



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Watershed Development Department)

No:WDD/PC/FPO/SLEC-7th Meeting/14/2021-22

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Office Memorandum

Sub: Proceedings of State Level Empowered Committee
7th meeting of Farmer Producer organizations
Ref: This office even no Meeting Notice letter
dated:31.08.2021

With reference to the above subject, please find herewith enclosed a copy of Proceedings of State Level Empowered Committee 7th meeting of Farmer Producer organization held under the chairpersonship of Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka through video conference on 03.09.2021 for information and necessary action. Further enclosed a copy of Eligibility Criteria for Empanelment of Resource Institutions for Amrith Producer Organisations for necessary action.

Enclosure: As above.

Commissioner,

16/9/21

Watershed Development Department &
Member Secretary to SLEC

Copy to:

1. Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department Government of Karnataka, 3rd Gate, 4th Floor, M.S. Building, Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560 001.
2. Chief General Manager, NABARD, 46, NABARD Towers, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-09.
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Planning Department Government of Karnataka 3rd Gate, 7th Floor, M.S. Building, Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560 001.
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5. Additional Chief Secretary (MSME), Commerce and Industries, Department Government of Karnataka Room No 136, 1st Floor, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-01
6. Principal Secretary, (Budget & Resources) Finance Department, Government of Karnataka Room No 250, 2nd Floor, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-560 001

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7. Principal Secretary to Government (Forest), Forest, Environment and Ecology Department, Karnataka Government Secretariat, Room No. 442, Gate No. 2, M. S. Building, Bangalore-560001
8. Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department, Room No 405, 4th Floor, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru-560 001
9. Principal Secretary, Horticulture and Sericulture Department, Government of Karnataka 3rd Gate, 6th Floor, M.S. Building, Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560 001
10. Special Secretary, Food processing and Post-Harvest Management. # 16, 2nd Floor, KSAMB Building Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560 001
11. Commissioner, Agriculture Department, Seshardri Road, Bengaluru
12. Commissioner, Sericulture Department 1st Gate, 5th Floor, M.S. Building, Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560 001
13. Commissioner, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department, Pashu Bhavan, 1st Floor, Hebbal, Bengaluru
14. Commissioner, Handloom and Textiles Department, # 86, Shubhodaya complex, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020
15. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FRM), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru
16. Director, Horticulture Department, Lalbagh, Bengaluru
17. Registrar, Co-Operative Societies, # 1, Ali Askar Road, Bengaluru
18. Director, SFAC, New Delhi.
19. Director, Fisheries, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Vishweshwaraiah Center, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-01
20. Deputy General Manager, APEDA, 1st Floor, Beeja Bhavan, Hebbal, Bengaluru-24
21. Director, Agriculture Marketing Department, #16, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru
22. Regional Director, NCDC, 3rd Floor, KHB Complex, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560 047
23. Director of Research University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, Dharwad & Raichur
24. Director of Research University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkote
25. Director of Research University of Agriculture & Horticulture Sciences, Shivamogga
26. Convener, State Level Bankers Committee, Syndicate Bank Building, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru
27. Director Centre of Excellence - Farmer Producer Organization, UHS, Bagalkote, GKVK Campus, Bengaluru
28. Managing Director, KAPPEC, #17, General K.S. Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru
29. Assistant Agriculture Marketing Advisor, DMI, Bengaluru
30. Smt. Namreta Sharma, Project Director, GIZ, Bengaluru
31. Sri. Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, FICCI, Bengaluru
32. PS to Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka Room No 306, 3rd Floor, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru-560 001. Request to bring to the kind notice of Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner.
33. PA to Commissioner and Director, Watershed Development Department

Proceedings of the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) 7th meeting of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) held on 03.09.2021 under the Chairpersonship of the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

Details of the members present in the meeting is placed in **Annexure**.

At the outset Commissioner, Watershed Development Department welcomed Chairperson, members and others attending the SLEC meeting and placed the agenda of the meeting before the committee. The deliberations and decisions of the meeting are given below.

