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To,

Under Secretary (Marketing –II)
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare.
Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi

Sub: **Request for inputs in respect of Provisionally Admitted Starred Question Diary No. 402 to be answered on 29.11.2024 regarding "Formation and Promotion of Farmers Producer Organisations".**

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 19.11.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished below:

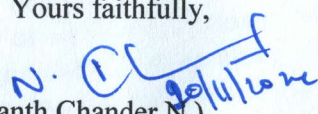
S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	whether Government has launched a special scheme to form and promote 10 thousand new Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) in the country by the year 2027-28:	Yes. Government has launched the Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" on 29.02.2020.
(b)	whether different norms have been set by Government for formation of organizations for plains and North-East and hilly areas;	FPOs formed under the central sector scheme get access to funds in form of FPO management cost, equity grant and credit guarantee facility along with capacity building trainings, market and credit linkages etc. as below:-
(c)	if so, the details thereof;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FPO Management cost up to INR 18 lakhs over a period of 3 years for office and operational expenses of FPO.• Provision of Equity Grant of Rs. 2000/- per farmer upto the ceiling of Rs.15 lakh/FPO on submission of member's own contribution.• Credit Guarantee up to INR 2 Crores. NABSANRAKSHAN Private Trustee Ltd. (NABTL), which is a subsidiary of NABARD, manages the Credit Guarantee Fund to extend credit to FPOs.• Capacity building, training and skill development of CEOs/Accountant/BoDs and other stakeholders <p>The benefits of the scheme are applicable pan India including Gujarat.</p>
(d)	the norms set under this scheme for the State of Gujarat;	

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		<p>The relaxation provided for North-East and Hilly areas* (including such other areas of UTs) under the scheme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per clause 4.4 of operational guidelines, FPO with a minimum farmer-members' size of 300 shall be eligible for the equity grant under the scheme in plains, while in North-Eastern and Hilly areas* (including such other areas of UTs), size of 100 shall be eligible for the equity grant. <p>* Hilly area means area at a height of 1000 metre or above MSL</p>
(e)	whether Kutch and other remote areas of Gujarat have been included under special norms for the formation of Farmers Producer Organizations; and	Kutch and other remote areas of Gujarat have not been included under special norms for the formation of Farmers Producer Organizations.
(f)	the details thereof?	

Note: A total of 423 FPOs have been formed in Gujarat out of which 10 FPOs have been formed in Kutch district.

Yours faithfully,


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 Dy. Director (Admn.)