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Title: Regarding Agriculture Export Policy, 2018.

**SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL (DOMARIYAGANJ):** The Agriculture Export Policy 2018 states that:

“While presenting the budget for 2018-19, the Finance Minister emphasized the need for focusing on a cluster development approach to boost the agricultural and horticultural production in India. Exporting horticultural products requires significant volumes of high quality produce of the same variety with standard parameters matching import demands. It is therefore critical that the Government of India encourage and incentivize the State Governments by strengthening State infrastructure to:

- Identify suitable production clusters
- Conduct farmer registrations
- Digitization of land records
- Promote Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO).

Subject to successful implementation of these clusters, a transition to Agri Export Zones (AEZs) could be thought of to facilitate value addition, common facility creation and higher exports from such zones.”

With the efforts of the farmers, scientists, farmers organizations, the Central Government and the State Government the State of Uttar Pradesh has been able to achieve following objectives:

- Production Clusters- Under the ODOP scheme, Kalanamak Chawal has been identified for Siddharthnagar district, providing for focused production.

- Farmer recognition- As per latest data available from RBI, there are more than 44 lakh KCC cards operative in state of Uttar Pradesh.

- Digitization of land records- Under Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) of the Ministry of Rural Development, state of Uttar Pradesh has completed 95.81% of Computerization of Land Records whereas Siddharthnagar has completed 98.49% of CLR.

- Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO)- There are 178 FPOs recognized by SAFRC, NABARD, other Government bodies including self-promoted FPOs in Uttar Pradesh. There are various other FPOs which are being setup and being recognized. In Siddharthnagar, Siddharth Zone Rice Kisan Producer Com. Ltd. is recognized by NABARD. (Moreover, one another FPO has been setup for Kalanamak chawal).