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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3694
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH JULY, 2019

SETTING UP OF FPOS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) have been set up to support farmers in various aspects ranging from input procurement to market linkages, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the total number of FPOs functioning in the State of Karnataka details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has felt the need to encourage more farmers to set up more number of FPOs to provide better services to farmers in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes Sir. To support farmers in various aspects ranging from input procurement to market linkages, Government of India through Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), a registered society under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, is promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) by mobilizing the farmers and helping them in registering as companies. As on 31.05.2019, SFAC has helped 816 FPOs in registering as companies.

In addition to above, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is also promoting FPOs in the States and has so far promoted 2154 FPOs.

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Further, under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, is promoting FPOs by mobilizing farmers. So far, 131 registered FPOs have been promoted under the Mission. Building market linkages through a value chain development approach for farm based livelihood is an important strategy being pursued.

(b): As per the report received from State of Karnataka, there are 371 FPOs in the States for which the district-wise details are annexed.

(c) & (d): To encourage more farmers to set up FPOs, Government is providing various assistance to FPOs such as Equity Grant Scheme, Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme through SFAC. In addition, FPOs can also avail assistance under various schemes of the Government of India such as Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), Venture Capital Assistance (VCA) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) Scheme for promoting their agri-business activities.

SFAC and NABARD have facilitated training to Board of Directors, Chief Executives Officers of FPOs to enable them to function effectively. Further, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is providing technical support to FPOs through Krishi Vigyan Kendras of the respective districts in the form of capacity development of its members of various aspects of agriculture and allied sectors including production technologies and value addition and processing.

Annexure

District-wise details of FPOs including total for the State of Karnataka

Sl. No.	Name of the Districts	TOTAL
1	Bengaluru	10
2	Bagalkote	8
3	Bellary	8
4	Belagavi	22
5	Bidar	24
6	Chikkamagaluru	15
7	C.R Nagar	15
8	Chikkaballapura	14
9	Chitradurga	23
10	Dharwad	10
11	Dakshina Kannada	5
12	Davanagere	13
13	Gadag	7
14	Hassan	7
15	Haveri	6
16	Kalaburagi	26
17	Kodagu	11
18	Kolar	8
19	Koppal	9
20	Mandya	7
21	Mysuru	16
22	Raichur	21
23	Ramanagara	13
24	Shivamogga	13
25	Tumkuru	27
26	Udupi	8
27	Uttara Kannada	4
28	Vijayapura	10
29	Yadgir	11
	TOTAL	371
