

# **Tamil Nadu Consortium of Farmer Producer Company Ltd.,**

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To  
01.The Chairman,  
Railway Board,  
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02. The Chairman  
Passenger Amenity Committee,  
Railway Bhavan, New Delhi

Sir

Sub: Indian Railways - Preferential allotment of Railway Platform stalls on rent to Farmer Producer Companies for direct sale of branded farm produces and products at railway junctions in TN - requested reg

Ref: Arising

The Government of India has amended the Company Act 1956 (and carried to Company Act 2013) to introduce a new version of Ltd companies called ‘ Farmer Producer Company Ltd during 2002 with an idea to collectivise the production and link them to market for better economic benefit. Detailed process and policy guidelines have been issued vide [www.sfacindia.com](http://www.sfacindia.com) with budget and policy support viz., producer companies are at par with cooperatives, exemption from APMC Act, credit guarantee linked collateral free loans, empowered to implement schemes of the government and act as procurement agency and is being implemented by Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium , Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI.,

The GOI has provided budget to promote 20,000 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), a kind of member owned institutions, during XII Five year plan period; NABARD also promoting 20,000 FPCs across the country. Each state , incorporates a state apex producer company with FPOs as members to network the activities and expand the market horizon. All state level apex FPOs would be members

of the proposed National level '*Bharat Kisan Producer Company Ltd.*, ' to interface with ministries of GOI as well as business and industrial houses to dovetail benefits to farmers. GOI has announced special schemes like electronically linked '*National Agricultural Market*' and e-Kisan mantis to strengthen the marketing of farm produces and products. The GOI is considering exemption under section 80 (P) of IT Act, for FPCs. There are 10 FPCs sponsored by SFAC,GOI, 28 FPOs promoted by TN State SFAC and 150 FPOs sponsored by NABARD and there are 90 plus FPOs promoted by farmers on their own in Tamil Nadu.

In this context, May I request the Chairman to consider allotting stalls at railway platforms at major junctions of TN to member owned Farmer Producer Companies ? This act of Indian railway would open unlimited market to FPOs and would help to sustain and invigorate the farming as viable and profitable venture. Equally, the passengers would get the benefits of healthy farm produce and products at affordable prices. The list of FPCs and the Railway junctions are given in the Annexure for granting permission.

I solicit a favourable consideration of the Concept note attached by the Railway Board and Passenger Amenities Committee.

Yours sincerely

(E.Vadivel)

Encl. Concept note for implementing the such allotment across the country

CC to Managing Director, SFAC,GOI for kind information

CC to Commissioner and Principal Secretary, AM&AB, Guindy Chennai for kind information

#### **Annexure I:**

01. **Coimbatore Junction:** Kovai Farmer Producer Company Ltd, Anaimalais,
02. **Erode Junction:** Erode Precision Farm Producer Company Ltd, Sivagiri  
Erode Pulses Farmers producer Company Ltd, Sathy
03. **Salem Junction:** Salem Kanjamalai Pulses and Millets Producer Company Ltd., Salem and Namakkal Farmer Producer Company Ltd.,
04. **Dindigul junction:** Ayakudi Guava and Fruit Producer Company Ltd.,Palani  
Cumbam Grapes Producers Company Ltd., ,Cumbam
05. **Madurai Junction:** Iluppur Agricultural Producer Company Ltd, Pudukottai
06. **Trichy Junction:** TN Banana Producer Company Ltd., Trichy

07. **Tirunelveli Junction:** Thoothukudi Farmers Producers Company Ltd.,
08. **Tiruppur Junction:** Tirupur Farmer producer Company Ltd., Udumalaipet
09. **Vellore Junction:** Millet Farmer Producer Company Ltd., Jawed Hills,
10. **Tanjavur Junction:** Karikalan Pulses Farmers Producer Company Ltd. Man  
nargudi and Cauvery Farmers Producer Company Ltd, Nagapattinam
11. **Chennai Junction:** TN Consortium of Farmer Producer Company Ltd.,  
(on behalf of all its member FPCs)