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To,

Under Secretary (M-II)
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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

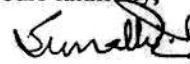
Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Dy. No. S2524 for 28/07/2023 - request for inputs.

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 21.07.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Question	Reply from SFAC
(a)	the number of Urban FPOs created by Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) to sell the farmer produce in cities;	Clause 4 of Operational Guidelines for Central Sector Scheme for Formation & Promotion of 10000 FPOs stated that FPOs are formed in produce cluster area (Geographical area wherein agricultural and allied produce is grown/cultivated). There is no such category of urban FPOs. All the FPOs formed under the scheme get access to offline and online selling of their products. They are linked to various online market linkage such as ONDC, GeM and e-NAM etc.
(b)	whether it is a fact that the CBBOs have not been able to complete their targets within the stipulated time;	Performance of CBBOs is being assessed by IAs on deliverable basis. CBBOs are forming FPOs allotted to them and the performance of CBBOs/FPOs is being reviewed at District and state level committees of State Government. The CBBO assessment tool has been developed. The CBBO assessment to be completed by IAs in time bound manner.
(c)	the number of farmer producer companies/cooperatives, which have been provided funds by the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund without collateral security;	Under CSS 10k FPOs Scheme, total 14 FPOs have availed the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund without collateral security.
(d)	Whether the Government has announced subsidy to provide basic facilities to the farmers through the National horticulture Board and	Department may reply.
(e)	Whether the Government has announced subsidy to provide basic facilities to the farmers through NHB and is considering to issue new norms in this regard?	Department may reply.

Yours faithfully,



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