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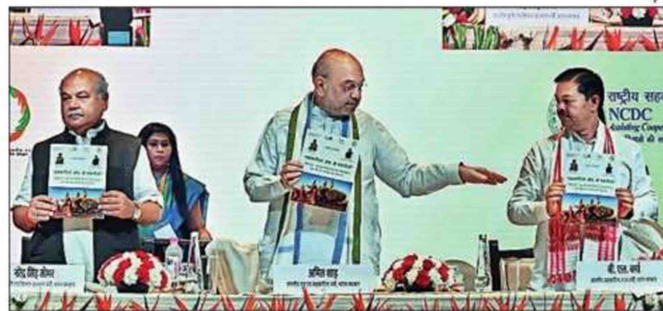
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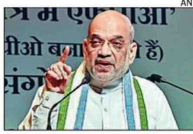
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Amit Shah addresses the 42nd Foundation Day of NABARD

Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed the 42nd Foundation Day function of NABARD as the chief guest at Pragati Maidan. On this occasion, Shah also distributed Micro-ATM cards to milk societies and RuPay Kisan Credit cards to the members of these societies. Many dignitaries including Minister of State for Finance Dr Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Secretary, Ministry of Co-operation, Gyanesh Kumar and Chairman NABARD KV Shaji were also present. In his address, he said that India which has about

65 percent rural population cannot be imagined without NABARD. NABARD has worked as the backbone of country's rural economy, infrastructure, agriculture, cooperative institutions and self-help groups of this country for last four decades. Along with this, agricultural economy, which is considered to be the soul of the rural economy, is also growing very rapidly and in the agricultural economy, co-operative sector is connected in such a way that it cannot be separated. It has played a huge role in helping SHGs.



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Shah: Farmer cooperatives will boost economy, jobs



Union Minister Amit Shah at the National Seminar 2023 on FPO in New Delhi on Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

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AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL husbandry and fisheries sectors are the backbone of the country's economy and strengthening them will strengthen the country's economy, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said on Friday.

Addressing the National Mega Conclave on Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO) in

the cooperative sector, Shah said the three sectors together make up 18 per cent of India's GDP, but are never discussed in the country. Unlike manufacturing, if agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries sectors are strengthened through cooperatives, then employment opportunities will increase along with the GDP, he said.

On the occasion, Shah also released an action plan for the formation of 1,100 new FPOs by Primary Agricultural Credit

Societies (PACS). The event was attended by Union Minister for Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of State for Cooperation B L Verma, Cooperation Secretary Gyanesh Kumar, Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja and other officials.

Shah said a new hybrid model should be designed so that a complete system for information exchange, profit sharing and marketing based on the arrangement between PACS and FPOs can be put in place.



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Shah says FPOs key to strengthening GDP rise

New Delhi, July 14: Cooperation minister Amit Shah on Friday said the contribution of agriculture and allied sectors to the country's GDP can further be enhanced by strengthening marketing, for which farmer producer organisations (FPOs) are the key.

Addressing a conclave here, the minister said agriculture can become a profitable venture if modern technology and marketing methods are adopted. Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and FPOs can help in this endeavour.

He urged both FPOs and PACS to operate in a "hybrid model" under which around 11,770 FPOs that have already been set up can link themselves with PACS through an agreement to provide services to cooperative members. Existing 65,000-odd PACS can begin operating as FPOs.

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To improve the farmers' living conditions as good as those engaged in the service sector, "we need to accept FPOs," he said.

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Asserting that PACS and FPOs are a new beginning, Shah said it is necessary to adopt modern technologies and marketing tools in order to make farming profitable at a time when 85 per cent of the farmers are small and marginal with less than one hectare farm land.

He said a committee had suggested FPOs in 2003 during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government but it was kept in cold storage. It was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who decided to promote FPOs to further boost the farm and allied sectors.

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If PACS are strengthened as FPOs, it will benefit the cooperative sector, he added. — PTI

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Shah stresses on using modern agri methods to attract youth

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Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah has emphasised the importance of adopting modern methods of agriculture to attract youth and ensure the prosperity of marginal farmers. He also highlighted the role of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and Farmers Produce Organisations (FPOs) as viable tools for agricultural transformation.

Speaking at a National Mega Conclave on 'PACS as FPOs' organized by the National Cooperatives Development Corporation (NCDC), Shah called for a hybrid model that integrates PACS and FPOs.

He suggested designing a complete system for information exchange, profit sharing, and marketing based on the collaboration between PACS and FPOs. "It is crucial to instill confidence in the 12 crore farmers of the nation that



agriculture is a profitable business and should be practiced in a modern way with proper marketing. This will not only increase agricultural production but also contribute to the GDP," Shah stated.

