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To,

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

**Sub: Request for inputs for framing reply to the RS Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. U3518 to be answered on 13.12.2024 regarding "Performance of Farmer Producers Organisation (FPOs) under women"-reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 04.12.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Query	Reply
a)	Whether it is a fact that FPOs perform better under Woman.	No such data is available
b)	If So, the steps taken to promote the participation of Woman in the Farmers Producer Organization	<p>As per the clause 4.4 of the operational guideline of the "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" scheme, FPO provide special focus to include small, marginal and women farmers/women SHGs, SC/ST farmers and other economically weaker categories etc. as members to make FPOs more effective and inclusive.</p> <p>As per the clause 11.3 of the operational guideline of the "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" scheme, there should be minimum one-woman member in the Board of Directors (BoD) of FPO.</p> <p>As on date, 1402 women centric FPOs (FPOs having more than 50% women farmer shareholders) have been formed under the 10,000 FPOs scheme.</p> <p>As on date, there are 26.17 Lakh beneficiary farmers in the FPOs, out of which 9.72 Lakh are women beneficiaries.</p>
c)	The steps taken by Government	Below are the steps taken by Government to promote Farmers Producer Organizations

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- I. Provide holistic and broad-based supportive ecosystem to form new 10,000 FPOs to facilitate development of vibrant and sustainable income oriented farming and for overall socio-economic development and wellbeing of agrarian communities.
- II. 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.
- III. Provide handholding and support to FPOs up to 5 years from the year of creation in all aspects of management of FPO, inputs, production, processing and value addition, market linkages, credit linkages and use of technology etc.
- IV. 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.

The FPOs get access to funds in form of FPO management cost, equity grant and credit guarantee facility apart from capacity building trainings, market and credit linkages etc as below:

- Provision of FPO Management Cost of Rs. 18 lakh/FPO for 3 years for office and operational expenses
- Provision of Equity Grant of Rs. 2000/- per farmer to the ceiling of Rs.15 lakh/FPO on submission of member's own equity
- Provision of Credit Guarantee up to project loan of Rs.2.00 Crore per FPO.
- Capacity building, training and skill development of CEOs/ BoDs and other stakeholders

d) The list of number of Farmer Producer Organization set up in the country state wise.

State wise FPOs formed under the 10,000 FPOs scheme as below:

S. No	States	Number of FPOs formed
1	Andaman & Nicobar	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	639
3	Arunachal Pradesh	170
4	Assam	427
5	Bihar	688
6	Chhattisgarh	231
7	Dadra Nagar Haveli	2
8	Goa	8
9	Gujarat	423
10	Haryana	176
11	Himachal Pradesh	180
12	Jammu & Kashmir	325
13	Jharkhand	365
14	Karnataka	346
15	Kerala	140
16	Ladakh	17

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17	Lakshadweep	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	628
19	Maharashtra	580
20	Manipur	78
21	Meghalaya	66
22	Mizoram	49
23	Nagaland	85
24	Odisha	464
25	Puducherry	83
26	Punjab	61
27	Rajasthan	534
28	Sikkim	103
29	Tamil Nadu	373
30	Telangana	305
31	Tripura	59
32	Uttar Pradesh	1271
33	Uttarakhand	157
34	West Bengal	370
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9411</b>

Yours faithfully,

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