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Dated 06.08.2025

To,
 Marketing (Marketing-II)
 Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
 Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Sub: Request for inputs in r/o the LSQ Dy. No. 11864 for 12.08.2025 regarding 'Market Access for FPOs.

Sir,

Please refer to your email dated 05.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

Sl. No.	Question	Reply
a)	Whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives to facilitate market access and credit linkages for the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) formed under the 10k FPO Scheme	Central government has implemented several initiatives to incentivize and promote Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), focusing on financial support, infrastructure development and market access etc. - FPOs can avail assistance for setting up of Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) under Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM). - Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF): FPOs can access credit guarantee loans up to Rs. 2.0 Cr with an interest subvention of 3% per annum. - Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub-scheme of ISAM: FPOs can avail maximum Rs 50 lakh for storage & Rs 30 Lakh for non-storage infrastructure. - PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM FME Scheme): Credit linked grant @35% for micro food processing enterprises subject to a maximum of Rs.10 lakh. - Kisan Drones: Existing and new Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs), Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), and Rural entrepreneurs can receive financial assistance of 40% of the basic cost of the drone or Rs. 4 lakhs, whichever is less. - Efforts are made to provide the exposure to FPOs to different marketing platforms like ONDC, e-NAM and GEM to access the wider geographies and fetch better prices through different platforms. - FPOs can get assistance under oilseed mission and honey mission of Government of India. - FPOs are connected with the industry and Agri-business organizations for better bargaining and improved market access through Melas/ Exhibitions etc. where industries are invited for B2B linkages with FPOs. Besides, FPOs are also facilitated in participating various Expos/ Exhibitions conducted by Industries, Associations, other Departments of Central Government, State governments etc. - Webinars are also being organized for FPOs by MoA&FW where industry experts guide FPOs on doing business with their organizations.
b)	If so, the details thereof;	

		<u>Credit Guarantee</u> FPOs are being extended the support of Credit Guarantee through NabSanrakshan. As on date, total 2444 FPOs have availed Credit Guarantee through NabSanrakshan, out of which 920 FPOs are from 10,000 FPOs scheme of GoI. A total 3341 Credit Guarantee have been issued to 2444 FPOs and guarantee cover of Rs. 610.70 Crs has been extended for the sanctioned loan of Rs 728.52 crs and 23.57 lakh member farmers of 2444 FPOs are benefited under the Credit Guarantee .
c)	Whether the Government has undertaken any special driver to assist FPOs in obtaining various licenses/ registrations such as production input licenses, FSSAI licenses, etc;	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MA&FW) undertaken a 3 months saturation drive during FY 24-25 for the issue of various input licences such as seed, fertilizer, pesticide, GST and FSSAI etc. to the FPOs. MA&FW directed all the States/UTs to work in this direction in a mission mode where in all the State Governments were requested to create dedicated FPO cell in the States/UTs level to handhold these FPOs. Further, GoI asked the State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) and District Level Monitoring Committee (DMC) constituted for 10,000 FPOs scheme to monitor the progress in this regard. To assist the FPOs in applying the licences and issue of licences, State Government also nominated Nodal Officer in the level of Director / Joint Director for this special drive. MA&FW also directed all the Implementing Agency's (IAs) to ensure issuance of various licences to the FPOs formed under 10,000 FPOs scheme in coordination with all State Govt and other Stake holders. As a part of special drive, State /UTs conducted series of meeting with IAs and others stake holders. Many states also organised district level camps for collection of applications from the FPOs and issue of the licences to the FPOs. Further, MA&FW made arrangements with the National Seed Corporation for the issue of 'O' form and seed dealership for the FPOs. Similar arrangements also made with HIL for issue of pesticides/insecticide dealership to the FPOs. The Ministry also made arrangements for the issue of 'O' form through Common Service Centre (CSC).
d)	If so, the details thereof, and	
e)	The number of such licenses/registration issued, state and activity-wise?	The state wise licences issued to the FPOs formed under 10,000 FPOs Scheme is attached.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar)
Dy. Director (PDF)

State wise status of Licenses under Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs (As per MIS)

