

Government of India-Formation and Promotion of 90000 Farmer Producer Organisations

Central Sector Scheme (CSS)

Government of India announced scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10000 Farmers Producer Companies / Organizations for the total expenditure of Rs.6866 crores.

MCDC has been appointed as a “Cluster Based Business Organization” (CBBO) by NABARD and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to implement this scheme in the State. Total 26 FPCs through NABARD and 5 FPOs through NCDC has been allotted to MCDC. A total of 31 Farmer Producer Companies have been established in 11 districts of Satara, Parbhani, Nagpur, Solapur, Kolhapur, Yavatmal, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Bhandara and Chandrapur through the MCDC. Under the guidance of the MCDC and with the cooperation of the District Development Manager of NABARD and the District Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the project implementation is underway.

Providing training to Board of Directors / Chief Executive Officers, Member Farmers etc. of companies / organisation, making available Agricultural Inputs (fertilizers, insecticides, seeds) to the members at reasonable price, conducting study tours in the State and outside the State, training and guidance on Marketing of Agril produce, improved varieties, modern technology, warehousing etc. is being organised by MCDC. In addition to this MCDC is assisting the companies to findout new markets, processors, exporters to market the agril produce of member farmers of the FPO/FPC to fetch better price for their agricultural produce.

Under this scheme Rs. 15 lakh grant equity is available to Farmer Producer Companies/organizations. MCDC is giving guidance and follow-up to Farmer Producer Companies / Organisations to avail grant equity. Further under this scheme training and study tours are organized for the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officers of the companies. MCDC has appointed experts in various fields for effective implementation of scheme and to guide FPCs and FPOs for giving maximum benefits to their member farmers with commercial angle.

The Corporation is expected to implement the project effectively, ensuring that the farmer producer companies operate professionally and provide benefit to their member farmers.

The following experts have been designated at head office for the implementation of this project:

1. Dr. Bhaskar Patil - Agri Marketing
2. Mr. Balwant Dhumal - Crop Husbandry
3. Mr. Sadiq Maneri - Social Mobilization
4. Mrs. Monali Navsakar - MIS
5. Mr. Abhay Sarvagya - Account