He emphasized the need to revive and advance the cooperative movement in India, particularly in the agricultural sector. Strengthening agriculture, animal husbandry, and fisheries through cooperatives

would not only boost employment opportunities but also contribute to the GDP. Shah acknowledged the steps taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the welfare and prosperity of farmers, including the promotion of FPOs. He mentioned the scheme 'Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs' launched in 2021 to support the sector.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers

Welfare has allocated additional blocks to NCDC to form and promote 1100 FPOs in the cooperative sector through strengthening of PACS.

"PACS should increasingly transform into FPOs with the assistance of NCDC and District Cooperative Banks. There is no limitation on PACS converting to FPOs," Shah explained, while discussing various measures taken by the government to encourage cooperatives to thrive in the open market.

Integrating PACS into the FPO scheme will enable them to expand their business in the areas of supply of production inputs, agricultural equipment, and processing. Additionally, PACS will be able to undertake high-income generating activities such as bee-keeping and mushroom cultivation.

Under the FPOs Scheme, each FPO receives financial assistance of Rs. 33 lakh, with an additional Rs. 25 lakh provided to Cluster Based Business Organizations

(CBBOs) for promoting and supporting FPOs. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of State for Cooperation, B.L. Verma, and officials from the Ministries of Cooperation and Agriculture and Farmers Welfare were present at the event, along with representatives from PACS and FPOs across the country.

Shah emphasized that if PACS transition into FPOs, all farmers associated with PACS will benefit from the FPO model. He highlighted the potential of FPOs formed through PACS in uplifting farmers' prosperity.

To support the segment, the government has provided loans of over Rs. 127 crore to FPOs, in addition to Rs. 6,900 crore. Notably, 922 FPOs have been formed for work related to forest produce in tribal districts. Shah praised the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Punjab for their excellent work in the field of FPOs.

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Shah releases plan to rev up farm bodies through co-ops

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

IN A bid to strengthen the country's farming sector, the government on Friday released an action plan for formation of 1,100 new Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO). The FPOs are entities collectively formed by farmers, enabling them to pool in resources and improve their produces and profits.

The plan was released by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the inaugural session of the day-long mega conclave 'Strengthening PACS (primary agricultural credit society) through FPOs', organised by the National Cooperative Development Corporation, in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Cooperation in the national capital.

In his address, the home minister said that "in such a large country, where about 65 crore people are engaged in agriculture, it has become very essential to revive the cooperative movement, modernise it, bring transparency in it and aim to achieve new heights."

Shah said in the field of agriculture and rural development, every person can be made prosperous only through cooperative movements. He further said that it does not matter whether one has capital or not, "but if one has the courage and



Union home minister Amit Shah addresses the national mega conclave on 'Strengthening PACS through FPOs' in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

passion to work hard and the ability to take oneself forward, then the cooperative movement is a great medium to make those who lack capital prosperous."

According to Shah, the Modi government has taken adequate initiatives to extend support at every level — from the production to marketing the products — for the FPOs made through PACS. These FPOs have the highest potential to make farmers prosperous, and all associated ministries will work together with the mantra of three-pronged rural development and prosperity through

PACS, FPOs and self-help groups, Shah asserted.

"We have to move away from traditional methods and adopt modern methods of agriculture with time to make the country's marginal farmers prosperous, and PACS' FPO is the beginning of this," the minister added.

The initiative covers economic activities based on agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries that are the backbone of the Indian economy. These three sectors make up 18 per cent of India's GDP today, boosting them means boosting the country's economy, he said.

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Farmer cooperatives will boost economy, jobs: Shah

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The minister said there are several types of FPOs -- the one run by individuals, partnerships, companies and now PACs. But FPOs formed by PACS are more capable to provide benefits to farmers as compared to FPOs set up by individuals, companies and partnerships. "PACS, FPOs and Self Help Groups" are the three organisations which will help in achieving agriculture growth and rural development in future, he added.



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● 'FPOs KEY TO AGRI GROWTH'

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FPOs should work with village co-operatives: Shah

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Co-operation Minister Amit Shah on Friday asked farmer producer organisations (FPOs) to adopt a hybrid model by linking themselves with Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) through agreement to provide services to the members of the co-operatives.

Addressing a conclave in Delhi, Shah said, "I want to urge those 11,000-odd already set up FPOs that you continue to operate as FPOs. But link yourself with one or two PACS and work in a hybrid model. If you do so, it will bring miracles in PACS." FPOs can have an agreement with PACS to provide services to farmers who are members of the cooperative, he added.

