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Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture and Cooperation

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2012

To,  
The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Cooperation),  
All States / UTs.

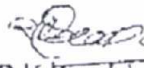
**Subject: Extension of Concessions/Benefits to Producer Company at par with Cooperatives by the States/UTs-regarding.**

Sir,

As you are aware, a 'producer company' is a business enterprise registered under the provisions of Part IX A of the Companies Act, and established on the principle of mutual assistance (listed in Section 581G(2) of the said Act), which are similar to "Cooperative Principle". Producer Company, under the Companies Act can be registered by producers or producer institutions engaged in any activity related to agriculture and allied sector and handloom, handcraft and other cottage industries. Producer Companies combine the institutional strengths of Cooperative principles with the flexibility, autonomy and transparency of company and a cooperative society. It combines all the virtues of a cooperative enterprise coupled with the vibrancy and efficiency of a company.

2. In view of the above, the States/UTs may consider to extend the concessions/benefits to Producer Companies formed by farmers at par with cooperative Societies.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Copy to: All Divisional Heads in DOAC with the request that producer Companies may be considered at par with cooperative societies while revising the ongoing schemes for the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan

FAX to MD SPAC.

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