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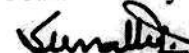
To,
Director (FI)
Directorate of Extension
Pusa,
New Delhi

Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/Unstarred PQ Diary No. U3768 on 'Promotion of Agripreneurs', due for answer on 22.12.2023.

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 the government has undertaken any programme or scheme aimed at supporting agripreneurs;	Realizing the significance of agripreneurs, Government has launched a Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" to facilitate and support small and marginal farmers with Budget of Rs. 6865 crores. The objective of the scheme is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">To provide a holistic and broad-based supportive ecosystem to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs convey each blocks of the country.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 and 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.
b)	If yes, the details about the objectives and scope of this scheme;	
c)	The details of the projects or initiatives under taken by the government to promote entrepreneurship in the agriculture sector, if any?	Till date 7597 of FPOs have been formed. The scheme envisages matching equity support to the extent of Rs. 15.00 lakhs per FPO and also credit guarantee up to Rs. 2.00 crores for raising loans from lending institutions to promote agri business.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. Sumathi S)

Dy. Director (Admn)