

SBI signs MoU with NDKSP and SFAC for FPC financing

Country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI), towards its commitment to support farmers for increasing their income, has entered into an MoU with Nanaji Deshmukh Krushi Sanjivani Prakalp (A World Bank added project on climate resilience implemented by Govt. of Maharashtra) and Small Farmer Agri Business Consortium (SFAC) for financing the Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) in Maharashtra State. Under this tie-up, the Maharashtra State Government will provide 50% subsidy on project cost with maximum capping of Rs. 50 Lakh. The aim of the tie-up with NDKSP and SFAC is to promote and strengthen the smallholder farming systems and make easy access to organized finance



facility at competitive interest rates to the FPCs. The MoU was signed at the State Bank of India Local Head Office, Maharashtra. On this occasion three Sanction Letters were given to FPCs. The objective of FPCs is to organize farmers into a collective unit to improve their bargaining strength in the market. Farmer producer companies are engaged in agri and allied activities such as dairy/poultry/fishing/bee keeping/sericulture activities, seed production, agri produce aggregation and primary processing centers and all other agri related activities.