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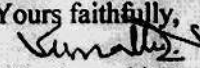
Dated 25.01.2024

To,
 Assistant Extension Officer,
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 New Delhi - 110012

Sub: Rajya Sabha Question Provisionally Admitted Starred/Unstarred PQ D.No. S261 due for answer on 02.02.2024-reg.

Sir,
 Please refer to your mail letter dated 19.01.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S.No.	Question	Reply as far as SFAC is concerned															
(a)	Whether the government has started any scheme for providing facilities to the women farmers for development of agriculture sector in the country?	Govt of India has launched a central sector scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs" covering each block of the country. The scheme focuses to include women farmers/women members/women SHGs as members to make FPOs more effective and inclusive.															
(b)	If so, details thereof;	In 10000 FPOs scheme, as on 31.12.2023 (i) 7,774 FPOs have been formed out of 10000 FPOs. (ii) As per the scheme guidelines, it is mandatory for each BoD to have at least one woman member. 13.8% Board members are women. (iii) Out of total 7774 FPOs formed as on 31/12/2023, 795 FPOs are women only FPOs (100% women members). As on 31.12.2023, the total farmer benefitted from the scheme is 14.04 lakhs, out of which 2.9 lakhs (20.5%) are women farmers.															
(c)	The amount of funds allocated and utilized for the said purpose during the last five years and the current years	The Government of India has approved and 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 with a total budgetary outlay of Rs.6865 Cr. (Rs. In crores)															
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(d)	The number of women trained or imparted training in agriculture sector under various central scheme during the said period?	As of 31.12.2023, under 10,000 FPOs Schemes 4,92,811 farmers are trained under the scheme. No information pertaining to women farmers trained is available.															

Yours faithfully,

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