Shah asked National Co-

operative Development Council and officials of the Co-operation ministry to finalise a draft agreement in this regard to help PACS and FPOs get into agreements for sharing information, marketing and profit.

'PROFITABLE VENTURE'

The minister also said that agriculture can become a profitable venture if modern technology is adopted. He stressed on the need to strengthen marketing and said FPOs can help further enhance the contribution of agriculture and allied sectors to the country's GDP.

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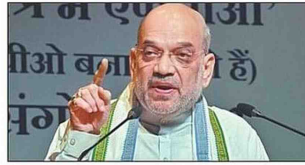
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सहकारिता आंदोलन खोलेगा 65 करोड़ लोगों की समृद्धि का रास्ता : शाह गृह मंत्री बोले- विपणन को मजबूत कर जीडीपी में कृषि और संबद्ध क्षेत्रों का बढ़ सकता है योगदान

अमर उजाला व्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने कहा, सहकारिता आंदोलन बिना पूंजी वाले लोगों को समृद्ध बनाने का बहुत बड़ा साधन बन सकता है। उन्होंने कहा, कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास के क्षेत्र में सहकारिता ही एकमात्र ऐसा आंदोलन है, जिसके माध्यम से हर व्यक्ति को समृद्ध बनाया जा सकता है।

शाह ने कहा, किसी के पास पूंजी है या नहीं है, लेकिन अगर श्रम करने का होस्ता, काम करने की लगन है तो सहकारिता आंदोलन बिना पूंजी वाले ऐसे लोगों को समृद्ध बनाने का बहुत बड़ा साधन बन सकता है। देश



सहकारिता के सेमिनार को संबोधित करते गृह मंत्री अमित शाह।

कृषि और संबद्ध क्षेत्रों का जीडीपी में 17.5 से 18 प्रतिशत का योगदान

केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा, कृषि, पशुपालन और मत्स्य पालन आधारित आर्थिक गतिविधियां अर्थव्यवस्था की रीढ़ हैं। ये तीनों मिलकर भारत को जीडीपी का 18% हिस्सा बनाते हैं। इन्हें मजबूत बनाने का अर्थ देश की अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूत बनाना है। शाह ने कहा कि अन्य क्षेत्रों की तुलना में जीडीपी में इस क्षेत्र का योगदान अधिक है, लेकिन किसानों की स्थिति उतनी अच्छी नहीं है।

के 65 करोड़ से ज़्यादा कृषि से जुड़े लोगों को संकलन देने और कोऑपरेटिव के माध्यम से उनकी छोटी पूंजी को मिलाकर एक बड़ी पूंजी बनाकर उन्हें समृद्ध बनाने की दिशा में सहकारिता

आंदोलन महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दे सकता है। शाह ने शुक्रवार को यहां 'सहकारिता क्षेत्र में एफपीओ विपणन पर राष्ट्रीय महासंगोष्ठी-2023' के उद्घाटन और प्राथमिक कृषि ऋण

समितियों (पीएसएस) की ओर से 1100 नये किसान उत्पादक संगठन (एफपीओ) के गठन को कार्य योजना के विमोचन के बाद कहा, विपणन को मजबूत करके देश की जीडीपी में

धान की एमएसपी में 55 और गेहूं में 51 फीसदी वृद्धि : शाह ने कहा कि कुछ किसान न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (एमएसपी) पर बात करना चाहते हैं। सरकार इस पर चर्चा के लिए तैयार है। धान की एमएसपी में 10 साल में 55 प्रतिशत और गेहूं की एमएसपी में 51 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है। वर्तमान सरकार पहली ऐसी सरकार है, जिसने किसानों के लिए लागत से कम से कम 50% अधिक मुनाफा तय किया है।

24 हजार करोड़ का कृषि अवसंरचना कोष बनाया

मोदी सरकार में किसानों के हित में किए गए कार्यों के बारे में बताते हुए शाह ने कहा कि कृषि विकास के लिए 24 हजार करोड़ का कृषि अवसंरचना कोष बनाया गया है। ई-नाम के माध्यम से लगभग 1,260 मंडियों को जोड़ने का काम भी किया गया है।

■ **कृषि बजट बढ़कर 1.15 लाख करोड़ हुआ** : शाह ने कहा कि कृषि क्षेत्र में पौरम मोदी के कार्यकाल में बजट आवंटन में लगभग 5.6 गुना वृद्धि हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि वर्ष 2013-14 में 21,000 करोड़ रुपये का बजट था, जो वर्ष 2023-24 में 1.15 लाख करोड़ रुपये हो गया है।

