

WORKSHOP ON FARMER PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS (FPO):

Collectivizing farmers into Producer Organizations (POs) has been considered as one of the way to overcome the challenges faced by the small and marginal farmers. This approach is demonstrating the potential to be more successful in breaking farmer's dependency on Intermediaries, and enabling them access better markets (inputs and output). In the last decade, efforts have been made towards creating and strengthening POs and thus strengthening their position in the mainstream value chain/s. Over the years, there has been a growing interest in promoting an enabling environment for the FPOs. Several initiatives have been taken by the Government, Apex financial institutions such as NBARDprivate donor organizations, financial institutions and many other institutions to support the growth of the FPOs and facilitate their emergence as successful business enterprises. Under the 12th Five Year Plan of the Government of India, promotion and strengthening of FPOs has been one of the key strategies to achieve inclusive agricultural growth.

Keeping the above ideas in mind DRC had organised one day workshop on the above subject at Puri. About 87 nos. farmers were present in the workshop. Resource persons from NABARD, DDA-Puri and DAO-Sakhigopal shared a lot of ideas and oriented the farmers for starting Producer organisation.