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To,

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

Sub: Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No. U3148 for 04-08-2023 - request for inputs.

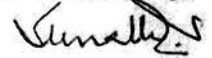
Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 28.07.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

Sl. No.	Question	Reply so far as SFAC is concerned
1	Whether any efforts have been made by the Government to improve market linkages for landless farmers, connecting them to local, regional, and national markets.	<p>Central Government is promoting the 10K FPOs Scheme through which all farmers including landless farmers are getting various benefits including market linkages through digital platforms like e-NAM, ONDC (B2C and B2B), and GeM etc.</p> <p>Further, With the objective to facilitate transaction of Agriculture Produce between seller (Farmer, FPO etc) and buyer (Trader, Processor, Exporter, Institutional buyer etc), Govt of India had launched National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) during April 2016.</p> <p>e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading (e-trading) portal which seeks to network the existing physical APMCs through a virtual platform to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities. e-NAM is a "virtual" market, but it has a physical market (mandi) at the back end.</p> <p>As on 30th June, 1361 mandis are integrated with e-NAM across 24 States & 3 UTs to facilitate farmers for setting Pan India market linkage for their producers.</p>
2	Are there any mechanisms in place for price discovery, such as transparent auction systems, electronic trading platforms, or price information systems, which enable landless farmers to access real-time and fair market prices?	<p>To facilitate transaction of Agriculture produce between buyer & Seller via online auction process, a user friendly electronic trading platform (www.enam.gov.in) and robust mobile App have been developed (freely downloadable from Playstore & iOS platform).</p> <p>e-NAM portal and Mobile app enables stakeholder registration, gate entry & Lot creation, Quality Assaying, Online bidding, weighment upload, Sale bill generation, e-payment and gate exit process, which can be monitored via portal or mobile app.</p> <p>e-NAM portal & Mobile app are available in 12 languages.</p> <p>Portal & Mobile app provides following features: Price information of nearby e-NAM mandis & non-eNAM mandis</p>

		<p>Advance Gate Entry facility Lot Progress Tracking facility Online Payment Facility- (RTGS/NEFT, UPI, Debit Card and Net Banking) Geo-tagged e-NAM mandis tracker available in vicinity (100 km) along with route map and last three days trade data. MIS dashboard has been developed for each e-NAM mandi and respective mandi board/dept, which help in accessing & tracking daily arrivals, prices, user registrations, payments etc. e-NAM website is integrated with AGMARKNET which provides updated information regarding mandi wise arrivals and prevailing prices of various commodities. Live Dashboard is available for stakeholders who can access real time information of e-bidding at e-NAM mandis. A toll free No. (1800-2700-224) and email support (enam.helpdesk@gmail.com) is available to enable stakeholders to raise their query.</p>
3	Whether the Government intervening in a Minimum Support Price (MSP) or price support schemes, in ensuring price stability and protecting farmers from market volatility	No such information available with SFAC.

Yours faithfully,



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