कृषि और संबद्ध क्षेत्रों के योगदान को और बढ़ाया जा सकता है। अगर आधुनिक तकनीक और विपणन तरीकों को अपनाया जाए तो कृषि एक लाभदायक उद्यम बन सकती है।

‘बिना पूंजी वालों को भी समृद्ध बना सकती है सहकारिता’



केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने शुक्रवार को नई दिल्ली में पैक्स पर आयोजित सम्मेलन में पुस्तिका जारी की। साथ में हैं कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री नरेन्द्र सिंह तोमर और सहकारिता राज्यमंत्री बीएल वर्मा। एएनआई

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने कहा कि सहकारिता के माध्यम से बिना पूंजी वाले व्यक्ति को भी समृद्ध बनाया जा सकता है। श्रम का हौसला, काम की लगन और विकास की व्यग्रता है तो पूंजी की कमी बाधा नहीं बनेगी। उनकी समृद्धि में किसान उत्पादक संगठनों (एफपीओ) एवं पैक्सों की बड़ी भूमिका होगी। अमित शाह शुक्रवार को सहकारिता क्षेत्र में एफपीओ विषय पर राष्ट्रीय महासंगोष्ठी को संबोधित कर रहे थे। इस दौरान उन्होंने पैक्सों द्वारा नए एफपीओ के गठन की योजना का विमोचन किया। कार्यक्रम में कृषि मंत्री नरेन्द्र तोमर एवं सहकारिता राज्यमंत्री

बीएल वर्मा भी मौजूद थे।

शाह ने कहा, विपणन व्यवस्था को सशक्त करके देश की जीडीपी में कृषि एवं संबद्ध क्षेत्रों के योगदान को 18 प्रतिशत से बढ़ाया जा सकता है। प्रौद्योगिकी को अपनाने से कृषि भी लाभदायक कारोबार बन सकता है। इससे देश की अर्थव्यवस्था मजबूत हो सकती है।

गृह मंत्री ने पहले से सक्रिय एफपीओ को पैक्स के साथ करार करने की सलाह देते हुए कहा कि व्यक्तियों एवं कंपनियों के बनाए हुए एफपीओ की तुलना में पैक्स के बनाए एफपीओ किसानों को लाभ पहुंचाने में अधिक सक्षम हैं। इसके माध्यम से उत्पादन से मार्केटिंग तक की व्यवस्था की गई है।



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उम्मीद

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि विनिर्माण क्षेत्र से देश की जीडीपी में इजाफा होता है, लेकिन रोजगार के आंकड़े उस अनुपात में नहीं बढ़ते हैं। यदि सहकारिता के माध्यम से कृषि, पशुपालन व मत्स्य पालन को बढ़ावा देंगे तो जीडीपी के साथ रोजगार के नए मौके पैदा होंगे। प्राथमिक कृषि ऋण समितियां (पैक्स) और किसान उत्पादक संगठन (एफपीओ) मिलकर देश में नए युग की शुरुआत कर सकते हैं। इससे जीडीपी, रोजगार बढ़ाने में मदद मिलेगी।

अमित शाह ने एफपीओ सम्मेलन में कहा कि आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी और विपणन पद्धतियों को अपनाने से कृषि एक लाभदायक उद्यम बन सकता है। इस लक्ष्य को हासिल करने में पैक्स और एफपीओ मददगार बन सकते हैं। पैक्स सहकारी समितियों की तरफ से गठित एफपीओ व्यक्तियों, कंपनियों एवं साझेदारियों में बने एफपीओ की तुलना में किसानों को लाभ पहुंचाने में अधिक सक्षम हैं।



नई दिल्ली में शुक्रवार को एफपीओ सम्मेलन को संबोधित करते केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह। •एएनआई

शाह ने पहले से सक्रिय एफपीओ को पैक्स समितियों के साथ में काम करने का सुझाव दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि पहले से गठित करीब 11,770 एफपीओ सहकारी समिति के सदस्यों को सेवाएं देने का करार कर खुद को पैक्स समितियों से जोड़ सकती हैं। ऐसा होने पर 65,000 से अधिक पैक्स समितियां एफपीओ के तौर पर काम कर सकती हैं।

उन्होंने कहा कि कृषि एवं संबद्ध क्षेत्र देश की जीडीपी में 17.5-18 प्रतिशत

का योगदान दे रहे हैं, जो अन्य क्षेत्रों से अधिक है। किसानों के आजीविका स्तर को सुधारकर सेवा क्षेत्र में कार्यरत लोगों को तरह बनाने के लिए हमें एफपीओ को अपनाना होगा।

