

6.	Tur (Arhar)													
7.	Moong													
8.	Urad													
9.	Groundnut-in-shell													
10.	Soyabean													
	Black													
	Yellow													
11.	Sunflower seed													
12.	Sesamum													
13.	Nigerseed													
14.	Cotton (kapas)													
15.	VFC Tobacco													

Notes: 1. A, P, Y denote area, production & yield respectively;

2. If a particular crop is not grown in your state, please clearly indicate 'NA' corresponding to that row.

*: From the month of sowing to the month of harvest.

4. District-wise details of area, production and yield of paddy, maize, tur (arhar), soyabeans, groundnut, and cotton during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.

5. Specify the concrete efforts made to increase productivity of the crops being grown in the state.

6. Out of total area, production and yield given in question-3, please furnish crop-wise irrigated area, alongwith corresponding production and yield during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (estimated/expected).

7. What are the primary sources of irrigation and the relative share of lift and flow irrigation in the total irrigation for various Kharif Crops in the state?

8. What is the total annual expenditure on irrigation during the last five years?

9. Please give the status of seed farms and seed multiplication programme in your state.

10. (a) Please furnish Seed Replacement Rates (SRR) and Varietal Replacement Ratios (VRR) of important kharif crops grown in your state during last 3 years:

(Percent)

Crop	SRR			VRR		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11

- (b) Also specify whether SRR is upto required level; if not, the steps being taken to improve SRR for each commodity.
11. Crop-wise area, production and yield under HYV/Hybrid varieties during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.
 12. Please indicate the total requirements of seeds (certified/improved or otherwise) of various kharif crops and the seed rate used to arrive at the figures of requirement in your state. Name the sources from which such requirements are met and their relative shares.
 13. Please give the current status of seed certification in your state. Whether the availability of certified seeds is sufficient? If not, what arrangements are made in this regard?
 14. What are the issues concerning seed sector in your state?
 15. Please furnish a note giving details of varietal profile of Kharif Crops produced in the state in recent years. How do the varietal profile match consumer preference in terms of texture, nutrition content, taste, milling quality etc?
 16. Was there any agro-climatic aberration during 2011-12 kharif season? If so, then
 - i) Has the adverse climatic situation affected your state? If so, how many Districts were affected, and the details thereof crop-wise.
 - ii) Please provide a broad account of the crops affected and quantify the extent of damage to each crop.
 - iii) Was there a contingency plan to deal with such situation?
 - iv) Was this operationalised in time? If so, list the broad components.
 - v) How did this help the affected farmers to cope with the adverse climatic situation?
 - vi) Was any compensation paid to farmers on this count. If so, the details thereof.
 17. (a) Please give an assessment of foodgrains demand and supply of the state.
(b) Please give details of per capita requirement and availability of rice/paddy, wheat and other coarse cereals in your state.
 18. (a) What is the extent of agricultural diversification including crop diversification in your state? Please also give details of policy support in terms of pricing, appropriate technology, extension, marketing, value addition and other support services provided by the State Government in respect of such diversified crops.

- (b) Has the State got any study conducted on pros and cons of crop diversification? If so, please give the salient details of the study.
 - (c) What is the extent of area shift from rice and wheat to other crops during the past five years and vice versa.
19. (a) Has the State got assessment of crop-area being diverted to non-agricultural uses/SEZ in the past five years? If yes, provide the details.
- (b) Please furnish the data for the last 5 years regarding diversion of agricultural Land (irrigated and unirrigated separately) for other uses (housing, commercial etc.)
20. Has MSP of various kharif crops made any impact on the decision of farmers to shift area coverage under various crops? If yes, give details.
21. (a) What is the status of soil health in your State? Are there any soil testing programmes in your state? Provide detailed information on results of soil testing. If the soil testing arrangements are inadequate, the steps being taken in this regard.
- (b) How much arable land is tested under soil testing programme? Crop-wise percentage of soil tested and issuance of soil health cards may be provided.
22. (a) Eleventh Plan & its Annual Plans (break-up), allocation and physical targets and development programmes of cereals, pulses and oilseeds including those under the Work Plans which are being implemented under the macro management mode in your state.
- (b) Kindly give suggestions and proposals regarding programmes for development of cereals, pulses and oilseeds, in the context of the Twelfth Plan.
23. State briefly the measures taken for improving:
- (a) Water use efficiency in Agriculture
 - (b) On farm water management
 - (c) Watershed development
 - (d) Mechanisation of Agriculture operations
 - (e) Gains envisaged from above measures
 - (f) Post harvest management
24. Please give the trends in the use of bio-fertilisers, compost and green manure.
25. Has the state evolved IPM modules to combat the crop damage and resultant fall in acreage under pulses and oilseeds? If yes, give details thereof.

