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Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium
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To,

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

Sub: Lok Sabha Question Dy. No.9435 for 08.08.2023 - request for inputs.

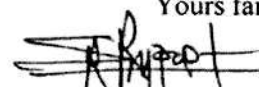
Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 27.07.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

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(a)	Whether the Government has set up Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) in various states and if so. The details thereof including functions performed by SFAC;	<p>SFAC is established in 1994 as a society under Societies Registration Act, 1860. SFAC has its head office in Delhi and has also an office in Guwahati, Assam. The mandate of SFAC is as under:-</p> <p>(i) To promote agri-business projects by catalysing private investment for generating income and rural employment; and</p> <p>(ii) To promote aggregation of farmers as producers' organisations with forward and backward linkages for efficient supply chain management.</p> <p>Various State Governments have also set up State level SFACs in their respective States and have sought corpus fund from GOI. The amount Rs. 900.00 lakhs was released to 21 State SFACs as matching Corpus for setting up of State SFAC as per details given below :</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>State SFAC</th><th>Amount Released as corpus (Rs. In lakhs)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Arunachal Pradesh</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Assam</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Himachal Pradesh</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Jharkhand</td><td>25.00</td></tr><tr><td>Kerala</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Karnataka</td><td>25.00</td></tr><tr><td>Madhya Pradesh</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Maharashtra</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Meghalaya</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Manipur</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Mizoram</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Nagaland</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Punjab</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Sikkim</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Tamil Nadu</td><td>50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Tripura</td><td>50.00</td></tr></tbody></table>	State SFAC	Amount Released as corpus (Rs. In lakhs)	Arunachal Pradesh	50.00	Assam	50.00	Himachal Pradesh	50.00	Jharkhand	25.00	Kerala	50.00	Karnataka	25.00	Madhya Pradesh	50.00	Maharashtra	50.00	Meghalaya	50.00	Manipur	50.00	Mizoram	50.00	Nagaland	50.00	Punjab	50.00	Sikkim	50.00	Tamil Nadu	50.00	Tripura	50.00
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		Gujarat	50.00
		Total	900.00
(b)	The details of projects/schemes being implemented, funds sanctioned and physical achievement/progress made so far under the SFAC, state-wise;	<p>SFAC has skills and expertise in formation and promotion of FPOs since 2012. At present, SFAC is engaged in Central Sector Scheme for "Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs" across the country. SFAC has been entrusted in formation & promotion of 3,599 FPOs out of 10,000 FPOs by DA&FW. As on 31st July, 2023, 2657 no. of FPOs across the country have already been incorporated under the scheme. State-wise information is annexed -A. Under the 10,000 FPOs scheme, FPO management cost of Rs.94.90 cr. and Equity Grant of Rs.32.91 cr. have been released.</p> <p>SFAC is the nodal implementing agency for National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). With the objective to facilitate transaction of Agriculture Produce between seller (Farmer, FPO etc) and buyer (Trader, Processor, Exporter, Institutional buyer etc), Government of India has launched National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) in April 2016. e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading (e-trading) portal which seeks to network the existing physical APMCs through a virtual platform to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities. e-NAM is a "virtual" market, but it has a physical market (mandi) at the back end. For more information, kindly access www.enam.gov.in or Toll Free no. : 1800-2700-224 Key achievements of e-NAM are placed as Annexure B.</p>	
(c)	Whether the SFAC has been able to make any impact on the agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof;	SFAC has formed FPOs under various scheme viz. NFSM, MIDH, VIUC and tribal welfare etc besides the Central Sector Scheme for "Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs". The total no. of 13.72 lakh farmers have been benefitted under the various schemes of SFAC.	
(d)	Whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of SFAC to make it more effective; and	Govt. of India under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary held a meeting of Committee of Secretaries on 15.11.2017 about the role and relevance of SFAC and recommended to entrust additional responsibility/ targets to SFAC. In 2020, NITI Aayog - Wattal Committee had specifically recommended SFAC as the only organisation of its kind and has been working to promote agribusiness and the empowerment of farmers. Therefore, considering the importance of being the Implementing Agency of eNAM, SFAC is recommended to continue as autonomous body.	
(e)	If so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regards	SFAC is entrusted as Nodal Agency and one of the Implementing Agency under the CSS for "Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs" & Lead Implementing agency for eNAM scheme.	

