

Annexure III

Organic Farmer's Pledge

I son / daughter of of Village..... District

hereby declare on ... day of month... year.... that:

- I will follow the PGS organic standards in crop production and livestock rearing/ processing to ensure synthetic input free production system for the long term sustainability, health and well being of soil, environment, crops, livestock, my family and community. I have received a copy of PGS standards and Local Group operational manual.
- I will not use any synthetic input (such as chemical pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, growth regulators and synthetic hormones etc) in any form directly or indirectly in my farming operations brought under PGS programme.
- I commit to bring my entire farm operations including livestock under organic (or within a period of 24 months)
- I will check with the Local Group before using any off-farm product that I am unsure of its organic status.
- I will work with my fellow farmers in the Local Group and attend meetings and trainings to expand and share my knowledge of the standards and organic production techniques.
- I will work to build the soil through ecologically sustainable farming practices such as crop rotations, composting, cover crops and green manures.
- I will care for my livestock in ways that ensures their well-being in full compliance of PGS organic standards.
- I will only use bags and containers that are clean and clearly labeled 'organic only' to harvest, transport and sell our organic products.
- I will work to prevent contamination by suitable buffers and other means.
- I will encourage biodiversity through my farming system.
- I will sell products as Organic only when they are grown on certified land, and have been grown in accordance with PGS organic standards.

12. I will ensure that on the farm during storage, processing, transport and sale there is no contamination or mixing of organically grown with non-organically grown produce.

- I agree to accept the decision of the Local Group in regards to my certification status.
- I will participate in appraisals on other farms as per group norms.

15. I will report even minor or unintentional non-compliances to the organic standards on my farm to my Local Group

I hereby further declare that the information I have provided in the application and farm history sheet is true to the best of my knowledge. I also hereby declare that during peer appraisal I will fully cooperate with the peer reviewers and provide true information to the best of my and my family's knowledge and I will keep my information up to date with any changes occurred during the process.

Date & Place

Signature of farmers