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To,
 Marketing-II
 Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
 Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub: **RSQ Dy. No. S6333 for 08.08.2025 regarding 'Financial Assistance to FPOs (Farmer Producer Organisations)' - request for inputs**

Sir,
 Please refer to your email dated 29.07.2025 on the subject cited above, In this regard point wise reply is furnished below :

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1	The number of FPOs in Andhra Pradesh that have received equity grants or credit guarantees under the Centre's Scheme	227 FPOs have received equity grants and 27 FPOs have received credit guarantee under the Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10000 FPOs in Andhra Pradesh.
2	The challenges observed in the implementation of these scheme in Southern regions	There is no region specific challenges in implementation of the Schemes. However, the overall challenges faced are as below : • Limited Market Access : FPOs often operate in local markets and face difficulties entering state and national level markets. • Lack of Storage and Processing Facilities: Many FPOs lack cold storage and warehouses, leading to post-harvest losses. • Limited Working Capital: FPOs often lack sufficient funds to sustain and expand their operations. • Difficulty in Securing Loans: Banks hesitate to provide credit due to lack of collateral. • Limited Access to Government Schemes: Many FPOs are unaware of available financial assistance through various government schemes.
3	Whether the Government plans to establish a national-level support cell for technical training and digital access for FPOs	• The Central Nodal Training Institutions like BIRD, LINAC have been entrusted to impart the training to Master trainers of State Nodal training Institute (SNTI).

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4	If so, the details thereof	The Master trainers to provide training in vernacular languages to FPO members. • The online modules are also available for training of FPOs under SIDH which covers the topics ranging from Governance, Access to Finance, Marketing, Compliance requirements, & Business Development planning covering key areas essential for strengthening and promoting FPOs. These Modules are available for CEO, Accountant, and BoDs as well as member farmers of FPOs.
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Yours faithfully,


(Prasanth Chander N.)
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