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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 511
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26/07/2024

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN FPOs

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Farmer's Produce Organizations (FPOs) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to increase women's participation in FPOs;
- (c) the details of schemes and programmes aimed at enhancing women's participation in FPOs; and
- (d) the number of FPOs participating in the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a): The Government of India is implementing the Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)" scheme to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs. As on 22.07.2024, 10,000 FPOs have been allocated to 14 Implementing Agencies (IAs) out of which 8780 FPOs have been registered across the country. The state-wise number of FPOs registered is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): The provisions have been made in the operational guidelines of 10,000 FPOs scheme to increase women's participation in FPOs. 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. Further, as per clause 11.3 of the operational guideline, in the Board of Director (BoD) and Governing Body (GB) as the case may be, there shall be adequate representation of women farmer member (s) and there should be minimum one women member.

As on 22.07.2024, 810 FPOs have been registered as 100 percent women members FPOs under the said scheme. Besides this, out of overall registration of 19,82,835 farmers in FPOs 6,86,665 are women farmers.

(d): 379 FPOs formed under "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" scheme are working on the One District and One Product (ODOP) initiative. The state-wise number of FPOs working on the ODOP initiative is at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE-I**State/ UT wise number of FPOs registered under 10,000 FPOs scheme**

Sr.No	States/ Union union territories	No. of FPOs registered
1	Andaman & Nicobar	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	449
3	Arunachal Pradesh	150
4	Assam	427
5	Bihar	577
6	Chhattisgarh	208
7	Dadra Nagar Haveli	2
8	Goa	59
9	Gujarat	393
10	Haryana	161
11	Himachal Pradesh	201
12	Jammu & Kashmir	282
13	Jharkhand	335
14	Karnataka	327
15	Kerala	113
16	Ladakh	3
17	Lakshadweep	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	614
19	Maharashtra	579
20	Manipur	76
21	Meghalaya	55
22	Mizoram	49
23	Nagaland	87
24	Odisha	448
25	Puducherry	6
26	Punjab	136
27	Rajasthan	526
28	Sikkim	13
29	Tamil Nadu	413
30	Telangana	302
31	Tripura	59
32	Uttar Pradesh	1,237
33	Uttarakhand	141
34	West Bengal	344
Grand Total		8,780

State-wise no. of FPOs working on the ODOP initiative

States/ UTs	No. of FPOs working on ODOP initiative
Andhra Pradesh	7
Arunachal Pradesh	16
Assam	29
Bihar	51
Chhattisgarh	1
Gujarat	13
Himachal Pradesh	1
Jammu and Kashmir	28
Jharkhand	1
Karnataka	8
Kerala	9
Ladakh	1
Madhya Pradesh	40
Maharashtra	38
Manipur	16
Meghalaya	12
Nagaland	19
Odisha	23
Punjab	2
Rajasthan	1
Tamil Nadu	14
Telangana	37
Tripura	5
Uttar Pradesh	5
West Bengal	2
Grand Total	379
