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To,

Under Secretary (M-II)
Agricultural Marketing Division (M-II),
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

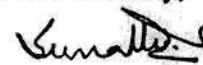
Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 971- due for answer on 28.07.2023 - Schemes for improving economic condition of farmers-inputs reg.

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 24.07.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Question	Reply from SFAC
(c)	Whether Government is aware that lack of market facilities, lack of processing units and lack of knowledge about marketing and management among the farmers are hurdles in improving the economic condition of farmers; and	<p>The government is implementing the "Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs" scheme.</p> <p>The scheme was launched in February 2020 with a total budget of INR 6,865 Cr to set up 10,000 new FPOs. Under the scheme, there will be at least 1 FPO in each block of the country. Under the scheme, support is provided to FPOs in terms of FPO Management Cost of ₹18 lakh/FPO for 3 years, matching Equity Grant of ₹2000/- per farmer to the ceiling of ₹15 Lakh lakh/FPO on submission of member's own equity.</p> <p>The scheme provides handholding of FPOs through capacity building, management of input supply, value addition & marketing of agri produce of farmer members thereby improving the economic condition.</p> <p>Under the scheme, the FPOs are being linked to various online market linkage like ONDC, GeM etc. Also the FPOs are being facilitated to do business through e-NAM. For various learning activities related to FPOs and agri products, online Learning Management System (LMS) has been developed which can be assessed by any farmers to increase their knowledge.</p>

Yours faithfully,



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