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5. Strengthening Farmer Producer Organisations is the key to fulfill sustainable development Goals regarding Agriculture. Critically Analyse Farmer Producer Organisation. 2003 (EPD)

The main objectives of the EPD are to reduce cost of cultivation by procuring inputs in bulk and enhance collective bargaining power and income of farmers by leveraging the entire agricultural value chain.

4. Challenges

1) Low capital Base: many FPO's are unable to access required financial support from Banks/financial institutions. Only less than 4% of the FPO have paid up capital & more than 10 lakh a report from Azim Premji University

2) Poor Human Resources: Majority of the FPOs struggle to comply with statutory norms viz audited financials and filling Goods & Services tax Returns.

3) Lack of commercial viability: As Indian farmers share is not more than 25% of consumers.

4) Absence of market linkages: Most of FPOs depend on local market without exploring the export market.

5) Infrequent Patronage of Members: FPOs are largely unaware of operation of collectives their responsibilities and exhibit insignificant levels of ownership.

6) Obsolete Technology: As most of FPOs are

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Unable to mobilise requisite funds for mechanisation of farming, good Agricultural practices through advanced technologies.

6) Negligible value addition to Agri produce:

40% of the farmer members in five sample states avail themselves of Agricultural value chain activities from FPOs.

↳ Way Forward

↳ FPO may be linked to agri-export zones / e-commerce to supply sanitary and phyto sanitary-compliant agri products.

↳ FPOs to have to diversify their cropping pattern and adopt integrated farming along with dairy, poultry and fisheries without compromising on food security.

↳ Promoting agencies should nurture and build FPOs in order to educate them on enhancement of product quality.

-↳ Conclusion

FPOs suffer from lack of commercial viability and financial sustainability. Since agriculture is the key to fulfil half of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, strengthening FPOs is the key to achieve SDGs.