26. (a) What is the arrangement for providing extension services to farmers. What are its strengths and weaknesses.
 - (b) Has the State got any study conducted on impact of extension system in the state? If so, please provide details of the study.
 - (c) What are the current initiatives to strengthen the extension system? In particular, mention the steps, if any, initiated by the State Government to enhance and deepen agricultural extension services by forging complementarity between governmental bodies and traditional institutions.
27. What is the perspective of the state in making farming an attractive occupation? Kindly indicate the initiatives taken for incentivising farmers to stay back in the profession.
28. Please give views on the impact of rapid urbanization on agricultural development, both from the perspective of demand and supply.
29. Specify the concrete efforts made in order to increase productivity of the crops being sown in the state.
30. (a) What are the measures taken to improve the agricultural marketing system in the state?
- (b) What is the status of reforms in agricultural marketing, particularly related to the APMC Act?
- (c) Are there specific initiatives to attract investment in agricultural marketing and post harvest handling?
- (d) Views of the state in allowing FDI in retail trade of agricultural produce/products and its impact on the income of farmers.
- (e) Response in your state to futures market.
31. Please indicate progress on contract farming and name of nodal organization (crop-wise) in the state. What are the measures taken in protecting the interest of farmers by the Government?
32. Please give an update on various agriculture/crop insurance schemes (both public and private) operating in your State, giving comprehensive information on crops/area coverage, premium collected and compensation paid right from the inception of the scheme.
33. (a) Whether the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has been operational in the State. If yes, list out the crops for which it is operationalised.
Also give your suggestions for improving the NAIS to make it more farmer friendly.

- (b) Whether the Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) is operational in your state? If so, details thereof.
34. (a) Has the National Food Security Mission been launched in your state? If so, please furnish details as to when the Mission has been launched, the targets laid down, the progress achieved in this regard etc.
- (b) State briefly the reasons for shortfall, if any, for achieving physical and financial targets in NFSM and remedial action taken thereon.
35. Has there been any cases of suicide by farmers in your state in the recent years. What are facts in this regard in the case of your state? Details (abstract) of the relief measures.
36. (a) In what way, your state has been affected, or is likely to be affected, by the process of agricultural trade liberalisation?
- (b) What measures are being contemplated to cope with the challenges of agricultural trade liberalisation and to make state agriculture more competitive? In particular, what is the state's vision.
- (c) What is the strategy to reap the benefits from trade liberalization in your state and measures for support, technology development, infrastructure strengthening, information dissemination, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) standards, etc.?
- (d) What is the status of agri-export zones in your state? Area in hectares (shown in district map of the state). Likely impact on area under cultivation of main crops to be affected, on this account.
37. In addition to support/commercial purchases of crops covered under MSP, have there been any market intervention schemes for any crops in the state during the last three years? If so, then details thereof.
38. Has the state government announced any bonus over the MSP for any of the crops during the past three years? If so, (i) rates of bonus crop-wise and (ii) the reason(s) for giving the bonus.
39. Has the state government sought and got relaxation of FAQ norms for any of the kharif crops during the current season (2011-2012) and the reasons thereof?
40. Please provide the market prices of various kharif crops under MSP coverage, that prevailed in your state (centre-wise) during the past five years, as per format given below:

Name of the Centre _____ Name of Commodity _____

(Rs. per quintal)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Wholesale Prices					
Market fee					
Purchase tax					
Agents/Artia Commission					
Cess					
Any other charges /incidentals					
Net Price (1-2+3+4+5+6)					

41. Any other point which the State Government would like to bring to the notice of the Commission which can be useful in the formulation of price policy of kharif crops and making non-price recommendations.
42. Please suggest sustainable levels of minimum support prices in the ensuing 2012-13 kharif season

Crop Suggested Minimum Support Price for 2012-13 crop Rationale
(Rs. per quintal)

1. Paddy
 - (a) Common
 - (b) Grade A
2. Jowar
3. Bajra
4. Maize
5. Ragi
6. Tur (Arhar)
7. Moong
8. Urad
9. Groundnut-in-shell
10. Soyabean
 - (a) Black
 - (b) Yellow
11. Sunflowerseed
12. Sesamum
13. Nigerseed
14. Cotton (kapas)
 - (a) Staple length (mm) of 24.5-25.5 and Micronaire value of 4.3-5.1
 - (b) Staple length (mm) of 29.5-30.5 and Micronaire value of 3.5-4.3
 - (c) Staple length (mm) of 32.5 & above and Micronaire value of 2.8-4.3