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Rajneet Singh Rajpoot)
Dy. Director (PDF)

Annexure-A**State wise details of registered FPOs under Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs by SFAC as on 31-07-2023**

S. No.	States	No. of Registered
1	Andhra Pradesh	77
2	Arunachal Pradesh	10
3	Assam	111
4	Bihar	191
5	Chhattisgarh	60
6	Gujarat	111
7	Haryana	50
8	Himachal Pradesh	55
9	Jammu & Kashmir	81
10	Jharkhand	81
11	Karnataka	45
12	Kerala	40
13	Madhya Pradesh	250
14	Maharashtra	175
15	Manipur	9
16	Meghalaya	8
17	Mizoram	12
18	Nagaland	8
19	Odisha	141
20	Punjab	65
21	Rajasthan	174
22	Tamil Nadu	77
23	Telangana	91
24	Tripura	17
25	Uttar Pradesh	546
26	Uttarakhand	43
27	West Bengal	129
Total		2657

Annex B

Annexure A – State wise – Key Achievements of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)

S. No	e-NAM States	No. of mandis integrated	No. of Farmers Registered	No. of Traders Registered	No. of FPOs Registered	Total Trade Volume (MT)	Total Trade Volume (Nos*)	Total Trade Value (Rs Cr)
1	Andhra Pradesh	33	1450734	3600	199	6600187		41865.31
2	Assam	3	9	8	1	16.9		0.03
3	Bihar	20	68	26	9	9.48		0.02
4	Chhattisgarh	20	135473	3197	30	940853		1883.12
5	Goa	7	21	649	3.3			0.05
6	Gujarat	144	869346	10066	195	2013255		7858.26
7	Haryana	108	2725488	16161	259	24819777.8		77052.46
8	Himachal Pradesh	38	125120	2084	73	347263.88		1263.47
9	Jharkhand	19	262766	2460	167	26282.66	4469	48.75
10	Karnataka	5	1479	715	18	154596.17		985.00
11	Kerala	6	3029	404	9	559.79		1.79
12	Madhya Pradesh	136	3022093	22548	136	6920454.64		22215.00
13	Maharashtra	118	1224293	21962	298	3634992.43		12686.00
14	Nagaland	19	43	63		292.18		1.67
15	Odisha	66	337650	8455	286	981602	245953260	2532.34
16	Punjab	79	217476	2710	13	3328092.83		10795.00
17	Rajasthan	145	1505053	84211	262	16123970.29	4664516	65004.34
18	Tamil Nadu	157	374238	9516	152	1432433.11	7505370	3032.22
19	Telangana	57	1823897	5944	99	5803521.05		20286.07
20	Tripura	7	33	11	2	0.76		0.002
21	Uttar Pradesh	125	3304141	38957	307	5560762.25		9617.69
22	Uttarakhand	16	89671	5525	69	425981.48		569.93
23	West Bengal	18	63549	4316	206	42456.28	97100	77.33
S. No	Union Territory	No. of mandis integrated	No. of Farmers Registered	No. of Traders Registered	No. of FPOs Registered	Total Trade Volume (MT)	Total Trade Volume (Nos*)	Total Trade Value (Rs Cr)
24	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	1	4		0.01		0.00003
25	Chandigarh	1	7106	120		474809		890.62
26	Jammu & Kashmir	11	26094	1940	29	9782.17	13400	35.05
27	Puducherry	2	13582	208	3	43415.61		149.85
	Total	1361	17582453	245860	2822	79685371	258238115	278851

* Coconut, Betel Leaf, Sweet Corn, Lemon and Bamboo