सरकार ने वर्ष 2027-28 तक कृषि मंत्रालय के तहत 10,000 नए एफपीओ गठित करने का लक्ष्य रखा है। एफपीओ छोटे किसानों को खेती में बीज से लेकर प्रसंस्करण एवं विपणन जैसे सभी क्षेत्रों में मदद मुहैया कराते हैं। उन्होंने मोदी सरकार के नौ वर्षों के

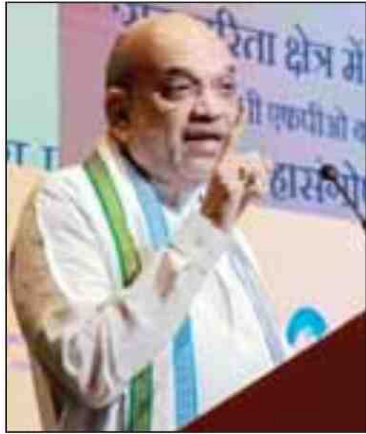
सहकारिता क्षेत्र में सरकार ने कई काम किए

शाह ने बताया कि सहकारिता क्षेत्र में मोदी सरकार ने कई काम किए हैं। नए बायलॉज से पैक्स डेयरी व मछुआरा समिति भी बना पाएंगे। इसके अलावा पैक्स पेट्रोल पंप चला पाएंगे, गैस की एजेंसी भी चला सकेंगे। सस्ती दवाई और सस्ते अनाज की दुकान भी चला सकेंगे। भंडारण का भी काम कर सकेंगे। गांव की हर घर जल की समिति में जल व्यवस्थापन में भी व्यावसायिक काम कर सकेंगे। सरकार ने 22 अलग-अलग कामों को पैक्स के साथ जोड़ने का निर्णय लिया है।

कार्यकाल में किसानों की आय बढ़ाने के लिए कृषि क्षेत्र में उठाए गए कदमों का भी उल्लेख किया। शाह ने कहा कि वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 में कृषि क्षेत्र के लिए 1.15 लाख करोड़ रुपये का बजट आवंटित किया गया है, जबकि वित्त वर्ष 2013-14 में यह 22,000 करोड़ रुपये था। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार ने फसलों के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (एमएसपी) में खासी बढ़ोतरी की है और कृषि उपज की खरीद व्यवस्था को भी सशक्त किया है।

आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी और विपणन से कृषि लाभदायक उद्यम बन सकता है

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को कहा कि देश के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) में कृषि एवं संबद्ध क्षेत्रों का योगदान विपणन गतिविधियों को मजबूती देकर बढ़ाया जा सकता है और इसमें किसान उत्पादक संगठनों (एफपीओ) की अहम भूमिका होगी। शाह ने बंगाल हिंसा का जिक्र करते हुए कहा कि पंचायत चुनावों में हिंसा के बावजूद भाजपा ने दमदार प्रदर्शन किया और अपनी सीटें लगभग दोगुनी कर ली। उल्लेखनीय है कि भाजपा ने वहां 10 हजार पंचायत सीटें जीती हैं। शाह ने यहां एक सम्मेलन को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी और विपणन पद्धतियों को अपनाने से कृषि एक लाभदायक उद्यम बन सकता है। इस लक्ष्य को हासिल करने में प्राथमिक कृषि ऋण समितियां (पैक्स) और एफपीओ मददगार बन सकते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि पैक्स सहकारी समितियों की तरफ से गठित एफपीओ व्यक्तियों, कंपनियों एवं साझेदारियों में बने एफपीओ की तुलना में किसानों को लाभ पहुंचाने में अधिक सक्षम हैं। शाह ने पहले से सक्रिय एफपीओ को पैक्स समितियों के साथ 'हाइब्रिड मॉडल' में काम करने का सुझाव दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि पहले से गठित करीब 11,770 एफपीओ सहकारी समिति के सदस्यों को सेवाएं देने का करार कर खुद को पैक्स समितियों से जोड़ सकती हैं।

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- మార్కెటింగ్ బలోపేతంతో ఇది సాధ్యమే
- కేంద్ర సహకార శాఖ మంత్రి అమిత్ షా

