

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.345**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

**FUND FOR FARMER PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS**

345. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is contemplating to set up a fund to nurture the farmer producer organisations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the facilities being offered to farmers under this scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) Government of India through Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), a registered society under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, is promoting FPOs by mobilizing the farmers and helping them in registering as companies and providing them with handholding support and training for their sustainability. So far, SFAC has helped 822 FPOs in registering as companies. Further, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is also promoting FPOs in the States and has so far promoted 4234 FPOs. In addition to above, 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.

Credit Guarantee is provided by SFAC against the credit requirement of FPOs up to Rs 1.00 crore per FPO from Financial Institutions for which a Credit Guarantee Fund has been created with SFAC. FPOs are also provided assistance under various schemes of Government of India such as Venture Capital Assistance (VCA), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Agriculture market Infrastructure Scheme (AMI).

Additionally, SFAC and NABARD have facilitated training to Board of Directors and 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 for the members of FPOs in various aspects of agriculture and allied sectors including that in production technologies, value addition and processing.

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