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To,

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

Sub: Request for inputs is r/o the Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Unstarred Question Dy. No. S5465 to be answered on 20.12.2024 regarding 'Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO)'.-reg.

Sir,

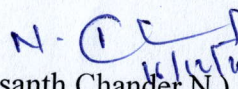
Please refer to your mail letter dated 11.12.2024 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

Sl. No.	Question	Reply so far as SFAC is concerned
a)	the details of the steps taken by Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) to increase the income of farmers and to safeguard their interests;	<p>The FPOs under 10,000 FPOs scheme 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <p>Below are steps taken by FPOs to increase the income of farmers and to safeguard their interests:</p> <p>Over 26.2 lakh farmers have benefitted from the scheme, with 4,614 FPOs receiving matching equity grants worth ₹245.1 crores. FPO utilize the grant for running the business which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supply quality production inputs like seed, fertilizer, pesticides and such other inputs at reasonable rates• Undertake aggregation of smaller lots of farmer-members' produce, and do grading and sorting to make them more marketable.• Processing of produce and its marketing• Establishing Custom Hiring Centres, etc.

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b)	the numbers of FPOs registered on the FPO Registry Portal in the last 3 years, year-wise details thereof; and	8953 FPOs have been onboarded on Integrated MIS portal developed for 10,000 FPOs scheme.																												
c)	year-wise detail of the amount given to FPOs in the last 3 years?	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">FPOs have received matching equity grants worth ₹245.1 crores under the 10,000 FPOs scheme.FPOs have received 541.0 Cr FPO Management cost under the 10,000 FPOs scheme.</div> <table><tr><th colspan="7">Financial Year-wise Expenditure under 10K FPO scheme</th></tr><tr><th>S. No</th><th>Head of Expenses</th><th>2021-22</th><th>2022-23</th><th>2023-24</th><th>2024-25 *</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Equity Grant (in INR Cr)</td><td>14.40</td><td>64.10</td><td>109.70</td><td>56.90</td><td>245.10</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>FPO Management Cost (in INR Cr)</td><td>39.20</td><td>101.80</td><td>298.90</td><td>101.20</td><td>541.10</td></tr></table> <div>* (till Nov. 2024)</div>	Financial Year-wise Expenditure under 10K FPO scheme							S. No	Head of Expenses	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 *	Total	1	Equity Grant (in INR Cr)	14.40	64.10	109.70	56.90	245.10	2	FPO Management Cost (in INR Cr)	39.20	101.80	298.90	101.20	541.10
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Yours faithfully,


 (Prasanth Chander N.)
 Dy. Director (Admn.)