

Empanelment of Primary Cooperative Societies (PACS)/ FPO/FPC for Procurement of Pulses & Oilseed under Price Support Scheme (PSS) PM-AASHA

1. Background

- 1.1. Government of Uttar Pradesh, Department of Agriculture (Section-2) vide GO No 436/2026-1698448/12-2099/55/2023 dated 06-04-2026, has designated HOFED as a State Level Agency for the Procurement of Tur (Arhar—Kharif), Gram (Chana), Lentil (Masoor), and Lahi-Mustard (Lahi-Sarson) crops under the Price Support Scheme during the Rabi season of 2025-2026 (Marketing Year 2026-27).
- 1.2. Govt of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, vide Letter No-L-15016/95/2020-MPS (E-91262) dated 11-11-2025 has issued revised instructions regarding implementation of Price Support Scheme under PM-AASHA. As per Para 2(A)(x) of the said letter, State Agencies may involve Primary Cooperative Societies (PACS), Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) in procurement operations subject to prescribed conditions.
- 1.3. In compliance with the above Government Instructions and applicable scheme guidelines, HOFED, Lucknow invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) from eligible PACS/FPO/FPC for empanelment to procurement of notified pulses & oilseed.
- 1.4. The List of proposed district is attached.
- 1.5. This Eoi is only for empanelment, It does not give guarantee for allocation of procurement targets or create any contractual obligation.

2. Objective

- 2.1. To facilitate procurement of notified pulses & Oilseeds under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) from eligible farmers.
- 2.2. To strengthen decentralized procurement through participation of eligible PACS/FPO/FPC.
- 2.3. To ensure transparency, accountability and compliance with Govt/Govt of UP Guidelines.

3. Commodities

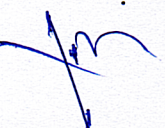
- 3.1. Procurement may be undertaken for the following pulses (subject to target allocation):
 - a) Tur (Arhar—Kharif),
 - b) Gram (Chana),
 - c) Lentil (Masoor),
 - d) Lahi-Mustard (Lahi-Sarson)

4. Scope of Work

- 4.1. Responsibility of Empanelled PACS/FPO/FPC is as under :
 - a) Registration of farmers through biometric authentication.
 - b) Ensure procurement strictly from eligible farmers.
 - c) Ensure compliance with FAQ (Fair Average Quality) norms.
 - d) Arrange necessary infrastructure such as e-weighing machine, moisture meter, oil content testing machine, manpower and handling arrangement etc. required for procurement under PSS guideline.
 - e) Maintain proper procurement records (physical and electronic)
 - f) Coordinate with designated warehouses for stock deposition and WHR generation.
 - g) Ensure that no unauthorized charges are collected from farmer.
 - h) Cooperate with inspection, audit and verification by Central Nodal Agency/SLA or any Govt. Authorities.
 - i) Data entry of daily procurement on the portal/procurement system.

5. Eligibility Conditions

- 5.1. The applicant must be a legally registered PACS/FPO/FPC under relevant Act.
- 5.2. Applicant PACS/FPO/FPC, who possess prior purchasing experience under the PSS/PSF and against whom no adverse facts exist, shall be accorded preference in the selection process.
- 5.3. In case of FPO/FPC :
 - 5.4. Minimum two (02) years of existence as on date of publication of this Eoi.
 - 5.5. Minimum 300 active farmer members in proposed area.



- 5.6. The applicant PACS/FPO/FPC must be financially sound and financially capable of bearing the costs of gunny bags, handling, transportation, etc for operation of procurement centre under PSS.
- 5.7. The applicant shall be responsible for making their own arrangements for gunny bags and transportation, as well as bearing the associated costs; payment for the same will be made after receipt of funds at the rate prescribed by the Central Nodal Agency.
- 5.8. Each PACS/FPO/FPC shall be permitted to operate only one (01) procurement centre.
- 5.9. Procurement operations shall be conducted only in those villages/talukas where the applicant's registered farmer members are present.
- 5.10. PACS/FPO/FPC shall not be allowed to act as State Level Agency (SLA) under PSS.
- 5.11. The applicant must not be blacklisted or debarred by any Government Department/organisation/PSUs
- 6. Mandatory Documents/Certificate for applicants:**
 - 6.1. The application for empanelment shall be submitted with the detail of proposed centre : Place, Block, Tehsil & District along with the following self-attested documents:-
 - 6.2. Registration Certificate
 - 6.3. Detail of Directors
 - 6.4. Board Resolution/Authorization Letter.
 - 6.5. Self certified List of minimum 300 farmer members of concerned area (only for FPO/FPC).
 - 6.6. AOA/MOA/Bye-laws
 - 6.7. PAN Card
 - 6.8. GST Registration
 - 6.9. CA Certified Balance Sheet & Audit Report of any 02 Preceding financial years from FY 2023-24 to 2025-26 with UDIN. *In case the applicant's registration is just compiling two years and the Balance Sheet for the year 2025-26 has not been finalised, then the Turnover Certificate issued by CA for the year 2025-26 will have to be attached.*
 - 6.10. Valid Election Result (only for PACS)
 - 6.11. Non blacklisted affidavit on letter Head duly signed & sealed by authorized signatory.
- 7. Evaluation Process**
 - 7.1. Applications will be scrutinized by a constituted Committee. HOFED may conduct physical verification of infrastructure required under PSS guideline and membership detail (if required)
 - 7.2. The selected applicant shall execute an Agreement with HOFED on non judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100/- after approval of Purchase Centre from District Admn.
 - 7.3. The Contact Detail (Name, mobile, email, aadhar no) of proposed centre incharge with copy of Aadhar and Payment of towards Nominal Membership Fee through NEFT/RTGS/online in the designated bank : Beneficiary : U.P. State Horticultural Co.Op Marketing Federation, A/c No. 120000579112, IFSC: CNRB0002186, Canara Bank, Sapru Marg, Lucknow will be provided by the selected PACS/FPO/FPC before the agreement.
- 8. General Conditions**
 - 8.1. HOFED reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason.
 - 8.2. Empanelment does not provide guarantee for allocation of procurement centre/target.
 - 8.3. Any false information or forged documents shall lead to rejection and may result in legal action.
 - 8.4. HOFED may suspend or cancel empanelment in case of violation of guidelines/ instructions.
 - 8.5. This EoI does not create any contractual relationship.
- 9. Submission of Application**
 - 9.1. Application shall be submitted to Managing Director, HOFED, 18-B, Ashok Marg, Lucknow.
- 10. Declaration**
 - 10.1. This EoI is published in compliance with GoUP Letter dated 06-04-2026 and applicable PSS Guidelines. All procurement operation shall be governed by Government instructions issued from time to time.
 - 10.2. Failure to provide information that is essential to evaluate the bidder qualifications or substantiation of the information supplied, shall result in disqualification of the applicant. If any information found wrong, mislead or manipulated, the HOFED may reject EoI proposal or empanelment at any point of time which will be binding to organization.

