

Para No.11		<p>It was observed that, according to the Hon. Project Director, SMART letter dated 24 April 2025, the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) was to complete the final sub project within two years of the project sanction letter. However, as of 31 March 2025, a total of 334 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) remained to be completed both physically and financially. To date, only three FPCs have been physically and financially closed—namely, FPC Grushneshwar (Pune), FPC VNF (Pune), and FPC SSK (Beed). Refer Annexure B</p>	<p>Till date, the 8th instalment has been disbursed to 4 CBOs under the SMART project. Similarly, till today, the third grant instalment has been distributed to 89 CBOs. The work of the said CBOs is in the final stage physically and the final audit of the said CBOs will be completed and the fourth grant instalment will be distributed to them by the end of February, 2026. The CBOs to whom the first and second grant instalments have been distributed are being given instructions to implement all the approved components within the prescribed time limit in line with the completion of the project by March, 2026, after reviewing them from time to time. The said CBOs have been made aware of the completion of the project.</p>
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