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Government Efforts for FPO

↳ Promoted by FPO under Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium (SFAC), NBBARD, state government and NGOs.

↳ cash infusion up to 10 lakh rupees.

↳ Credit Guarantee cover (max. 85% of loans)

↳ Budget 2018-19 → Supporting measure for FPO including 5 year tax exemption

2019-20 → setting up 10,000 more FPOs in next 5 years.

↳ one district one product cluster - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare reiterated the importance of FPO in production clusters, agricultural and horticultural produce.

↳ ODOP → Promote Better Processing, Marketing, Branding & Export.

↳ Collective Farming → focus on creating supply chains and find New Market.

Conclusion

↳ Centre has encouraged FPO to help farmers income will rise because of the Benefits flowing from FPO.