

No: SFAC/43/Parl.Qus/2024-25 / 2034
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Dated 25.03.2025

To,

Joint Director (WP)
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
Directorate of Extension
Krishi Vistar Sadan , New Delhi

Sub: Admitted Unstarred PQ No. 3223 on subject Promoting of women farmers in agriculture sector- reg.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated 24.03.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

Sl. No.	Question	Reply so far as SFAC is concerned
a	whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide facilities to women farmers for the development of agriculture areas in the country;	Government of India has launched a Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" in 2020 in the country to facilitate and support the small and marginal farmers with the aim to form FPOs in every block of the country. One of the objectives of the scheme is to build capacity building of FPOs to develop agriculture entrepreneurship skills to become economically viable and self-sustaining with the support from Government of India.
b	If so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and spent for the said purposes in the country during the last Seven years, State-wise/ UT-wise;	Till date 10,000 FPOs have been formed with the beneficiary farmers of 30.05 Lakhs which include 11.81 Lakhs women members. As per the 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. There shall be adequate representation of women farmer member(s) and there should be minimum one-woman member In the Board of Directors (BoDs).
c	whether the Government proposes to provide training to woman farmers to make them updated with latest farming technologies;	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:
d	if so, the details thereof;	
e	the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the participation of woman farmers in agriculture sector;	<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 matching Equity Grant upto Rs. 2000/- per farmer with the ceiling of Rs. 15 lakh/FPO.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Present Status of Women FPOS 1,976 FPOs with more than 50% women membership, 1,404 FPOs with more than 75% women membership, 1,265 FPOs with more than 90% women membership and 1,265 FPOs with 100% women membership are registered till date. List of state wise women based FPO is given at Annexure - I</p>
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Yours faithfully,

N. Chander N. 25/6/25
 (Prasanth Chander N.)
 Dy. Director (Admn)

Encl : As above.