

# Federation of Farmers Associations Andhra Pradesh

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Dear Mr. Kees Blokland,

Sub: Organizing a workshop to evolve guidelines for strengthening  
Farmers Organizations in Andhra Pradesh - Regarding.

Andhra Pradesh has over 27,000 villages with 12 million farmers families. There are thousands of village level organizations consisting of villages farmers clubs, water user associations, water shed committees, cooperatives, milk producers associations, sheep breeders associations, etc.

However, they do not have centralized organization at the District and State Level. In India there are no Independent Farmers Organizations at the Apex Level. There are politically affiliated farmers organizations.

Inorder to establish an Independent Farmers Organization, we took the initiative and brought together over 200 farmers associations and established the Federation of Farmers Associations, Andhra Pradesh in 1998.

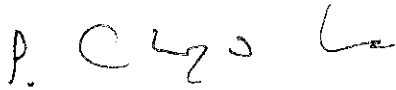
*We Considered*  
In the past two years number of studies at micro and macro level<sup>ly</sup> Important issues affecting the farmers are brought to the notice of concerned authorities. We have also organized a National Farmers Organization Meet in March 2000, wherein we have brought together over 700 farmers leaders from as many as 12 states.

Our efforts are limited due to various factors of resource constraints, manpower, etc. We also need to have an common action programme. It is in this context, that we request **Agriterra** to help us in identifying specific issues and evolving a common action programme for implementation.

Accordingly, a project proposal for holding a workshop in Andhra Pradesh in the month of December 2000 is enclosed for your kind perusal and necessary action.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,



P. Chengal Reddy  
President

Encl: Project Proposal

# India As An Agriculture Super Power

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## 1. Mission - Establishing Federation Of Farmers Associations :

Organisation of farmers as a Independent Groups and Federate them at National and State and District Level so as to enable them to articulate their problems, secure appropriate and adequate policy frame work contributing to the enhancement of productivity and competitiveness of the agricultural sector and individual well being.

## 2. Background :

The problems of agriculture, and that of the farming communities are many. Like the fortunes of agricultural production, conditioned by the vagaries of weather, the well-being of the farming communities are subjected to uncertain policies, administrative dispositions, market fluctuations and un-utilized potential of modern technologies and farm practices.

Sans their own independent organizations, farmers interest are subjected to the dynamics of political process, economic growth and social development.

A formidable organization of farmers is need not only to protect their interests in absolute terms, but also to curtail influences that are inimical to their progress.

## 3. Promote :

1. Organize farmers as Village Associations and Federate them at District, State and National Level.
2. Through Commodity Groups help them to identify problems and evolve suitable action programmes and initiate action through own organizational network.
3. Assist them to operate and administer their organizations with own resources.

#### 4. Programmes :

1. To bring together existing Village Farmers Associations/Commodity/Milk/Water and other Associations and establish District Federations.
2. To organize Village Level Associations where there are no organizations in a specified time.
3. To identify problems of each commodity through discussions / study / analysis.
4. Carving and initiating an agenda for these groups, so that they can adopt, expand and pursue in the cause of their welfare.

#### 5. Carving an Agenda :

The Village Level Associations will concern themselves with the entire spectrum of issues that concern their problems and interests.

The District, State and National Level Organizations would address themselves to issues such as policy initiatives, institutional functioning, access to modern technologies, farmers as consumers awareness, exploring potential and promoting agri-business, exhibitions, multi-media extension and teaming up with agricultural universities, management institutions, establish backward and forward linkages etc., to promote agricultural and rural development.

#### 6. Development Prospective :

National and State Federations would set up panel of experts in different specializations of concern to provide advice and guidance to the farming community. It will help and prepare developing strategies and ideas for policy lobbying, administrative advocacy, mechanization, biotechnology, exports, etc.

## 7. Management :

The National and State Board will consists of 30-40 members and will be managed by full time Chairman and Commodity Presidents with necessary Staff.

### ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL / STATE/DISTRICT FEDERATIONS AND VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS

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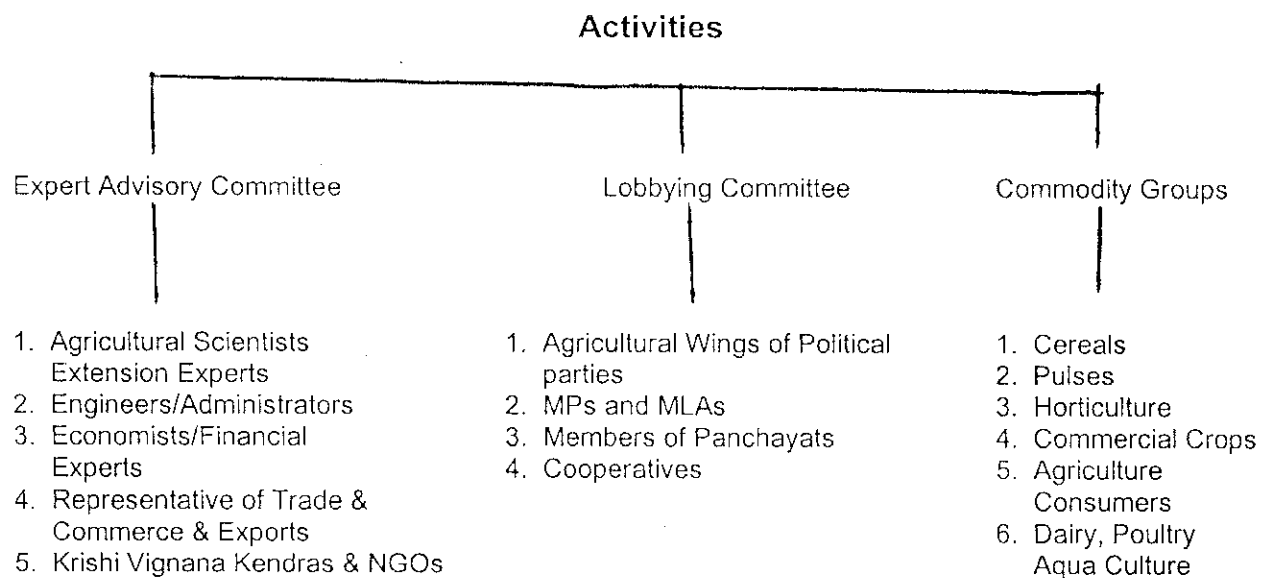
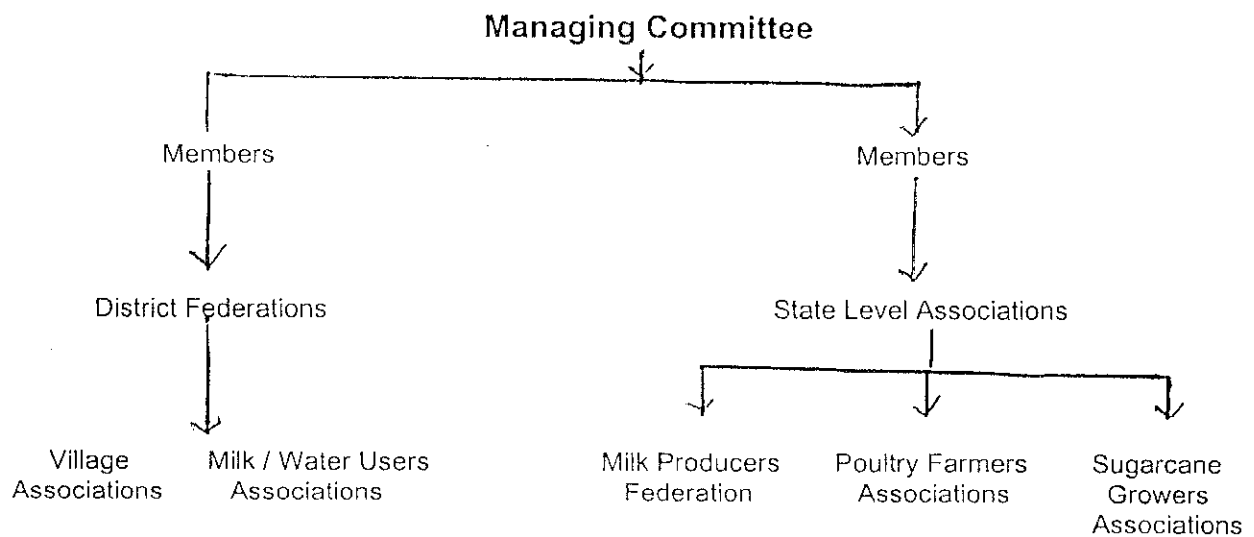
#### National / State / District Federations

