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To,

Joint Director (WP)  
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,  
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New Delhi

**Sub: Lok Sabha Question Unstarred Dy. No. 9823 due for the answer on 17.12.2024 on the subject "Support for women farmers " -reg.**

Sir,

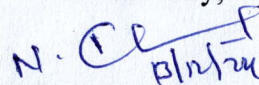
Please refer to your mail letter dated 11.12.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S.No.	Question	Reply so far as SFAC is concerned
a)	whether the Government has implemented any schemes for providing financial and infrastructural support to women farmers;	As per the clause 4.4 of the operational guideline of the "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" scheme, FPO 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.
b)	if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;	<p>As per the clause 11.3 of the operational guideline of the "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" scheme, there should be minimum one-woman member in the Board of Directors (BoD) of FPO.</p> <p>As on date, 1402 women centric FPOs (FPOs having more than 50% women farmer shareholders) have been formed under the 10,000 FPOs scheme.</p> <p>As on date, there are 26.2 Lakh beneficiary farmers in the FPOs, out of which 9.72 Lakh are women beneficiaries.</p> <p>Under the scheme, FPOs under 10,000 FPOs scheme 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"><li>• Provision of FPO Management Cost of Rs. 18 lakh/FPO for 3 years for office and operational expenses</li></ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Equity Grant of Rs. 2000/- per farmer to the ceiling of Rs.15 lakh/FPO on submission of member's own equity</li> <li>• Provision of Credit Guarantee up to project loan of Rs.2.00 Crore per FPO.</li> <li>• Capacity building, training and skill development of CEOs/ BoDs and other stakeholders.</li> </ul>
c)	whether the Government has any data on number of women beneficiaries under PM-KISAN scheme; if so, the details thereof, state-wise; and	Ministry May Reply
d)	the steps taken to impart training and awareness about various central schemes in agriculture sector	<p>1. Two training programs are being conducted annually for all e-NAM Mandis for the farmers &amp; other stakeholders to promote the farmers' access to the online marketplace. E-NAM application is available through web &amp; mobile application. Tutorial videos are available on portal, website and social media platforms as well.</p> <p>2. FPOs and beneficiary farmers are being provided various Institutional training as well as exposure visits to various agricultural institutes/KVKs. Further the online portal "Learning Management System" has been developed for training on various crops and other agriculture related issues.</p>

Yours faithfully,

  
 (Prasanth Chander N.)  
 Dy. Director (Admn.)