Agenda No: 1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the SLEC 6th meeting of FPOs held on 04.06.2021

Proceedings of SLEC 6th meeting held on 04.06.2021 is furnished for information at Annexure. The proceedings were communicated to all the members of the SLEC and no comments were received from the members. Committee confirmed the proceedings of the 6th meeting.

Agenda No: 2 Action taken report on SLEC 6th meeting proceedings

i) Department wise review of Progress of Formation of FPOs started during 2019-20.

Sl. No.	Department	Target	Registered
1	WDD	130	130
2	Horticulture	12	8
3	Animal Husbandry	30	24
4	Sericulture	8	6
Total		180	168

Committee reviewed the progress of various departments and directed Horticulture, Sericulture and Animal Husbandry departments to complete the registration process within 15 days. Horticulture and Sericulture Departments informed that the proposal for financial assistance of FPOs under the new scheme has been submitted to Government of India and response in this regard is awaited.

Committee instructed the Commissioner Agriculture, Director Horticulture and Commissioner Sericulture to follow up the proposal with Government of India.

ii) Establishment of State level Federation of Farmer Producer Organisation

As per the instruction of Committee, concept note is circulated to stakeholder on 04.06.2021. No comments received from the stakeholders.

iii) FPO Business incubation and growth phase guidelines

Final Draft guidelines prepared by KAPPEC is ready for Circulation to Stake holders.

iv) Creation of Nodal Agency at Agriculture Secretariat

Issue taken up for discussion in Agenda No-5

v) Availability of Government Land for FPO formation

Nodal Agency is following up with Revenue Department and written letter to Principle Secretary, Revenue Department vide no.ಜಅಇ/ಪಿಕೋ/ಎಫ್ ಪಿಟ/23/2020-21 dated: 30.06.2021.

vi) Shop and Stock model for marketing of FPO products

Committee suggested to include development of local markets, ODOP products and infrastructure development under Atmanirbhar scheme.

Preparation of proposal is under process.

vii) To Declare Extension of Concessions /Benefits to FPOs on par with Co-operatives of state.

Commissioner, WDD has written D.O. letter to RCS vide no.ಜಅಇ/ಪಿಕೋ/ಎಫ್ ಪಿಟ/23/2020-21 dated: 30.06.2021.

Registrar of Cooperative Societies, in his letter (No.CRD/CAB-1/10/2017-18 dated 02-09-2021) has expressed that FPOs registered under Societies act are eligible for Extension of Concessions /Benefits of Cooperatives.

viii) Re-allocation of Blocks to Horticulture Department

Commissioner, WDD has informed concerned Joint Directors of Agriculture vide letter no: ಜಅಇ/ಪಿಕೋ/ಎಫ್ ಪಿಟ/23/2020-21 dated: 30.06.2021 to re-allocate blocks to Horticulture Department. Accordingly action has been taken in respective districts.

ix) Implementation of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs under Central Sector Scheme in Karnataka

SI No	IAs	No of allotted Blocks	Registered FPOs
1	WDD	100	47
2	SFAC	19	8
3	NCDC	23	0
4	NABARD	29	25
Total		171	80

The committee discussed Implementing Agency wise registration of FPOs in detail, WDD and NABARD have achieved good progress, informed SFAC and NCDC to speed up the registration process.

Regional Director, NCDC informed that NCDC has to register FPOs under Co-operative Societies Act and minimum 200 members are necessary for registration. It is difficult to mobilise 200 farmers in the initial stage itself and requested to reduce this number for registration purpose. Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Karnataka informed the committee that if NCDC requests in writing it can be considered as a special case with minimum 50 members shareholders for registration of FPOs under Co-operatives. Committee instructed Regional Director, NCDC to write a letter to RCS in this regard and start registering FPOs with minimum 50 members and upscale it to 300 members.

