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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2598
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

CONNECTING FARMERS WITH MARKETS

2598: SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the institutional mechanism, which farmers can leverage for economies of scale and for professional support, can certainly help farmers effectively connect with the national and global markets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the steps taken by the Government in this direction; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Government of India has launched the Central Sector Scheme of "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)" to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs which will leverage economies of scale, reduction of cost of production and enhancing farmers' incomes thus playing a major role towards doubling the income of farmers. Under this scheme, provision is made for professional handholding support for a period of five years to new FPOs formed.

Under the said Central Sector Scheme, Implementing Agencies (IAs) have been allocated a total of 4965 FPO produce clusters, out of which a total of 1762 no. of FPOs have been registered in the country.

Further, The Government has implemented National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) scheme an online virtual trading platform to provide farmers with opportunity for transparent price discovery for remunerative prices for their produce through competitive online bidding system. So far, 1000 wholesale regulated markets of 18 States and 03 UTs have been integrated with e-NAM platform.
