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To,

Under Secretary (M-II)
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Krishi Bhawan
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Sub: Request for inputs for framing reply to the LS Starred Question Dy. No. 7963 to be answered on 12.12.2024 regarding "MSMEs and FPO Schemes"-reg.

Sir,


Please refer to your mail letter dated 04.12.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S.No.	Question	Reply
a)	the number of women and marginalized communities benefitted by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Farmer Producer Organization schemes and the special initiatives taken to support them;	<p>Under the 'Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs scheme, as on date 9,411 FPOs have been formed with 26.17 Lakh beneficiary farmers, out of which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.72 Lakh Women Farmers• 3.72 Lakh ST Farmers• 2.89 Lakh SC Farmers• 11.79 Lakh OBC Farmers <p>The FPOs get access to funds in form of FPO management cost, equity grant and credit guarantee facility apart from capacity building trainings, market and credit linkages etc as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of FPO Management Cost of Rs. 18 lakh/FPO for 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• Provision of Credit Guarantee up to project loan of Rs.2.00 Crore per FPO.• Capacity building, training and skill development of CEOs/ BoDs and other stakeholders
b)	the progress made in establishing a strong supply chain connectivity between	Government is trying to connect the FPOs through backward and forward linkages.

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	MSME and FPO ensuring fair prices and sustainable business models; and	<p>Backward Linkages: - Government is supporting FPOs in getting Seed, pesticide and Fertilizer licenses, and helps in providing dealership through Agri Input companies. With this help, FPOs are working as dealer/distributor and generating income.</p> <p>Forward Linkages: - Government is supporting the FPOs by linking them to institutional buyers and through e-commerce platforms like ONDC, e-NAM etc.</p>
c)	the measures taken by the Government to attract FDI in FPO along with the total FDI received by FPO during the last two years?	There has been no FDI received in FPOs formed under 'Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs scheme.

Yours faithfully,


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