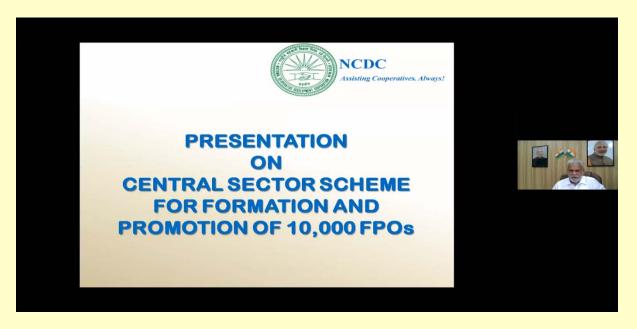
Online orientation Workshop for ICAR related Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBO) on Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs.



Address by the Chief Guest - Shri ParshottamRupala, Hon'bleMinister of State, Ministry of Agriculture &Farmers Welfare

An online orientation workshop was organized by NCDCon 05.03.2021 at 03:00 pm for creating awareness of modalities of Central Sector Scheme on Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs to all ICAR-KVK personnel.

2. Shri Parshottam Rupala Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture & farmers Welfare, the Chief Guest on the occasion highlighted the role of NCDC in formation of FPOs and the collaborative role with ICAR. He stated that ICAR and NCDC both institutions under his Ministry have come forward to help the farmers. Further, the Minister added that CBBOs have an important role to play and stressed that formation of FPOs will help farmers to attain economy of scale towards better price realization.

3. At the outset of the workshop, **Dr. C. Roul, Senior Advisor, NCDC** talked about the paradigm shift from subsistence agriculture to surplus agriculture. He said that the marginal and small farmers lack resources to dispose of marketable surplus. Disposal of marketable surplus for small farmers can be well achieved through FPO formation with the overall guidance of ICAR –KVK as NCDC designated CBBOs.

4. **Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR** conveyed his sincere gratitude to Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble MoS, for his guidance and valuable advice for the welfare of agriculture and rural sector. DG ICAR also informed that NCDC and ICAR have entered into an MoU to work together for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs wherein KVKs will be designated as CBBOs for implementation of the above said scheme.

5. **Shri. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, Managing Director, NCDC** expressed the importance of collaboration of ICAR with NCDC with respect toGoI's revolutionary initiative of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs. He said that as ICAR being the top most renowned institute for agriculture, the joint effort towards formation and promotion of FPO will make the implementation of this scheme more realistic and effective.

6. NCDC is one of the Implementation Agencies along with NABARD and SFAC. NCDC has allotted 116 blocks to ICAR-ATARI-KVKs who will work as a CBBO. The workshop focused on the guidelines of the scheme, roles and responsibilities of CBBOs, baseline survey, cluster finalization value chain study, formation of groups and FPO, assisting FPOs in their periodic meetings, registration of FPOs and training of BODs on roles, responsibilities, management etc.

8. A detailed presentation of the scheme was made by Shri. Atul Kumar, Director, FPO Cell and NCDC. The meeting was held via video conferencing and simultaneously streamed live on <u>SahakarCooptubeNCDCIndia</u> and NCDC Facebook page. The workshop was well received with 610 participants representing ICAR-ATARI-KVKs, state government officials and NCDC employees. The training session concluded with an interactive Question & Answer session wherein the clarifications sought by participants were addressed immediately.