Agenda No: 3 Allocation of 750 Amrith Farmer/Fishers/Weavers Producer Organisations among various Departments

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka has addressed in his Independence day speech on 15th August 2021 to promote 750 Amrith Farmers/Fishers/Weavers Producers Organisations. Further, Government Order No.AGRI-AML-147/2021 Bengaluru Dated: 23.08.2021 has been issued.

Commissioner, WDD explained that first round of meeting was convened on 26.08.2021 with concerned Departments to allocate the target of 750 POs and tentative targets allocated is as below.

Sl. NO.	Department	Target			
		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	Total
1	Agriculture	70	70	70	210
2	Horticulture	60	60	60	180
3	Animal Husbandry	50	50	50	150
4	Handlooms & Textiles	30	30	30	90
5	Fisheries	25	25	25	75
6	Sericulture	15	15	15	45
Total		250	250	250	750

After detailed discussion, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department informed to reduce first year target as there is need for creation of new head of account, and Empanelment of RIs, amendment in policy, FPO Cell formation. Committee approved the target allocated to various Departments and instructed to re-allocate the targets to Districts and to get the cluster and value chain approved in D-MC and start the implementation of programme at the earliest.

Agenda No: 4 Budget allocation for 750 Amrith Farmers/ Fishers/Weavers Producers Organisations

Commissioner, WDD explained the committee that Government has sanctioned Rs.225.00 crores for Formation and Promotion of 750 Amrith Farmers/Fishers/Weavers Producers Organisations for the period of 3 years. As per Karnataka Farmer Producer Organizations Policy-2018 financial assistance for each FPO is Rs.30.26 lakhs.

Committee approved financial assistance of Rs.30.00 lakhs for each FPOs as below

Details of component - wise assistance provided for promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations.					
Sl. No	Activities	Maximum amount of assistance per FPO Rs in Lakhs			
		1st year	2nd year	3rd year	Total

1	Mobilizing of Farmers	0.25			0.25
2	Exposure visits for farmers @ Rs 400/ farmer/day	0.90	0.90		1.80
3	Training to lead farmers @ Rs 12500 for 50 members for a day	0.375	0.375		0.75
4	Training to Directors and CEOs @ Rs 600 / members 2 days training For 11 members (Twice)	0.47		0.47	0.94
5	Registration charges of FPO	0.50			0.50
6	Honorarium to CEO @ Rs 23,000/month for 24 months	1.38	2.76	1.38	5.52
7	Honorarium to Assistant /DEO @Rs.7500/month for 24 months	0.45	0.90	0.45	1.80
8	FPO office non- recurring expenses	1.00			1.00
9	FPO office recurring expenses	0.30	0.60	0.30	1.20
10	One time Revolving Fund / Grant assistance to Infrastructure Development/ Business Implementation		5.00	5.00	10.00
11	Honorarium to 2 Local Resource Person of RI @ Rs.6500/- per month for one year	1.56			1.56
12	Program management cost for RIs	1.44	1.44	1.44	4.32
13	Service Charges to RIs	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.36
Total		8.745	12.095	9.16	30.00

Agenda No: 5 Creation of Nodal Agency for effective implementation of Farmer Producer Organization.

Commissioner, WDD informed the committee that working group constituted by Secretary Horticulture & Sericulture has submitted draft report on Formation of State level FPO cell.

Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture stated that at present Watershed Development Department is functioning as Nodal Department and Co-ordinates with all the Departments, NCDC, SFAC, NABARD, KAPPEC, Government of India and NPMA. FPO-PMU at WDD is working with One DDA and ADA. In this regard Agri Business Promotion Unit (ABPU) has to be constituted with Nodal Agency/FPO-Cell consisting of team of all Agriculture and allied Departments.

After detailed deliberation Committee requested Smt. Namerta Sharma, GIZ to support formation of FPO Cell at WDD. Smt. Namerta Sharma, requested the committee to send proposal through Horticulture Department to help and to aid ABPU as GIZ is working in collaboration with Horticulture Department. Accordingly committee instructed Director, Horticulture Department to send a proposal.

