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To,
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Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred S1388 regarding Welfare of Farmers of Gujarat due for 09/02/2024 – reg.

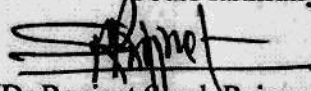
Sir,

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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a)	Can the ministry elaborate on the efforts to strengthen market linkages for farmers in Gujarat, facilitating fair pricing and market access for their produce;	<p>The Government of India has launched the Central Sector Scheme of "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs till 2027-28.</p> <p>As of now 391 FPOs have been formed in the state of Gujarat by the following implementing agencies.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>States</th><th>Gujarat</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>GAICL</td><td>97</td></tr><tr><td>NABARD</td><td>96</td></tr><tr><td>NAFED</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>NCDC</td><td>38</td></tr><tr><td>NDDB</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>SFAC</td><td>126</td></tr><tr><td>TRIFED</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Grand Total</td><td>391</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Total 64,368 farmers are members of these FPOs in Gujarat.</p> <p>FPOs are being facilitated with market linkages both offline and online market. In the offline linkages, FPOs are promoting & selling various agricultural produce through APMCs, local traders, mela's /exhibitions. Further FPOs are being on-boarded on ONDC platform for online marketing linkages. In Gujarat till date 130 FPOs have been on-boarded on ONDC.</p> <p>National Agriculture Market</p> <p>To strengthen market linkages across the country facilitating fair pricing and market access for their produce to farmers/FPOs etc., Government of India has launched National</p>	States	Gujarat	GAICL	97	NABARD	96	NAFED	20	NCDC	38	NDDB	13	SFAC	126	TRIFED	1	Grand Total	391
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		<p>Agriculture Market (e-NAM) in April 2016.</p> <p>e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading (e-trading) portal which seeks to network the existing physical APMCs through a virtual platform to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities. e-NAM is a "virtual" market, but it has a physical market (mandi) at the back end.</p> <p>As on 31.12.2023, 1389 mandis across 23 States and 4 UTs are integrated with e-NAM which includes 144 mandis of Gujarat. As on 31.12.2023, 8.6 Lakh farmers, 10140 Traders, 7155 commission agents and more than 200 FPOs have registered themselves on e-NAM portal in the State of Gujarat.</p>
b)	In light of climate change, whether the government employing to assist farmers in Gujarat in adapting to changing weather patterns and ensuring crop resilience; and	No such information is available with SFAC
c)	If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof; and	
d)	What steps are being taken to address the concerns of Gujarat's farmers regarding the availability and affordability of agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides?	<p>FPO's are being supported by GOI as well as state govt. for getting various input licenses and dealerships such as Seeds, Fertilizers, and pesticides, etc. for making availability of agricultural inputs at affordable rates.</p> <p>As on date, 78 FPOs have received Fertilizer license, 95 FPOs have received seed licenses & 81 FPOs have received Pesticide licenses in Gujarat. 42 FPOs in Gujarat have also received dealership of National Seeds Corporation (NSC).</p>

Yours faithfully,


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