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To,
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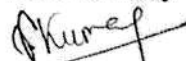
Sub: PQ Dy. No. 111 – Dr. Anil Jain – Formation of FPOs through PACS-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 07.12.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

| S. No | Query | Reply |
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| a) | Whether FPOs are being formed through Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACs) | A total of 1,100 FPOs will be formed and promoted through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACs) under NCDC in the CSS for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs. All these FPOs are still under the process of registration. |
| b) | if so, number of such FPOs being formed: and | |
| c) | the tasks to be performed by these FPOs? | The task to be performed by these FPOs are defined as per the operational guidelines of CSS for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs. The FPOs may provide and undertake following relevant major services and activities for their development as may be necessary: - (i) Supply quality production inputs like seed, fertilizer, pesticides and such other inputs at reasonably lower wholesale rates. (ii) Make available need-based production and post-production machinery and equipment like cultivator, tiller, sprinkler set, combine harvester and such other machinery and equipment on custom hiring basis for members to reduce the per unit production cost. (iii) Make available value addition like cleaning, assaying, sorting, grading, packing and also farm level processing facilities at user charge basis on reasonably cheaper rate. Storage and transportation facilities may also be made available. (iv) Undertake higher income generating activities like seed production, bee keeping, mushroom cultivation etc. (v) Undertake aggregation of smaller lots of farmer-members' produce; add value to make them more marketable. (vi) Facilitate market information about the produce for judicious decision in production and marketing. (vii) Facilitate logistics services such as storage, transportation, loading/unloading etc. on shared cost basis. (viii) Market the aggregated produce with better negotiation strength to the buyers and in the marketing, channels offering better and remunerative price |

Yours faithfully


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