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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: Request for inputs in r/o of the LSQ Dy. No. 9447 to be replied on 08.08.2023.**

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 01.08.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S.No.	Question	Reply						
(a)	whether the Government is registering the Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) under the Registrar of Companies Act, 2013	FPOs are being registered under either companies Act or Society Act.						
(b)	If so, the difference between a normal commercial company and FPO alongwith the details thereof;	<p>Both Private Limited Companies and Farmer Producer Companies are legal entities, they serve distinct purposes and have different membership, ownership, and profit-sharing structures. The key differences between the two are as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Criteria</th> <th>Farmer Producer Company (FPC)</th> <th>Private Limited Company</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Purpose</b></td> <td>It is formed to cater to the needs of farmers and promote their collective interests. The purpose of an FPC is to improve the economic conditions of its farmer members by providing them with enhanced agricultural support, marketing assistance, and better access to inputs and technology.</td> <td>It is a business entity established with the primary objective of making a profit. It can engage in various commercial activities and industries to generate revenue and distribute profits among its shareholders.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Criteria	Farmer Producer Company (FPC)	Private Limited Company	<b>Purpose</b>	It is formed to cater to the needs of farmers and promote their collective interests. The purpose of an FPC is to improve the economic conditions of its farmer members by providing them with enhanced agricultural support, marketing assistance, and better access to inputs and technology.	It is a business entity established with the primary objective of making a profit. It can engage in various commercial activities and industries to generate revenue and distribute profits among its shareholders.
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		Kerala	111
		Ladakh	3
		Lakshadweep	1
		Madhya Pradesh	484
		Maharashtra	446
		Manipur	73
		Meghalaya	44
		Mizoram	44
		Nagaland	80
		Odisha	397
		Puducherry	3
		Punjab	98
		Rajasthan	431
		Sikkim	13
		Tamil Nadu	363
		Telangana	235
		Tripura	50
		Uttar Pradesh	976
		Uttarakhand	128
		West Bengal	256
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6716</b>
(e)	whether it is a fact that thousands of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOS) are still unable to access from financial institutions and if so, the details thereof; and	In order to ensure access of FPOs to credit from mainstream Banks and Financial Institutions. Govt. has created a dedicated Credit Guarantee Fund (CGF). This CGF will provide adequate credit guarantee cover to accelerate flow of institutional credit to FPOs by minimizing the risk of financial institutions for granting loans and also enable FPOs to undertake profitable agri-business activities leading to their increased viability. A dedicated fund of Rs. 1,000 crore is being maintained and managed by NABARD through its subsidiary NABSanrakshan Trustee Private Limited, a Trustee Company. A total of 828 Credit Guarantees have been issued in scheme till now.	
(f)	Whether the Government is taking any measures to help better accessibility of funds for these FPOs in the country and if so, the details thereof and If not, the reasons therefor?		

Yours faithfully,

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Dy. Director (Admn)