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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3251TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MARCH, 2021

PROMOTION OF FPOs

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs) in the country especially Jharkhand;
- (b) the number of newly registered FPOs and existing FPOs in the country including Jharkhand and Odisha;
- (c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government for constitution and promotion of FPOs, State-wise;
- (d) the funds released till now out of the funds allocated for it, State-wise;
- (e) 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, if so, the response of the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the total number of beneficiaries of "Kisan Rath" mobile application across the country including Jharkhand till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): Yes Sir. Based on felt need, the Government of India has launched a Central Sector Scheme of "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmers Produce Organization (FPOs)" for raising the income of farmers in the country including that in Jharkhand, under which professional handholding support is to be provided for a period of five years to the new FPOs formed under the scheme.

Provision of financial assistance to the tune of Rs.18 lakhs to each FPOs under the scheme towards establishment cost for 3 years has been made. No statewise target for financial assistance is provided under the scheme as the scheme is FPO centric.

In addition to this, provision has been made for matching equity grant upto Rs. 2,000 per farmer member of FPO with a limit of Rs. 15.00 lakh per FPO and a credit guarantee facility upto Rs. 2 crore of project loan per FPO from eligible lending institution to ensure institutional credit accessibility to FPOs. Suitable provision for skill buildings of the FPOs has been made.

Already a target 2200 FPOs during the Financial year 2020-21 has been allocated to the Implementing Agencies and Rs. 101.75 Crores has been released under the new scheme. So far, 32 FPOs already registered under new FPO scheme. Farmers are enthusiastically participating under the scheme for formation of FPOs. The process of registration of FPOs is already initiated.

Earlier also various organizations viz. SFAC, NABARD & DAY-NRLM have been promoting FPOs. Government of India through Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), a registered society under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, had been promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) by mobilizing the farmers, helping them in registering as companies and giving them training for improvement of their income and sustainability. SFAC has promoted 910 FPOs in the country out of which 10 FPOs are promoted in Jharkhand and 41 FPOs in Odisha.

In addition to above, under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, had been promoting FPOs by mobilizing farmers, building market linkages through a value chain development approach for farm based livelihood is an important strategy under this mission. DAY-NRLM has promoted 177 FPOs in the country out of which 15 FPOs are promoted in Jharkhand and 20 FPOs in Odisha.

Furthermore, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had been also promoting FPOs in the States. NABARD has promoted 4251 FPOs in the country out of which 176 FPOs are promoted in Jharkhand and 260 FPOs in Odisha.

The details of funds released through SFAC, NABARD & DAY-NRLM is at **Annexure**.

(f): The total number of beneficiaries of "Kisan Rath" mobile application across the country including Jharkhand is 5,97,509 out of which the number of beneficiaries in Jharkhand is 15,050.

Annexure

The details of Funds released/received state wise			
State	Total received by SFAC/released statewise	Total received by NABARD/released statewise(Rs.	Total received by DAY-NRLM/released
		Lakh)	statewise (Rs. in crore)
Andaman & Nicobar	-	18.37	-
Andhra Pradesh	58775784	943.66	-
Arunachal Pradesh	4221279	8.55	-
Assam	676006	349.20	1.43
Bihar	14388313	920.36	12.22
Chhattisgarh	79641350	312.54	3.12
Goa	3697906	3.97	-
Gujarat	20608784	603.13	-
Haryana	58962971	410.51	-
Himachal Pradesh	21987920	423.80	-
Jammu & Kashmir	26718979	76.74	-
Jharkhand	20621467	394.16	6.78
Kerala	2484397	857.67	-
Karnataka	349802523	1181.36	-
Maharashtra	182025492	900.30	16.39
Manipur	29431279	36.93	-
Meghalaya	4225795	70.00	-
Mizoram	10623254	119.88	-
Madhya Pradesh	342840878	1244.56	25.23
Nagaland	4159516	0.00	-
Odisha	74351550	841.89	15.17
Punjab	12576500	484.46	-
Rajasthan	93527175	615.14	4.50
Sikkim	53776903	37.16	-
Tamil Nadu	19221580	1439.56	-
Telangana	-	477.43	-
Tripura	13192278	4.74	-
Uttarakhand	12576500	426.33	-
Uttar Pradesh	31101000	1051.70	16.55
West Bengal	321098313	1169.94	_
Total	1,86,73,15,692	15424.04	101.39
NDP-NFSM (112 FPOs)	49,48,13,000	-	-
NFSM (30 FPOs)	11,10,32,500	-	-
NFSM- Nutri-Cereal (50 FPOs)	10,97,66,000	-	-

Total	71,56,11,500	-	-
Promotion of Fish	51,21,000	-	-
FPOs under Blue			
Revolution:Integrated			
Development and			
Management of			
Fisheries			
Aspirational Districts	2,25,00,000	-	-
-under RKVY			
(indentified by NITI			
Ayog)			
Mission Integrated	4,16,02,818	-	-
for Development of			
Horticulture (MIDH)-			
25 FPOs			
Total	6,92,23,818	-	-
Sub Total	2,65,21,51,010	-	-