#	State	FPO Registered	Seed License		Fertilizer License		Pesticide License		GST		FSSAI		Mandi	
			Availed	Applied	Availed	Applied	Availed	Applied	Availed	Applied	Availed	Applied	Availed	Applied
1	Andaman & Nicobar	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	714	148	15	241	13	151	11	295	3	169	11	53	1
3	Arunachal Pradesh	171	45	19	19	11	16	-	69	-	107	8	3	-
4	Assam	429	208	32	137	29	99	11	278	3	274	17	12	1
5	Bihar	696	241	88	245	59	48	32	416	2	220	38	46	3
6	Chhattisgarh	232	157	3	139	1	133	1	181	1	148	9	75	1
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Goa	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	1	5	-
9	Gujarat	426	261	12	233	8	228	10	274	2	239	9	93	26
10	Haryana	179	93	-	82	1	80	-	95	-	60	7	11	1
11	Himachal Pradesh	180	112	10	81	10	59	9	128	-	131	8	70	8
12	Jammu and Kashmir	330	139	15	133	15	24	22	131	-	159	6	84	7
13	Jharkhand	367	203	18	144	25	39	15	146	1	152	26	44	13
14	Karnataka	351	182	2	211	5	190	1	319	3	165	3	165	3
15	Kerala	176	27	4	45	7	35	4	95	3	100	11	12	1
16	Ladakh	23	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
17	Lakshadweep	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
18	Madhya Pradesh	642	488	19	437	22	385	19	506	1	380	6	291	8
19	Maharashtra	589	383	29	387	31	343	32	300	4	287	53	178	26
20	Manipur	78	14	36	48	4	50	2	50	-	66	5	4	-
21	Meghalaya	67	21	11	17	2	1	-	43	-	40	2	-	-
22	Mizoram	49	9	16	2	-	1	-	36	-	37	1	-	-
23	Nagaland	88	12	37	-	25	-	20	70	-	79	-	45	-
24	Odisha	471	271	67	222	63	117	64	356	1	234	16	121	6
25	Puducherry	6	3	1	3	-	3	-	3	-	4	-	2	-
26	Punjab	152	55	11	54	7	50	7	89	-	86	2	7	1
27	Rajasthan	589	440	29	420	23	381	16	427	1	363	5	279	7
28	Sikkim	15	3	3	3	2	-	2	4	-	11	-	3	-
29	Tamil Nadu	465	321	32	264	51	266	48	378	-	367	11	313	24
30	Telangana	617	447	5	508	7	215	7	512	-	131	9	8	1
31	Tripura	59	17	17	26	8	25	7	40	-	44	-	11	-
32	Uttar Pradesh	1275	996	18	982	14	880	14	989	1	708	31	494	21
33	Uttarakhand	162	104	8	74	10	61	8	111	-	135	1	55	-
34	West Bengal	383	170	71	128	67	64	78	218	3	164	36	202	8
	Grand Total	10000	5574	628	5287	520	3944	440	6569	29	5072	332	2689	167

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Dated: 26th April, 2024

Subject: Saturation drive for 03 months for FPOs formed and promoted under various schemes in the States/ UTs

Dear Sir / Madam,

Promotion and strengthening of FPOs have been one of the key strategies of Government of India to achieve inclusive agriculture growth. Realizing the indispensable role of collectivization of farmers particularly small and marginal farmers into collectives to leverage the economies of scale in production and marketing, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, is implementing a dedicated Central Sector Scheme "Formation & Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for implementation across the country. FPOs have the potential to give farmers better bargaining power and create a more transparent agri-market.

2. At present around 8,500 FPOs have been registered under the 10,000 FPOs scheme. Apart from FPOs formed under 10K FPO scheme, there would be other FPOs formed and promoted under various schemes in the States/ UTs. To become financially sustainable, the FPOs need additional handholding support from different stakeholders. Accordingly, Government has identified following activities which are to be taken up on a mission mode: -

I. Input licenses

Input business is extremely beneficial for FPO as it establishes connect with farmer members, develops business relationship and ensures sale of quality products at appropriate prices while making good revenue.

