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To,

Under Secretary (M-II)
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Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare.
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Sub: **Rajya Sabha Q Dy No. U3351 and S1463 on Scheme to encourage Farmer Producer Organizations-reg.**

Sir,

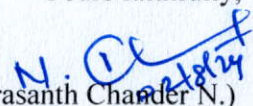
Please refer to your mail letter dated 31.07.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether the Government has devised any special scheme to encourage Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs);	The Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW), has launched the Central Sector Scheme "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" in February 2020. The scheme aims to set up 10,000 new FPOs across the country. Each block in the country will have at least one FPO, with 14 Implementing Agencies working through Cluster-Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) or Value Chain Organizations (VCOs) to establish them. FPOs can be registered under the Companies Act or Cooperative Societies Act, with five years of handholding support from CBBOs/VCOs. The minimum farmer-member size is 300 in plains and 100 in hilly, NER to get the benefit of Equity Grant. Further, FPOs are supported for 3 years from GoI for their management which includes engagement of CEO and accountant for which 18 lakhs is being paid from Govt. Further, FPOs are being supported in getting input licences and input business and also market linkages both offline and online in promoting their products. The CEO, Accountant and BoDs also being provided both online as well as offline training. The scheme also addresses marketing & institutional credit linkages and provides assistance to FPOs including those promoted by Agri-Value Chain organizations.

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(b)	If so, the number of Farmer Producer Organizations that have been considered to be formed in the country under this scheme;	Yes, the Government has launched the scheme for Formation & Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) across the country and as on 27.07.2024, 8954 FPOs already registered under the scheme.
(c)	Whether any financial assistance is being provided to these organizations by the Governments.	Yes, Financial Support is being provided to FPOs scheme as below : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of FPO Management Cost of ₹18 lakh per FPO in 3 years ▪ Provision of Matching Equity Grant of ₹2000/- per farmer to the ceiling of ₹15 lakh per FPO from GoI. ▪ Provision of Credit Guarantee up to project loan of ₹2.00 Crore per FPO (Nabsanrakshan Fund) ▪ FPOs can avail Credit Guarantee Facility, capacity building, and technical assistance etc.
(d)	If so, the financial assistance provided to the Farmers Producer Organizations in the last 5 years; and	A total financial assistance of Rs.1038 crore has been provided to FPOs formed under 10,000 FPO scheme. This includes Rs. 210.41crore for the Matching Equity Grant, Rs.472 crore for FPO management costs, and Rs. 355 crore for CBBO management costs. Further Credit Guarantee of Rs. 415.9 crore has been provided to 1,542 FPOs.
(e)	Details of Farmers Producer Organizations presently operational in Gujarat?	There are currently 376 operational Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in Gujarat formed under 10,000 FPO scheme. The details are enclosed as Annexure-I.

Yours faithfully,


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