The Farmer Producer organisation (FPO) can play a catalystic roll in recently Introduced farm laws in order to "double Farmers income" by 2022.

FPO's are collective organisation of farmers similar to cooperatives in many ways but different in registration, no elections and market orientation.

Need of FPO's

(i) Lack of scaling in Indian agriculture with 86% small & marginal farmers holding 45% of cultivable land. (swaminathan, 2009)

(ii) Failure of cooperatives created a structural gap and middle man exploit farmers.

Benefits of FPO's

(i) cost reduction → when large number of small farmer agregate

they
a) Buy inputs directly from whole sale
b) sale produce with great bargaining power.
c) get easy acess to financial schemes like loans and ensurance.
d) cheap and Bulk transportation

(ii) Ease of Agriculture - As FPO's enhance their social capital they
a) share machinary among them.
b) easy information dissemination

(iii) Governance - Government can easily target them and supply policies like
a) credit Guarantee scheme
b) linking with eNAM & APMC and ease of monitoring
c) supply chain linkage via kisan sampada scheme or operation greens

· currently, according to NABARD there are around 5000 FPOs across the country and are mostly at nascent stage with shining examples like

(i) kashi vishwanath FPO - which make papad in UP.

(ii) shri kuraon FPO - which sell produce dispite drought in UP.

- shows that FPO can also protect farmers from fluctuations.

way Forward

(i) management - There is a need to keep management trained & skilled away from local politics.

(ii) universal inclusion of government scheme against current sealing of 500 members by SFAC.

(iii) convergence :- of govt. schemes of social sector and entrepreneurship with FPO - moving away from silo approach.

(iv) Finance - Banks should treat FPO's as startups & reduce high interest while govt. should allow vanture or angel funding.

(v) Apart from it → infrastructure, Awareness single window clearances & Digital monitoring should be adopted.

Thus FPO's can fill the vacume left by cooperatives, by providing scalability affordability to farmers.