న్యూఢిల్లీ: దేశ జిడిపీలో వ్యవసాయం, దాని అనుబంధ రంగాల వాటా మరింత పెరగాల్సి ఉందని, మార్కెటింగ్ను బలోపేతం చేయడం ద్వారా ఇది సాధ్యపడుతుందని కేంద్ర సహకార శాఖ మంత్రి అమిత్ షా అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు. ఈ విషయంలో రైతులు, తయారీదారుల సంఘాలు (ఎఫ్పీవోలు) కీలకపాత్ర పోషించాల్సి ఉందన్నారు. ఢిల్లీలో శుక్రవారం జరిగిన ఓ కార్యక్రమంలో భాగంగా మంత్రి మాట్లాడారు. ఆధునిక టెక్నాలజీ, మార్కెటింగ్ విధానాలను అనుసరించడం మొదలు పెడితే వ్యవసాయం లాభదాయకంగా మారుతుందన్నారు. ఈ దిశగా ప్రాథమిక వ్యవసాయ పరపతి సంఘాలు (పీఏసీఎస్), ఎఫ్పీవోలు సాయంగా నిలుస్తాయన్నారు. ఎఫ్పీవోలు, పీఏసీఎస్లు హైబ్రిడ్ సమూహాల్లో కలసి పనిచేయాలని సూచించారు. ఇందులో భాగంగా 11,770 ఎఫ్పీవోలు ఒప్పందం ద్వారా పీఏసీఎస్తో అనుసంధానం కావాలని కోరారు. దీనికింద పీఏసీఎస్లకు ఎఫ్పీవోలు సేవలు అందించాలని సూచించారు. "తయారీ ద్వారా జిడిపీ వృద్ధి చెందితే ఉపాధి కల్పన భారీగా ఉండదు. అదే వ్యవసాయం, అనుబంధ రంగాలు వృద్ధి చెందితే జిడిపీకే కాకుండా పెద్ద ఎత్తున ఉపాధి కల్పనకు అనుకూలిస్తుంది. వ్యవసాయం దాని అనుబంధ రంగాలు అత్యధికంగా జిడిపీకి 17.5-18 శాతం వాటా సమకూరుస్తున్నాయి. కానీ, ఇతర రంగాల్లోని వారితో పోలిస్తే రైతుల పరిస్థితి ఏమంత మెరుగ్గా లేదు. ఇతర రంగాల్లో మాదిరే రైతుల పరిస్థితులు మెరుగు పడాలంటే అందుకు ఎఫ్పీవోలను ఆమోదించాలి" అని అమిత్ షా పేర్కొన్నారు. ఎఫ్పీవోల్లో రైతులు, తయారీదారులు (ఉత్పాదకదారులు) భాగంగా ఉంటారు. వీరు చిన్న, సన్నకార రైతులకు సాగు, ముడి సరుకులు, సాంకేతిక సేవలు, ప్రాసెసింగ్, మార్కెటింగ్ సహా అన్ని రకాల సేవలు అందిస్తుంటారు.



మరిన్ని ఎఫ్పీవోలు

ఇప్పటికే 11,770 ఎఫ్పీవోలు ఉండగా, 2027-28 నాటికి మరో 10,000 ఎఫ్పీవోలను ఏర్పాటు చేయాలన్నది కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వ లక్ష్యంగా ఉంది. దేశంలో 85 శాతం మంది చిన్న, సన్నకార రైతులే ఉన్నందున వ్యవసాయం లాభసాటిగా మారాల్సి ఉందని అమిత్ షా పేర్కొన్నారు. ఇందుకోసం ఆధునిక టెక్నాలజీ, మార్కెటింగ్ విధానాలు అవసరమని సూచించారు. "ఎఫ్పీవోల వల్ల రైతులకు ఎంతో మేలు జరుగుతోంది. కానీ, సహకార రంగంలో ఎఫ్పీవోలు, వాటి వల్ల ప్రయోజనాలు పరిమిత స్థాయికే చేరుకున్నాయి. పీఏసీఎస్ల ద్వారా 1,100 ఎఫ్పీవోలను ఏర్పాటు చేయాలని ఇటీవలే నిర్ణయించాం" అని అమిత్ షా తెలిపారు.

నిక టెక్నాలజీ, మార్కెటింగ్ విధానాలు అవసరమని సూచించారు. "ఎఫ్పీవోల వల్ల రైతులకు ఎంతో మేలు జరుగుతోంది. కానీ, సహకార రంగంలో ఎఫ్పీవోలు, వాటి వల్ల ప్రయోజనాలు పరిమిత స్థాయికే చేరుకున్నాయి. పీఏసీఎస్ల ద్వారా 1,100 ఎఫ్పీవోలను ఏర్పాటు చేయాలని ఇటీవలే నిర్ణయించాం" అని అమిత్ షా తెలిపారు.