1. To organize Annual Discussions / Meetings and Policy Initiatives on the following.
  - a) State and Central Government officials and Ministers concerned pre-budget discussions.
  - b) NABARD and Bankers to fix quantum of finance for crops.
  - c) To pursue procurement issue with CCI, FCI.
  - d) Director of Marketing on Commission Storage, etc.
  - e) Director of Agriculture to discuss seed, fertilizer and pesticides requirements.
  - f) With manufacturers/suppliers of fertilizers Pesticides and seeds quality of inputs.
  - g) Agriculture Universities and other Research Institutes on area specific and need based Research.
  - h) To discuss with APSEB on Power Supply timings, price, etc.
  - i) To discuss with Chairman and Chief Engineer's of Irrigation Departments about canal maintenance water release timings.
2. To submit Annual Advance Report to Agriculture Price Commission.
3. To organize Annual Agriculture Exhibitions, Seminars Workshops, etc.
4. To organize Yearly Awards Programme for Best Farmers, Engineers, Extension Officials, Scientists, Etc.
5. Arrange Farmers Exchange Programmes.

#### Village Associations

1. To provide feed back to the District and State Federation about availability of inputs, credit and other needs of farmers.
2. To organize technical advisors visits before, during and after the season for study, guidance and evaluation.
3. To organize consumer awareness programmes of farmers.
4. To help, organize cooperative societies for getting inputs and credit.
5. To arrange market information centers for timely dissemination of information about prices, supply and demand trends.
6. To create awareness about the government schemes and funds allocated for farmers welfare and development.

# FEDERATION OF NATIONAL / STATE FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS



## Proposal to Conduct Workshop for Evolving Action Programme :

### I. State Level Workshop For 3 Days

A)	Farmers Association Representatives	-	25
B)	Credit Co-operatives	-	5
C)	Water User Associations / Water Shed Committees	-	5
D)	Rural Women Organizations	-	10
E)	Joint Forest Management	-	5
F)	Sheep Breeders, Milk Cooperatives, etc.	-	10
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### II. Strengthening of Farmers Organizations

#### Issue to be analyzed :

- A) Resources Crunch
- B) Credit
- C) Inputs Supply
- D) Marketing
- E) Extension
- F) Information
- G) Ecology & Sustainability



### **III. Expected Outcome**

- A) Identifying sector-wise problems.
- B) Identifying training needs, extension services and processing skills.
- C) Organization skills at different levels.
- D) Market linkages, local needs to exports.
- E) Establishing Information Centers.
- F) Natural Resource Management
- G) Food Security

### **IV. Organizations Associated in Conducting the Workshop**

- A) Cooperative Development Foundation.
- B) MANAGE.
- C) Agriculture University.
- D) Action For Food Production.
- E) Andhra Pradesh Livestock Development Organization.
- F) ANTHRA.
- G) Peddy Reddy Thimma Reddy Farm Foundation.

## BUDGET

	Rs.
1. Travel allowance for Farmers Representatives (Rs.500 x 60)	= 30,000.00
2. Lodging & Boarding (Rs.400 x 3days x 60)	= 72,000.00
3. Conference Hall & Facilities (Rs.10,000 x 3 days)	= 30,000.00
4. Documentation Files for Delegates	= 10,000.00
5. Resource Persons, Honorarium (Rs.1,000 x 10 x 3 days )	= 30,000.00
6. Transport for Delegates & Resource Persons (Rs.1500 x 5 x 3 days)	= 22,500.00
7. Preparation of Report (Secretarial Assistance)	= 10,000.00
8. Communications and Incidentals for organizing workshops	= 45,000.00
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Total :	= 2, 55,500.00
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Approximately Rs.2.5 lakhs