

Rajasthan RO organized meeting of State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) on FPOs - PRODUCE Fund

The Meeting of State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) on FPOs (PRODUCE Fund) was organized by Rajasthan RO on 20th June 2018 under the chairmanship of Shri R K Thanvi, OIC, NABARD, Rajasthan RO.

In addition to Shri N C Upreti, General Manager/SLBC Convenor – Bank of Baroda, Heads/Senior Officers from SLBC; Major Banks including RRBs & StCB; NIAM, Govt. of India; Department of Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Animal Husbandry/ Cooperatives/ State Agriculture Marketing Board/ Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation, Rajasthan Agricultural Competitiveness Project, Govt. of Rajasthan, POPIs, etc. attended the above meeting.

Shri R K Thanvi, OIC, during his address enlightened the participants about the current issues being faced by Indian Agriculture due to climate change and land fragmentation and stressed upon the concept of FPOs as a savior for the distressed farmers especially SF/MF. He exhorted the SLCC forum to suggest ways and means to make the FPOs promoted in Rajasthan, to have a meaningful impact in the income level of the farmers. He further added that since these FPOs require some funding in their initial stages, bankers and other funding agencies need to come forward to support the financial requirements of FPOs.

On the occasion, Shri R K Thanvi, OIC urged all the stakeholders to take forward the FPOs as a people's movement in the state as a convergence model so that the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to double the farmers' income by 2022 can be achieved successfully.

It was followed by the presentation on the status of FPOs in the state by Shri M L Meena, Manager and deliberations on the agenda points by the participants viz. financing of FPOs by banks & other financial institutions including NABKISAN, support to be extended to FPOs in preparation of business plan and convergence of various stakeholders in providing financial and non-financial support like input supply service, storage and marketing services, various policy changes, etc. to make the FPOs self- sustaining organisations.

Subsequently, the proposed campaign 2018 on market skills for the farmers through FPOs in the state was discussed in detail and all the participants congratulated NABARD for contemplating this campaign benefiting rural poor and assured to extend their wholehearted support for making this campaign successful.

Shri Lalit Maurya, General Manager summarized the action plan and thanked all the participants.

Few Photographs captured during the above meeting are appended below:



