women SHGs, SC/ST farmers and other economically weaker categories etc. as members to make FPOs more effective and inclusive."
(d)	Whether the Government has made any efforts to provide agricultural loans to the said tenant farmers; and	No such information available with SFAC.
(e)	If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?	

Yours faithfully,



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