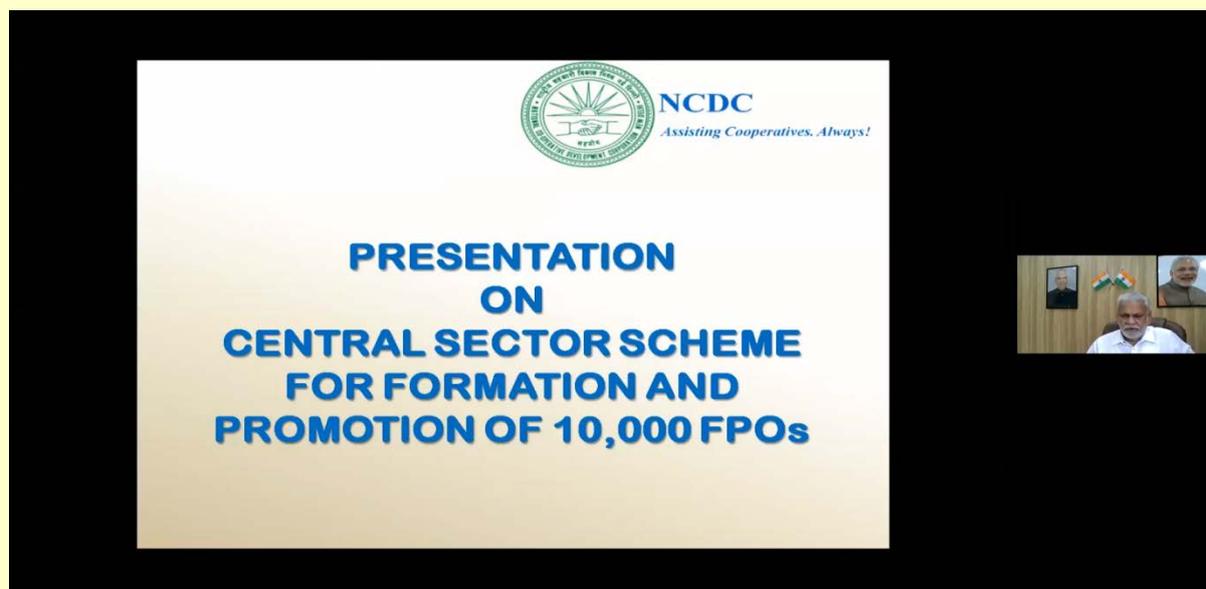


**Online orientation Workshop for ICAR related Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBO) on Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs.**



**Address by the Chief Guest - Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**

An online orientation workshop was organized by NCDC on 05.03.2021 at 03:00 pm for creating awareness of modalities of Central Sector Scheme on Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs to all ICAR-KVK personnel.

2. **Shri Parshottam Rupala Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture & farmers Welfare**, the Chief Guest on the occasion highlighted the role of NCDC in formation of FPOs and the collaborative role with ICAR. He stated that ICAR and NCDC both institutions under his Ministry have come forward to help the farmers. Further, the Minister added that CBBOs have an important role to play and stressed that formation of FPOs will help farmers to attain economy of scale towards better price realization.

3. At the outset of the workshop, **Dr. C. Roul, Senior Advisor, NCDC** talked about the paradigm shift from subsistence agriculture to surplus agriculture. He said that the marginal and small farmers lack resources to dispose of marketable surplus. Disposal of marketable surplus for small farmers can be well achieved through FPO formation with the overall guidance of ICAR -KVK as NCDC designated CBBOs.

4. **Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR** conveyed his sincere gratitude to Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble MoS, for his guidance and valuable advice for the welfare of agriculture and rural sector. DG ICAR also informed that NCDC and ICAR have entered into an MoU to work together for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs wherein KVKs will be designated as CBBOs for implementation of the above said scheme.

