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 Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium
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Dated 07.02.2024

To,
 Marketing Division,
 Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
 Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
 HO, Faridabad.

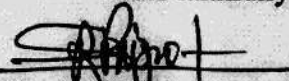
Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Dairy No. S1315 request for inputs State-wise particulars for registered Farmer Producer Organizations due for 09/02/2024 - reg.

Sir,
 Please refer to your mail letter dated 05.02.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

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b)	whether it is true that the period of FPO is till 2027 -28	Yes, the scheme period is upto a period of five years i.e. upto FY 27-28. The scheme aims to provide handholding and support to FPOs up to 5 years in all aspects of management of FPO, inputs, production, processing and value addition, market linkages, credit linkages and use of technology etc.																																	
c)	If so, what are the reasons that between 2020 and January, 2024, credit guarantee is covered only worth Rs.214 crores to just 918 FPOs in spite of nearly 7,500 FPOs have been registered;	Uptake of credit guarantee covered is to lesser number of FPOs as uptake of credit is taken by FPOs after a lag period post registration, which includes mobilization of farmers, generation of certain business revenues. Also, most financial institutions provide credit to the FPOs after looking at their balance sheets post some business cycles. Hence, there is lower intake among FPOs incorporated within 2 years and will increase as the FPOs advance in their business cycles.																																	
d)	How Ministry thinks that the allocated budget of Rs. 6,865 crore could be spend before the deadline of 2027-28 when Ministry could spend just Rs. 325 crores in three years since February, 2020?	Fund expenditure through the FPOs/CBBOs is dependent on various milestones of mobilizing farmers, utilization of funds for payment of rent, staff salaries and other key activities across the three years post the FPO incorporation. In addition, more than 66% of the mentioned number of FPOs are formed in the last two financial years and hence, a gradual increase in scheme budget expenditure is expected in the next two financial years.																																	

Yours faithfully,


 (Dr. Ranjeet Singh Rajpoot)
 Dy. Director (PDF)