

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/E/25/00043 dated 12/11/2025 on the subject mentioned above. In so far SFAC is concerned, the information is as under:-

S. No	RTI Query	Information under RTI
1.	Please provide the latest status report of the FPO Scheme, including the total number of FPOs registered under the scheme as of date (state-wise and year-wise).	The list of the FPOs formed and promoted by SFAC may be referred to under the weblink “ <u>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</u> ” available in website under URL https://sfacindia.com/FPOS.aspx
2.	Please provide the list of implementing agencies or cluster-based business organizations (CBBOs) presently engaged in the formation and promotion of FPOs under the scheme.	The weblink “CBBO contact details (10k PFO scheme)” under SFAC website having URL https://sfacindia.com/FPOS.aspx may referred to.
3.	Total funds allocated, released, and utilized under the FPO Scheme since its inception (year wise).	The information sought by you pertains to third party. As per the provisions of Section 11(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the concerned third party was issued a notice and given an opportunity to make a representation regarding disclosure of the said information. The third party has objected to the disclosure of the information on the grounds that it is of a confidential nature and does not serve any larger public interest. After careful consideration of the third party’s objections and the nature of the information sought, and in accordance with Section 8(1) (j) and Section 11(3) of the RTI Act, it has been decided that the information requested cannot be disclosed, as its disclosure would

		cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual/third party, and there is no overriding public interest in disclosure. Hence, the information sought by you is denied under Section 11 read with Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005.
4.	Details of equity grants and credit guarantee funds released to FPOs through SFAC.	The information sought by you pertains to third party. As per the provisions of Section 11(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the concerned third party was issued a notice and given an opportunity to make a representation regarding disclosure of the said information. The third party has objected to the disclosure of the information on the grounds that it is of a confidential nature and does not serve any larger public interest. After careful consideration of the third party's objections and the nature of the information sought, and in accordance with Section 8(1) (j) and Section 11(3) of the RTI Act, it has been decided that the information requested cannot be disclosed, as its disclosure would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual/third party, and there is no overriding public interest in disclosure. Hence, the information sought by you is denied under Section 11 read with Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005.
5.	Criteria and process for selection and disbursement of funds to FPOs and CBBOs.	The weblink "Operational Guidelines for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations under SFAC website having URL https://sfacindia.com/Guideliness.aspx may be referred to.
6.	Details of FPOs that have become financially sustainable and self-reliant since their formation.	The list of the FPOs formed and promoted by SFAC may be referred to under 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" available in website under URL https://sfacindia.com/FPOS.aspx
7.	Copies or summaries of any performance evaluation, monitoring, or impact assessment reports conducted by SFAC or any third-party agency on the success of the FPO Scheme.	Presently, no such information available with SFAC.
8.	Information on the key challenges or reasons identified for non-performance or closure of FPOs.	No such information available with SFAC.
9.	State-wise and sector-wise	The scheme against which the information is being

	(horticulture, dairy, fisheries, etc.) distribution of FPOs formed under the scheme.	sought has not been mentioned
10.	Details of FPOs operational in the North Eastern region.	The list of the FPOs formed and promoted by SFAC may be referred to under 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" available in website under URL https://sfacindia.com/FPOS.aspx
11.	Copy of the latest operational guidelines or circulars issued by SFAC regarding implementation of the FPO Scheme.	The weblink "Operational Guidelines for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations under SFAC website having URL https://sfacindia.com/Guideliness.aspx may be referred to.
12.	Information on any modifications, policy revisions, or extension of the FPO Scheme since its initial launch.	No such information available with SFAC
13.	Details of success stories or case studies of FPOs recognized by SFAC or the Ministry.	The information sought by you pertains to third party. As per the provisions of Section 11(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the concerned third party was issued a notice and given an opportunity to make a representation regarding disclosure of the said information. The third party has objected to the disclosure of the information on the grounds that it is of a confidential nature and does not serve any larger public interest. After careful consideration of the third party's objections and the nature of the information sought, and in accordance with Section 8(1) (j) and Section 11(3) of the RTI Act, it has been decided that the information requested cannot be disclosed, as its disclosure would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual/third party, and there is no overriding public interest in disclosure. Hence, the information sought by you is denied under Section 11 read with Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005.
14.	Information on the number of FPOs that have been dissolved, deregistered, or found inactive and the reasons thereof.	No such information available with SFAC
15.	Any corrective or remedial measures undertaken by SFAC to address the challenges faced by non-performing FPOs.	The information sought by you is denied under the reference of Order No. CIC/AT/A/2006/00045 dated 21.04.2006 issued by CIC.

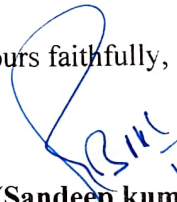
Further, it is informed that the Central Information Commissioner in its Order No.CIC/AT/A/2006/00045 dated 21.04.2006 has conveyed that "the RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries in which a petitioner attempts to elicit answers to his questions with prefixes, 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,


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Dy. Director (PDF)

Central Public Information Officer