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To,
 Marketing Officer (Group-1)
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 New Delhi

Sub : Request for input in r/o the Rajya Sabha Question D No. S6232 for 13.03.2026 regarding "Market Access and Income Stability of Small Farmers in Bihar"

Sir,
 Please refer to your email dated 06.03.2026 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

Question	Reply
Will the Minister of Agriculture & Famers Welfare be pleased to state: a) whether small and marginal farmers in Bihar face difficulties in accessing organised markets and obtaining remunerative prices for their produce;	a) Department may reply.
b) the number of Farmer Producer Organization functioning in Patna and adjoining districts;	b) In Patna and adjoining districts (Saran, Vaishali, Samastipur, Begusarai, Lakhisarai, Nalanda, Arwal, Bhojpur), there have been 94 FPOs formed under the central sector of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs.
c) whether support for post-harvest infrastructure, storage and market linkage has been provided; and d) The steps taken to enhance farm income, reduce distress sales and strengthen market access for farmers in the State?	c) & (d) Department may reply

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar)
 Dy. Director (PDF)

Digitally signed by
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