వ్యవసాయ మౌలిక నిధికి మద్దతుగా నిలవాలి

బ్యాంక్లను కోరిన వ్యవసాయ శాఖ

వ్యవసాయ మౌలిక సదుపాయాల కల్పన నిధి (రూ.లక్ష కోట్లు)కి ప్రోత్సాహంగా నిలవాలని కేంద్ర వ్యవసాయ శాఖ కోరింది. సాగు రంగంలో మౌలిక వసతులు కల్పించేందుకు ఇది తప్పనిసరి అవసరంగా పేర్కొంది. సాగు ఆనంతరం నిల్వ వసతుల నిర్వహణ, కమ్యూనిటీ సాగు తదితర చర్యల కోసం 2020 జూలై 8న కేంద్ర సర్కారు వ్యవసాయ మౌలిక సదుపాయాల కల్పనా నిధి (ఎఐఎఫ్)ని ప్రారంభించింది. ఈ పథకం కింద 2025-26 నాటికి రూ.లక్ష కోట్లను బ్యాంక్లు మంజూరు చేయాల్సి ఉంటుంది. ఇది వడ్డీ రాయ

తీ, కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వ హామీతో కూడిన పథకం. ఇందుకోసం కొత్త ప్రచార కార్యక్రమాన్ని కేంద్ర వ్యవసాయ శాఖ కార్యదర్శి మనోజ్ అహుజా ప్రారంభించారు. "నెల రోజుల పాటు (ఆగస్టు 15 వరకు) ఇది కొనసాగుతుంది. ఈ కాలంలో రూ. 7,200 కోట్లను మంజూరు చేయాలి. ఈ వీడి యో కాన్ఫరెన్స్ సమావేశానికి ప్రభుత్వ, ప్రైవేటు, ప్రాంతీయ, స్థానిక ప్రాంతీయ బ్యాంక్, కో-పరేటివ్ బ్యాంక్ల ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్లు హాజరయ్యారు" అని అహుజా తెలిపారు. దేశంలో వ్యవసాయ మౌలిక ప్రాజెక్టులకు గణనీయమైన అవకాశాలున్నాయని చెప్పారు.

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नई दिल्ली, 14 जुलाई (हि.स.): केन्द्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि कृषि, पशुपालन और मत्स्यपालन देश की अर्थव्यवस्था की रीढ़ है। इनको मजबूत करने का मतलब देश की अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूत करना है। अगर मैनुफैक्चरिंग के द्वारा जीडीपी बढ़ती है तो रोजगार के आंकड़े इतने नहीं बढ़ते, लेकिन अगर सहकारिता के जरिए कृषि, पशुपालन और मत्स्यपालन को मजबूत करते हैं तो जीडीपी के साथ-साथ रोजगार के अवसर भी बढ़ेंगे। अमित शाह प्रगति मैदान में सहकारिता क्षेत्र में एफपीओ विषय पर राष्ट्रीय महासंगोष्ठी-2023 के उद्घाटन समारोह को संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में लगभग 65 प्रतिशत लोग कृषि और इससे संबद्ध गतिविधियों के साथ जुड़े हैं, लगभग 55 प्रतिशत कार्यबल



कृषि और इससे संबद्ध गतिविधियों में लगा है। परोक्ष रूप से देखें, तो इन 65 प्रतिशत लोगों और 55 प्रतिशत कार्यबल के आधार पर ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में बाकी सभी सेवाएं भी एक प्रकार से कृषि पर ही निर्भर हैं। शाह ने कहा कि आज देश के 86 प्रतिशत किसान छोटे और सीमांत किसान हैं, जिनके पास एक

हेक्टेयर से कम भूमि है। पूरी दुनिया में सिर्फ भारत एकमात्र ऐसा देश है जिसने छोटे किसानों को मजदूर नहीं बनने दिया और वे अपनी भूमि के मालिक हैं। कृषि को आधुनिक बनाने, कृषि उपज के अच्छे दाम पाने और कृषि को फायदेमंद बनाने के लिए हमें परंपरागत तरीकों से बाहर निकलकर आज के

समयानुकूल तरीकों को अपनाना होगा। कार्यक्रम के दौरान केन्द्रीय कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री नरेन्द्र सिंह तोमर, केन्द्रीय सहकारिता राज्यमंत्री बीएल वर्मा, सहकारिता मंत्रालय के सचिव ज्ञानेश कुमार और कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय के सचिव मनोज आहूजा सहित अनेक गणमान्य उपस्थित थे।



