

No: SFAC/43/Parl.Qus/2023-24  
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To,

Under Secretary M-II  
Marketing Division,  
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

**Sub: Rajya Sabha Admitted Starred PQ No - 143 due for answer on 15.12.2023-reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 12.12.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Query	Reply
a)	Whether Government has conducted any study on the problems being faced by female farmers in the country;	No such information available with SFAC
b)	If so, the details thereof, State-wise, if not, whether Government will conduct such a study; and	No such information available with SFAC
c)	The details of schemes initiated, if any, by Government for the welfare of female farmers?	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.  In 10000 FPOs scheme, as on 30/11/2023 (i) 7597 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 7597 FPOs formed as on 30/11/2023, 551 FPOs are women only FPOs (100% women members). (iv) As on 30/11/2023, the total farmer benefitted from the scheme is 13.16 lakhs, out of which 2.77 lakhs (21%) are women farmers.

Yours faithfully,



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Dy. Director (Admn.)