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To,
National Food Security Mission (NFSM),
International Year of Millets,
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Sub: Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Diary No.- S1639 on "Millets Production in India" due for answer on 09.02.2024-reg.

Sir,
Please refer to your mail letter dated 01.02.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Query	Reply
a)	whether Government is providing any support to the farmers in boosting millets production in India and if so, details thereof; if so; the details thereof;	<p>Realising the significance of small, marginal and landless farmers and to enhance the crop production including millet production in India, Government of India has launched the Central Sector Scheme for formation and promotion of 10,000 FPOs with a budgetary support of Rs. 6865 crore.</p> <p>The objective of the scheme is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide a holistic and broad-based supportive ecosystem to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs.• To enhance productivity through efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable resource use and realize higher returns through better liquidity and market linkages for their produce and become sustainable through collective action.• To provide handholding support to the FPOs for five years in all aspects of management of FPO, inputs, production, processing and value addition, market linkages, credit linkages and use of technology etc.• To provide effective capacity building to FPOs to develop agriculture-entrepreneurship skills to become economically viable and self-sustaining beyond the period of support from government. <p>Under the CSS of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs, a total of 344 FPOs with a total shareholding of farmers of 93,679 are engaged in production, processing and sale of millets and millets-based products. Out of</p>

		<p>these 324 FPOs, 52 FPOs are selling millet-based products on ONDC platform.</p> <p>The State wise millet based FPOs with primary and secondary crop as millets is Annexed.</p> <p>Apart from the above, since 2016-17, 50 FPOs are promoted under Nutri Cereals (Millets) - NFSM programme by SFAC.</p>
b)	Whether there has been increase in the production of millets in India in last five years;	No such information is maintained at SFAC.
c)	if so, the year-wise and state-wise details thereof and	
d)	whether Government is planning to expand the production and consumption of millets in India and if so, the details thereof?	

Yours faithfully

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Annexure-I

State	#FPOs with Millets as Primary Crop	#FPOs with Millets as Secondary Crop	No. of shareholders (Beneficiaries)	# FPOs selling millet products on ONDC
Andhra Pradesh	14	2	2,990	3
Arunachal Pradesh	34		2,676	
Bihar	3		490	1
Chhattisgarh	15		3,624	8
Gujarat	5		1,591	2
Haryana	13	2	5,856	
Jammu and Kashmir	2	1	35	
Jharkhand	7	2	2,647	1
Karnataka	52	1	29,697	14
Kerala	2	3	1,540	
Madhya Pradesh	24	2	4,586	
Maharashtra	12	2	5,224	
Nagaland	7		779	
Odisha	10	1	3,092	2
Rajasthan	39		6,441	5
Tamil Nadu	29		7,251	3
Telangana	10		6,285	
Uttar Pradesh	25	3	5,409	8
Uttarakhand	17	1	2,346	1
West Bengal	4		1,120	4
TOTAL	324	20	93,679	52