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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2113
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13/12/2024
FORMATION AND PROMOTION OF FPOs

2113# SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched a special scheme to form and promote ten thousand new Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in the country by the year 2027-28;
- (b) whether Government has set different standards for the plains, North-East and hilly areas for the formation of FPOs, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the standards that have been set under this scheme for Gujarat; and
- (d) whether Kutch and other remote areas of Gujarat have been included under special standards set for the formation of FPOs, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Yes. Central Sector Scheme for “Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)” was launched in 2020 with a total budgetary outlay of Rs.6865 crores till 2027-28.

(b): Yes. As per scheme guidelines, FPOs with a minimum of 300 farmer-members shall be eligible for matching equity grants under the scheme, while in North-Eastern & hilly areas, 100 farmer-members shall be eligible.

Each PPO is provided FPO management cost of Rs.18 lakh over 3 years, Matching equity grant of upto Rs.15 lakh per FPO (as against Rs.2000 contribution per farmer) & credit guarantee facility upto Rs.2 crore loan from eligible lending institutions is available to all FPOs. The scheme also provides for training & handholding of FPOs by Community-Based Business Organizations (CBBOs).

(c) & (d): The benefits of the aforesaid scheme are applicable pan India including Gujarat. 423 FPOs have been registered in Gujarat under the 10,000 FPOs scheme, out of which 10 FPOs have been formed in Kutch district of Gujarat. There are no special standards set under the scheme for Kutch and other remote areas of Gujarat.
