

File No. SFAC/1-2/42/2024-GA.RTI Information.

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Subject: Request for seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 –reg.

Sir,

The undersigned being the CPIO refer to your RTI Application No. SFABC/R/T/25/00023 dated 26/08/2025 on the subject mentioned above. In so far SFAC is concerned, the information is as under:-

S. No	RTI Query	Information under RTI
1.	What documents are required for registering a Farmer Producer Company, and what is the procedure for incorporation?	The weblink Operational Guidelines for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations under URL https://sfacindia.com/Guideliness.aspx may please be referred to.
2.	How many Farmers Producer Company have registered at Gariaband block of Gariaband district of Chhattisgarh state? Please specify the names of the FPC, registration number, date of incorporation, BoD details. Number of shareholder and name of the CEO	The weblink “State wise list of registered FPOs details under Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs by SFAC as on 24-02-2025” under URL https://sfacindia.com/Guideliness.aspx and MCA portal may please be referred to.
3.	How is patronage bonus / dividend distributed among members of the registered Farmer Producer Companies in the concerned block?	
4.	Disclose any penalties or fines imposed on a Farmer Producer Company for non-compliance with the Companies Act or other applicable laws.	

5.	Can a Sarpanch be considered an eligible member to hold a position on the Board of Directors or President in a FPC?	The weblink Operational Guidelines for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations under URL https://sfacindia.com/Guidelines.aspx and MCA portal may please be referred to.
6.	Are there any restrictions or guidelines in the Companies Act or FPC bylaws regarding public officials / PRI members holding director positions?	
7.	Can one Farmer Producer Company sell the Agri inputs (Pesticide, fertilizer, seeds, etc.) without valid license or GST transactions?	
8.	What kind of legal actions are provisioned against the FPC, if violating the norms and laws of Company Act and who will be the responsible person from the FPC?	

Further, it is informed that the Central Information Commissioner in its Order No.CIC/AT/A/2006/00045 dated 21.04.2006 has conveyed that "the RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries in which a petitioner attempts to elicit answers to his questions with prefixes, such as, why, what, when and whether. The petitioner's right extends only to seeking information as defined in Section 2(f) either by pinpointing the file, document, paper or record etc., or by mentioning the type of information as may be available with the specified public authority."

As per Government of India office memorandum no 1/4/2009- IR dated 05.10.2009 pertaining to Right to Information Act, 2005 published by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training "The Public Information Officer is not supposed to create information; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions." It is inform that answering a question or proffering advice or making suggestion to an applicant is beyond the purview of the RTI act.

First Appellate Authority

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Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep kumar)

Dy. Director (PDF)

Central Public Information Officer