

Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Sub: Karnataka Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) Policy 2018.

- Read:** 1. Para No. 21 of Budget Speech July 2018.
2. Govt. Order No. AGD 75 AMS 2017, Dated: 21.04.2018.
3. Proceedings of the Workshop held on 01.03.2018.
4. Proceedings of the Meeting held on 10.08.2018.
5. Proceedings of the Workshop held on 30.08.2018.
6. Proposal from Commissioner Watershed Development Dept. No. WDD/PC/FPO/01/2018-19, Dated: 03.10.2018 & 15.11.2018.

Preamble:-

In the Budget Speech of July 2018, read at (1) above, it has been announced that, "It is essential to constitute Farmer Producer Organisations to provide suitable marketing system for the farm produces apart from increasing the productivity by organising farmers. Through these Farmer Producer Organisations, farmers' income can be augmented by providing quality implements, farm machinery, and establishment of basic infrastructure for post-harvest management and by providing suitable prices for farm produces. A State Farmer Producer Organisation policy will be implemented to strengthen farmers' organisation and capacity building".

There are more than 300 FPOs already formed in the State, mainly promoted by NABARD and Horticulture Department. NABARD has followed its own guidelines for the formation of FPOs while the Horticulture Department has followed SFAC guidelines of Government of India. Sericulture Department has also taken up the formation of FPOs by formulating their guidelines. The SFAC has promoted nearly 25 FPOs through Agriculture Department mainly on Pulses in the districts of Hyderabad Karnataka Region.

Various instruments like the risk fund and development of labels, approved by the Government for strengthening of FPO's need to be operationalized. The Centre of Excellence for FPO has been established as an

autonomous body to support and promote formation and strengthening of FPO's in the State.

These issues were deliberated in several meetings, workshop at various levels and it was resolved to formulate a policy for promotion of FPOs in the State.

A workshop organized on 01.03.2018 read at (3) above, by inviting various stakeholders (representatives from NABARD, Development Departments, self evolved FPOs, FPO from outside State, resource institutions/NGOs etc.) to contribute for the process of formulation of policy on FPO in the State.

A meeting held on 10.08.2018 read at (4) above, under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner to finalize the draft Policy for Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs). The department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Animal Husbandary, Co-operation, Forestry, Agriculture Marketing, Finance, Planning, Representatives of State Agriculture Universities and NABARD Institute attended the meeting and offered their advice and opinion.

A workshop on FPO was conducted under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister on 30.08.2018 read at (5) above,. Members of FPOs formed by NABARD, SFAC, Horticulture and Sericulture Departments along with the respective departments/ institute officials, representative of Resource institutes and NGOs participated in the workshop.

Moreover, formation of FPO's have to be encouraged in Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Animal husbandry, Agro Forestry, Fisheries and Allied sectors. A committee chaired by the Commissioner, Watershed Development Department read at (2) above, was entrusted with the task of preparing the draft policy. The draft policy document has been submitted for approval in the proposal submitted by the Commissioner, Watershed Development Department read at (6) above. Further the annual requirement of grants for formation, strengthening and growth of FPOs, Nodal agency, PMU costs, creation of FPO portal, grants for already formed FPOs etc., is around Rs. 100.00 crores. It has been proposed that atleast 50% of this requirement may be taken from RKVY scheme(CSS), and the remaining 50% may be provisioned annually in the State budget.

This proposal has been examined in detail and hence the following Order;

Government Order No: AGD/92/AMS/2018 Bengaluru,

Dated: 17.01.2019.

In the context briefed in the preamble, Government is pleased to accord sanction to the implementation of "Karnataka Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) Policy 2018" as enclosed at Annexure- I from the year 2018-19 onwards.

This order is issued with concurrence of Finance Department vide it's note No. FD 769 Exp-4/2018, Dated: 01.01.2019 and Planning Department vide it's Note No. PD 4 PFO 2019, Dated: 07.01.2019.

**By order and in the name
of Governor of Karnataka**

B S Nagarathnam

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Under secretary to Govt. of Karnataka
& Agriculture department (Planning)
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