**1. Deccan Chronicle Pg-6 (09-02-2019)**

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**Hyderabad:** Farmer producer organisations (FPO) cell is going to start in Telangana state agricultural marketing department from April 1, principal secretary, agriculture, C. Parthasarathi said. The SFAC in collaboration with the FICCI is organising a conference with the broad theme of Farmer Producer Organisations for Doubling Farmers Income to build awareness amongst various stakeholders.

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**2. Times of India Pg-13 (09-02-2019)**

**Private sector must set up FPOs**

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Meet held on doubling farmers income

A meet on the theme 'Farmer Producer Organizations for Doubling Farmers Income' was held Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) in collaboration with FICCI and APEDA at FTAPCCCI Hall, Red Hills on Friday. The objective of the conference was to build awareness amongst various stakeholders such as retailers, processors, exporters, financial institutions, state governments and others about farmer producer organisations.

C. Parthasarathi, IAS, delivered a special address. Also present were SFAC Managing Director Neelkamal Darbari, Kamatan Farm Tech CEO Pravesh Sharma, among others.

Neelkamal Darbari said, "A farmer individually buys seeds, fertilisers and all the inputs needed for a good produce and sets out to the market on his own, hiring a truck, and all this involves huge expenditure. As long as we don't control the cost element, we will not be in a position to increase the income. By being collective, we can bring down the expenses and increase the income, and it is beneficial for the farmer ultimately."

Speaking on the occasion, C. Parthasarathi, said, "We would start a Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) cell in the Agricultural marketing department of Telangana from April 1. We have increased agrit production, but it is not fetching the right price. For this, we should assess the market to know which crop fetches what price and when, and accordingly, sow the crop. Also if farmers join hands, we can bargain for a better price."

SFAC’s Rs 100 cr fund to support farmers

The Small Farmer's Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) rated Rs 100 cr credit guarantee fund to support the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in the country.

This corpus fund provides cover to financial institutions for lending to FPOs without collateral, according to a top official of SFAC, which is an autonomous society promoted by ministry of agriculture, cooperation and farmers' welfare, government of India.

"Currently, there are only 5,000 FPOs operating in the country. More than 4,000 of them are being supported by NABARD. But, we require at least 5,000 FPOs in each state. We are there to support them to increase the revenue of farmers significantly. This corpus fund is also created to support them. FPOs can apply online for availing the benefits on our website," Neelkamal Darbari, Managing Director, SFAC said.

SFAC in association with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) organized a conference on "Farmer Producer Organizations for Doubling Farmers Income" on Friday in Hyderabad.

While delivering her keynote address, Neelkamal said, "Can FPOs be converted into a movement like the cooperative movement's success? FPOs are a revolutionary and path-breaking concept through which we can do something substantial for the farmers, but there is a need to realize its utility. We can make a huge difference to the farmer and change the face of farming in our country through all this."

Highlighting the need of aggregation of farmers through the FPOs, which can help them to get the remunerative prices, C. Parthasarathi, Principal secretary agriculture department, Telangana said, "The average land holdings in Telangana have been reduced drastically to 2.5 acres per farmer from 7.5 acres in 1975. Therefore, the farmers must focus on collective farming and sell the processed and graded items than raw to get better price from the market."

"This can only be done, when the farmers are united. Through the FPO, the farmers can leverage the power of collective bargaining. Though the production of grains has improved dramatically last year, the prices have to be increased further," he added.

Citing the failures of farmer cooperatives in the past, due to ineffective management, Parthasarathi asked FPOs to elect honest members as the CEO or Director on the board.
Hyderabad: The Agricultural Marketing Department of Telangana will accommodate FPO (Farmer Producer Organisations) cell, which will start from April 1, 2019, assured a senior government official.

For FPOs to be successful, the State government has to be involved, as autonomous bodies like SFAC (Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium) do not have the manpower at the ground level, whereas the state government has the network to enable FPOs to function efficiently, said C. Parthasarathi, principal Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Department, Telangana.

Speaking on the sideline of the conference on Friday, he said, “there are several farmer-oriented programmes provided by the government, but often the Collectors are not aware of FPOs. Hence, a mechanism has to be developed to integrate FPOs with the State government machinery, so that these FPOs can be utilised for such initiatives.”

The one-day conference on “Farmer Producer Organisations for Doubling Farmers Income,” was organised by SFAC in collaboration with Ficci and APEDA. With an aim to bring in awareness about FPO, amongst various stakeholders such as retailers, processors, exporters, financial institutions, state governments and others - the conference also intended to create better market and credit linkages. Nearly 15 FPOs from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu displayed their products.
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