

Responsibilities of Technical Agency

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- Technical Agency (TA) shall be responsible for identification, mobilization and sensitization of farmer groups for participation in Scheme for Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages. In the process, TA shall engage with various agencies involved in promotion of FPCs / FPOs/ Farmer groups like Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, agencies under Ministry of Rural Development, State Government Departments/Agencies, NABARD, Regional Rural Banks, Krishi Vigyan Kendra present in Districts etc. and create awareness regarding the scheme of the Ministry and application requirements & procedures.
- TA shall be responsible for coordination with State Government Departments/Organizations, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)/Organizations, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), private sector to introduce innovative technologies to FGs/FPOs/FPCs, etc.
- TA shall be responsible for preparing a business plan for the FPOs/FPCs which would include plan for logistics from farm to market including post-harvest management, storage having organic involvement with end users (Processors, Exporters, Retailers).
- TA shall be responsible for organizing capacity building workshops, training for Board of Directors (BoDs) and other key members of the FGs on entrepreneurship, business planning and management related to food processing.
- TA shall assist the identified farmer groups on meeting compliance requirement as per MoFPI scheme guidelines for Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages and also assist in preparing required documents including DPR as per scheme guidelines.
- The TA will coordinate with banks/financial institutions to enable the farmer groups in preparing detailed bankable project report including business plan for the proposed supply chain infrastructure/processing facility.
- TA shall assist FGs/ FPOs/FPCs/SHGs to obtain Term Loan from the Bank/ FIs as well as various permissions, NOCs and licenses from various statutory authorities of Central/ State Departments.
- TA shall also assist the farmer group/FPOs/FPCs/SHGs for online submission of application/ uploading of required documents as per guidelines of Scheme for Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages.
- TA shall represent along with the farmer groups/FPOs/FPCs/SHGs in the various meetings held at MoFPI.
- TA will also provide support for implementation and monitoring of the project post implementation for a period of two years after completion and operationalization of the project as per the scheme guidelines. TA shall submit quarterly progress report during implementation phase and also for two years during post implementation phase.
- Any other duty and responsibility assigned by the Ministry from time to time.