- i. All FPOs without a seed license should be given seed license from any of the leading government or private seed suppliers by July 15, 2024. In case FPO is facing issue in getting seed license, the Form "O" from National Seeds Corporation Limited (NSC) is enclosed with the letter along with details of contact persons for each state and the FPOs may avail the dealership from NSC.
- ii. Similarly, FPOs without any input dealership should avail dealership from leading government or private input dealers by July 15, 2024 except for the ones which are involved in organic farming. In case of any challenges, the application form and details of contact person for each state for obtaining Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL) dealership is enclosed with the letter and FPOs may avail dealership from HIL.

II. Mandi license is required by FPOs for trading of various commodities in many states. FPOs requiring Mandi license (wherever applicable) for undertaking trading activity of various agriculture produce. FPOs may be facilitated for obtaining necessary approvals & providing relaxations (if required) for availing the mandi license by July, 15th 2024.

III. Since all FPOs are business entities and need GST license as part mandatory business compliance. All FPOs should apply/avail GST license by July 15, 2024.

IV. Several FPOs are involved in value addition and food processing of various commodities. FSSAI license is mandatory for manufacturing and selling processed/ value added food products. All eligible FPOs, which are involved in value addition and food processing should apply/avail the FSSAI license by July 15, 2024.

3. To provide market linkages for the enabled players with market ready FPOs in the country, FPOs are being onboarded on online marketing platforms including ONDC (an innovative initiative introduced by the Government of India (GoI) to revolutionize the digital commerce ecosystem in the country). FPOs should be onboarded on online marketing platform/ONDC by July 15, 2024.

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4. Under 10,000 FPOs scheme, matching equity grant was released to eligible FPOs for meeting financial needs of various business activities. The equity grant may be used as seed capital for capital expenditure or other business activities. All the FPOs may either apply for the credit with the Financial Institutions (FIs) or avail convergence benefit from other government scheme as per their requirements.

5. Ongoing schemes of Govt may be converged to enhance the cost effectiveness of FPOs in production and raising productivity and to meet the cost of infrastructure requirement of the FPOs. The details of various schemes of Govt for Convergence Opportunities for FPOs is enclosed with the letter.

6. With the above said background, I would request you to kindly ensure the followings in a mission mode within 03 months from the date of issuance of this letter:

I. For States/ UTs

- A dedicated FPO cell to be created in the State/ UT to handhold these outfits.
- FPO cell to share the progress report with SFAC/ NPMA (Contact details of SFAC/ NPMA is enclosed).
- Coordinate & monitor the progress of above activities with IAs along with their empanelled CBBOs for smooth implementation.
- Conduct meetings with IAs and other State Government agencies promoting FPOs in the State/ UT.
- Support of state Government machinery to work synergistically to achieve the objective.
- State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) constituted under the 10,000 FPOs scheme and District Level monitoring committee (D-MC) to monitor the scheme progress.

II. For Implementing Agencies (IAs)

- To ensure the issuance of various licenses to all FPOs formed and promoted by them.
- To issue necessary instructions to CBBOs empanelled by them for compliance.
- To attend the review / monitoring meeting with States/ UTs.
- To share the assigned targets with their field offices.
- In the States where office of IA is not available, they can take the help of DMI regional offices.

7. It is requested to ensure the compliance of above for the betterment of farming community. NPMA/SFAC at central level to monitor the progress of the assigned targets and share the progress in the fortnightly meetings in the Ministry. It is further added that while starting the preparatory work for aforesaid activities, kindly ensure the compliance of the guidelines/ instructions issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) on enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct.

With Regards,

Encl:

- (i) State wise list of contact persons for obtaining form "O" from NSC
- (ii) State wise list of contact persons for obtaining dealership from HIL
- (iii) Details of Govt for Convergence Opportunities for FPOs
- (iv) Contact details of SFAC/NPMA

Yours Sincerely,

(Faiz Ahmed Kidwai)

To

- (i) Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture)/ Pri Secretary (Agriculture/Horticulture)/ Secretary (Agriculture) of States/ UTs.
- (ii) Implementing Agencies under 10,000 FPOs scheme.
- (iii) Managing Director, SFAC
- (iv) Team Leader, NPMA

Copy to:

- (i) I/c Joint AMA & Director (Admn) of Head office, DMI, Faridabad
- (ii) I/c Regional offices of DMI.