Agenda No:6 Reduction of Producer Members for Handlooms and Textiles

As per the Karnataka Farmer Producer Organization Policy-2018 the FPO shall initially comprise of 200 to 500 farmers, which may be up scaled to 1000 members or more. Commissioner, Handlooms & Textiles expressed difficulty in mobilizing 1000 weavers in a single cluster due to scattered presence and requested for reduction in members. Fisheries Department also requested for reduction of members.

After detailed deliberation Committee approved minimum of 300 members for each Amrith Weavers/Fishers Producer Organizations.

Agenda No:7 Implementation of 750 Amrith Farmer/Fishers/ Weavers Producers Organisations.

After detailed deliberation committee decided to form a committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department with CGM NABARD, Sri Ravindra APEDA and Commissioner WDD as its members to finalize the minimum eligibility criteria for empanelment of Resource Institutions. After finalisation of criteria and weightage, Commissioner WDD shall circulate to all the concerned Departments for empanelment of Resource Institutions. Further, committee instructed the concerned Departments to complete the empanelment of Resource Institutions within a month after receiving the minimum eligibility criteria by floating short term Tender as per KTPP.

Agenda No: 8 Any other subject with the permission of the Chair

1. MD-NCDC has requested to direct Registering Authorities to speed up registration under the Co-operative Societies Act. Registrar, Co-operative Societies directed all DRCs on 13.08.2021

Committee noted the matter.

2. Commissioner, WDD requested the committee, issuing login credentials of CSCs to FPOs with respect to RTCs and crop insurance. In this regard, letter has been addressed to ACS, e-Governance request for issuing login credentials to FPOs.


Committee noted the matter and informed to forward the letter to Additional Chief Secretary e-Governance and Principal Secretary, Revenue to accord necessary permission.

3. The proposal to extend the ReMS electronic platform for all FPOs supported by Government of Karnataka.

Special Secretary, Food Processing and Post-harvest Technology informed the committee, that NABARD has collaborated with ReMS an online trading of produce of FPOs on the ReMS Unified Market Platform (UMP). The UMP has been customized to meet the requirement of FPOs and FPO staff were trained on the methodology of trading on the platform. On pilot basis trading is initiated in 66 FPOs.

After detailed discussion the committee agreed to proposal without incurring any cost to FPOs and suggested that NABARD may take forward the proposal and discuss with ReMS and also support the initiative.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Vandita Sharma)

Chairperson to SLEC,
& Additional Chief Secretary cum
Development Commissioner,
Government of Karnataka,
Bengaluru

Annexure

SLEC/SLCC 7th meeting of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)

Sl. No.	Designation / Department / Name
1	Chairperson SLEC, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka
2	Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department Government of Karnataka
3	Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Government of Karnataka
4	Chief General Manager, NABARD, Bengaluru
5	Special Secretary, Food processing and Post-Harvest Management
6	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FRM),
7	Commissioner, Watershed Development Department
8	Director, Horticulture Department
9	Commissioner, Agriculture Department
10	Commissioner, Department of Handlooms & Textiles
11	Commissioner, Sericulture Department
12	General Manager, APEDA
13	Registrar, Co-operative Society
14	Director, Watershed Development Department
15	Director Centre of Excellence - Farmer Producer Organization
16	Director, Animal Husbandry
17	Regional Director, NCDC
18	Joint Secretary (B&R) , Finance Department
19	Director of Research University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru
20	Director of Research University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad
21	Director of Research University of Agriculture & Horticulture Sciences, Shivamogga
22	Regional Office, APEDA, Hyderabad
23	Additional Director, Horticulture Department
24	Joint Director, KAPPEC
25	Assistant Agriculture Marketing Advisor, DMI
26	Deputy General Manager, NABARD
27	Deputy Director of Agriculture, PMU-FPO, Watershed Development Department
28	Assistant General Manager, NABARD
29	Assistant Director of Agriculture, PMU-FPO, WDD
30	State Level Bankers Committee
31	Namerta Sharma, GIZ
32	C V Reddy
33	B. Chandra Shekar

