

Farmer producer Organisations can play a major role in aggregation small farmers and value adding agricultural produce. Explain.

The government has approved and launched central sector scheme for formation and promotion of 10,000 farmer producer organisation to form and promote new 10,000 FPOs till 2027-2028.

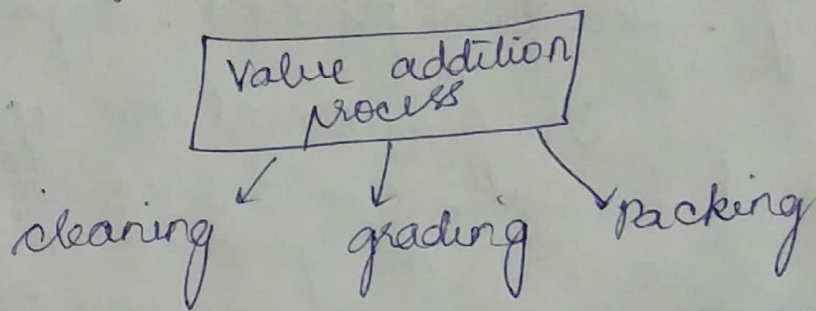
One district one crop: Under this scheme the FPO are based on produce cluster area based approach and commodity based approach thus focusing on one district one crop for the development of product specialisation.

Aggregating small farmers

① Provides effective handling and support to all FPOs for 5 years from the year of its creation at all aspects of management of FPOs, input, production, processing, value addition, market linkages, credit linkage, use of technologies etc

② Enhance capacity building for the FPOs in agricultural entrepreneurship skill thus making economically viable and self-sustainable.

Value addition in agricultural produce :



→ FPOs also helps in storage and transportation support.

→ Also perform farm level processing at user charge basis at a cheaper rate.

→ Provides financial aid of 15L/FPO for a period of 3 years

Way forward :

- ① Sales through FPOs resulted in price realisation by the members by 22%.
- ② Formation and promotion of FPOs has converted from *Krishi* to *Atmanirbhar* *Krishi*.
- ③ It enhances overall ^{cost} production and productivity and higher net incomes of the FPO members.
- ④ Thus rural economy is promoted by creating job opportunities at the village itself.