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To,
 Marketing –II
 Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
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Sub: **Inputs for Rajya Sabha Dy. No. 2034 for 12.12.2025- reg. Agricultural Policies, Support Technological Advancements and innovation-reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to your email dated 04.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

Sl. No.	Question	Reply as far as SFAC is concerned
a)	What are the key agricultural policies currently being implemented by the Ministry to enhance the productivity and sustainability of Indian Agriculture ?	Ministry may reply
b)	What support mechanisms are available for farmers, particularly in terms of subsidies, loans, and technological advancements?	The Govt. of India has launched central Sector Scheme for formation and promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations wherein following supports are provided to the FPOs: • Management Cost of Rs. 18 lakh/FPO for 5 years for office and operational expenses. • Matching Equity Grant upto Rs. 2000/-per farmer with the ceiling of Rs. 15 lakh/FPO. • FPOs can avail loan upto Rs. 2.00 crores for which credit guarantee support given by Govt. • Capacity building, training and skill development of CEOs, Accountant, BoDs and other stakeholders • Encouraging direct market linkages participation in e-NAM. • FPOs can avail assistance for setting up of Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) for which subsidy being provided by State Governments • Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF): FPOs can access credit guarantee loans up to Rs. 2.0 Cr. • Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub-scheme of ISAM: FPOs can avail maximum Rs 50

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		lakh for storage & Rs 30 Lakh for non-storage infrastructure • PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME Scheme): Credit linked grant @35% for micro food processing enterprises subject to a maximum of Rs.10 lakh. • Kisan Drones: Existing and new Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs), Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), and Rural entrepreneurs can receive financial assistance of 40% of the basic cost of the drone or Rs. 4 lakhs, whichever is less.
c)	How does the Ministry address the challenges faced by small and marginal farmers?	To meet the challenges formed by small and marginal farmers, Govt. of India launched the Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs wherein it is mandate to include at least 50% small and marginal farmers as the member. FPOs have been formed for aggregation of produce of small and marginal farmers for better price support to the farmers.
d)	What steps are being taken to promote the use of modern farming techniques and technological innovations in rural agriculture?	No Such information available with SFAC
e)	Are there specific programs aimed at introducing climate-resilient crops and sustainable farming practices?	No Such information available with SFAC

Digitally signed by
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