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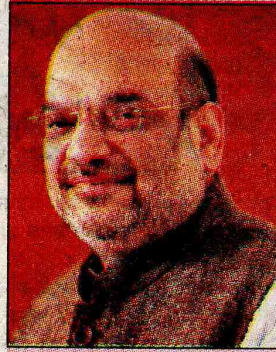
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गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि कृषि, पशुपालन और मत्स्यपालन-आधारित आर्थिक गतिविधियां भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था की ताकत हैं, लेकिन कभी इनके बारे में देश में चर्चा नहीं होती।

शाह ने सहकारिता से जुड़े एक कार्यक्रम में यहां कहा कि आज ये तीनों सेक्टर मिलकर भारत के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) का 18 प्रतिशत हिस्सा बनाते हैं। एक प्रकार से कृषि, पशुपालन और मत्स्य पालन देश की अर्थव्यवस्था की रीढ़ हैं और इन्हें मजबूत करने का मतलब देश की अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूत करना है। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर मैनुफैक्चरिंग द्वारा जीडीपी बढ़ती है तो रोजगार के आंकड़े इतने नहीं बढ़ते, लेकिन अगर कोऑपरेटिव के माध्यम से कृषि, पशुपालन और मत्स्यपालन को मजबूत करते हैं तो जीडीपी के साथ-साथ रोजगार के अवसर भी बढ़ेंगे।

केन्द्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत में लगभग 65 प्रतिशत लोग कृषि और इससे संबद्ध गतिविधियों के साथ जुड़े हैं, लगभग 55 प्रतिशत कार्यबल कृषि और इससे संबद्ध गतिविधियों में लगा है। उन्होंने कहा कि परोक्ष रूप से देखें, तो इन 65 प्रतिशत लोगों और 55 प्रतिशत कार्यबल के आधार पर ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में बाकी सभी सेवाएं भी एक प्रकार से कृषि पर ही निर्भर हैं। देश के 86 प्रतिशत किसान छोटे और सीमांत किसान हैं, जिनके पास एक हेक्टेयर से कम भूमि है। उन्होंने कहा कि पूरी दुनिया में सिर्फ भारत एकमात्र ऐसा देश है, जिसने छोटे किसानों को मजदूर नहीं बनने दिया और वे अपनी भूमि के मालिक हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि कृषि को आधुनिक बनाने, कृषि उपज के अच्छे दाम पाने और कृषि को फायदेमंद बनाने के लिए हमें परंपरागत तरीकों से बाहर निकलकर आज के समयानुकूल तरीकों को अपनाना होगा और ये पैक्स इसी क्रम में एक नयी शुरुआत है।

शाह ने कहा कि सरकार और कोऑपरेटिव सेक्टर की जिम्मेदारी है कि कृषि के साथ जुड़े हुए सभी लोगों का जीवन उतना ही सुविधाजनक हो जितना सेवा क्षेत्र से जुड़े लोगों का है। उन्होंने कहा कि किसान उत्पादक संगठन एफ पी ओ की कल्पना 2003 में अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी सरकार के



■ ये तीनों सेक्टर मिलकर देश के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद का 18 फीसद हिस्सा बनाते हैं

■ कृषि को आधुनिक बनाने, कृषि उपज के अच्छे दाम पाने और कृषि को फायदेमंद बनाने के लिए हमें परंपरागत तरीकों से बाहर निकलना होगा : शाह

समय योगेन्द्र अलग समिति ने की थी। आज 11,770 एफ पी ओ देश में काम कर रहे हैं और इनके माध्यम से देश के लाखों किसान अपनी आय बढ़ाने में सफल हुए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि बजट में 10,000 एफ पी ओ स्थापित करने की घोषणा की गई और वर्ष 2027 तक इनकी स्थापना करने का लक्ष्य है। शाह ने कहा कि इनपुट से लेकर आउटपुट तक, मैनुफैक्चरिंग से लेकर प्रोसेसिंग और ब्रेंडिंग तक और पैकेजिंग से लेकर मार्केटिंग और भंडारण तक पूरी व्यवस्था, यानी कृषि उत्पादन से लेकर मार्केटिंग तक की पूरी व्यवस्था एफ पी ओ के तहत हो जाए।

गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री ने देश के सभी एफपीओ का आह्वान किया कि वे जिस स्वरूप में हैं उसी स्वरूप में काम करते रहें लेकिन अपने साथ पैक्स को भी जोड़ते रहें। सरकार ने अब तक 127 करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा ऋण एफ पी ओ को दिया है जो 6900 करोड़ रुपये के अतिरिक्त हैं। आदिवासी जिलों में भी 922 एफ पी ओ बने हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि आज गुजरात, महाराष्ट्र, उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान और पंजाब ने इस क्षेत्र में बहुत अच्छा काम किया है।
