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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 650
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/07/2026

**INCUBATION INFRASTRUCTURE, FINANCIAL GRANTS, AND FIELD
DEPLOYMENTS FOR AGRI-TECH STARTUPS**

650. SHRI SAT PAUL SHARMA:

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

- (a) the total number of specialized Agribusiness Incubation Centers operational under central schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) across agricultural universities in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) the total quantum of central grants-in-aid and seed funding disbursed to early-stage agri-tech Startups in the UT to develop prototypes for high value temperate horticulture, saffron and floriculture; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has evaluated the performance of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in Jammu and Kashmir that are actively collaborating with local Startups to build seamless market linkages and prevent post-harvest fruit losses?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

.(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Under the Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship Programme of Pradhan Mantri-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY), one Agribusiness Incubation Centre (R-ABI) was established at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu in 2019.

(b): From 2019–20 to 2025–26 under the programme, 24 start-ups based in Jammu & Kashmir have received technical and financial support of Rs. 201.00 lakhs as grant in aid. Most of these startups cater to the horticulture sector by way of developing prototypes for farm implements, inputs for the horticulture, waste management, post-harvest value addition, etc. Out of this, 16 start-ups were funded for developing prototypes for high value temperate horticulture and floriculture. A total of Rs.119.50 lakh as Pre-seed and seed funding were released to the 16 startups.

(c): Under the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for the Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), the FPOs are monitored on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on a regular basis. Additionally, a mid-term evaluation of the 10,000 FPO scheme has been carried out for the whole country, including Jammu & Kashmir. 323 FPOs have been registered under the scheme in Jammu and Kashmir. The start-ups involved in horticulture sector are working with farmers and three startups are working with FPOs to build seamless market linkages etc.