- (b) Please give the break-up of total procurement by different agencies such as FCI, State Government and other authorized agencies during this period.
- (c) Also provide an estimate of purchase of paddy/wheat by millers and private traders for the same period along with the unit prices.
- (d) Is the private sector authorized/encouraged to procure under PPP model? If yes, give details. If not, the reasons/grounds for this may be indicated.
3. Please state the arrangements made for price support operations, crop-wise, in the state, the disposal made of the quantities procured and the unit price realized, during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.
4. (a) How many purchase centres were opened in your state during the current season? Give agency-wise centres. To what extent intervention by these agencies has been effective in defending the support prices in various markets of the state?
- (b) Please state the cost of procurement per quintal, indicating cost for components such as loading, unloading charges.
5. (a) Details of relaxation in FAQ specification with or without value cuts sought by your state and granted by the Centre during the current season.
- (b) Describe the measures taken in your state to make the farmers aware of FAQ specifications.
6. Is the levy system still in force or abolished in your state? Please state the latest position in this regard, and enclose a copy of the Notification, if any, that has been issued.
7. Is the payment for procured items made directly to farmers or through commission agents? Please give details of mode of payment and the time taken for release of payment.
8. (a) What is the status of imposing/removing restrictions on inter-state movement and stock limits of agricultural commodities? Has your Government put entry tax on agricultural commodities? Please indicate the rate of entry tax on each item, if any.
- (b) Were there instances of foodgrains being brought from other States to be sold in the mandis of your state? If so, what is the quantum and the reasons thereof?
9. Please give an assessment of post harvest losses crop-wise for paddy (Rice)/coarse cereals/pulses and oilseeds in the state? The steps being taken to reduce such losses and to what extent the losses brought down in the last 3 years.

17. State the difficulties, if any, in the implementation of MSP policy, and the action taken to remove such difficulties.

18. (a) Please give details of storage facilities for grains in the state, as per the following format:
(in quintals)

Storage by Govt./other agencies		2009	2010	2011
Central Govt.	Covered			
	Open			
State Govt.	Covered			
	Open			
Other Agencies	Covered			
	Open			
Total Storage Available	Covered			
	Open			
Grand Total				

(b) Is the inadequacy of storage constraining procurement operations? If so, indicate the steps taken to improve storage facilities by Central/State Government.

(c) Is the private sector associated for making available storage under PPP model? If so, please give details.

19. Once the proposed Food Security Bill comes through, please indicate the likely requirement for foodgrains, the availability, and the preparedness of the State to meet the full requirement. Is the distribution set-up in the state adequate to cope with the requirements?

20. The current level of fees/ taxes / cesses / commission payable by the seller and buyer separately in the regulated markets/yards in the state and also give the rate per unit of output in the following proforma. Also mention effective dates.

(in Rs.)

Item	Date	Rice	Coarse grains	Oilseeds	Pulses	Cotton
Market/Mandi fee						
Purchase Tax						
Commission for Artias/						
Commission Agents						
Development/Rural						
Development Cess						
Other charges						

21. Any other point which the State Government would like to bring to the notice of the Commission which can be useful in the formulation of price policy of kharif crops and making non-price recommendations.

PART III : RAW COTTON

1. (a) Please give area, production and yield of important varieties of cotton in different staple classes in the state during last five years along with targets for 2012-2013 season.

(b) What are your observations on increase/decrease in area, production and yield during these years?
2. Please indicate the category-wise/variety-wise break-up of Kapas (Cotton) grown in your state and particularly for the classes of cotton as given below:-
 - (i) Staple length of 24.5 mm-25.5 mm, micronaire value 4.3-5.1.
 - (ii) Staple length of 29.5 mm-30.5 mm, micronaire value 3.5-4.3
 - (iii) Staple length (mm) of 32.5 & above and Micronaire value of 2.8-4.3
 - (iv) Also indicate other category of Kapas (Cotton) grown in the state by clearly specifying details of staple length and micronaire value of each category/ variety.
 - (v) Also indicate the name of varieties which are commonly prevalent in recent times.
3. (a) Please describe the weather conditions and its impact on cotton crop during the current season as compared to last year.

(b) Has any drought/excessive rains like situation affected cotton cultivation in your state? If so, how many Districts were affected, and the details thereof, including the compensation, if any, given to farmers.
4. Please also describe the pest/disease situation with respect to cotton during the current season and the extent of damage, if any, and measures taken to combat the problem. To what extent the damage have been controlled by proper extension services?
- 5 (a) Please give performance assessment of GM varieties/BT cotton in your state in terms of area coverage, yield, production competitiveness, reduced pest incidence, lower use of pesticides and farmer's response?

(b) Was the introduction of BT cotton properly supervised in your state?

(c) Whether BT cotton has performed better in terms of quality, increase in staple length and market prices, please specify.

(d) If it is not yet introduced, what are the prospects for the same in your state?
6. (a) Please give an update on various cotton development programmes including those under the four Mini Missions of the Technology Mission on Cotton.

(b) Indicate the steps taken to reduce or eliminate the multiplicity of cotton seeds and mixing of varieties of cotton in the state and the result thereof.

- (c) Are any attempts being made by the State Government for improving the post-harvest varietal purity of cotton to increase its quality?
- (d) Has the State Government any plan to orient its cotton production to harness the opportunities of textile trade liberalisation?
7. Has there been any move to initiate contract farming of cotton in your state? If so, give a status note. Whether it has benefited the farmers? If yes, specify the benefits accrued to the farmers.
 8. Have the prices of any variety of cotton (kapas) fallen below the minimum support price in the state during the current season? If so, give (a) names of the markets, (b) the period during which prices fell below MSP, (c) the possible reasons thereof, (d) action taken to safeguard the interest of cotton growers and (e) quantity of cotton purchased by or on behalf of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and NAFED and other agencies of the state and cooperatives at MSP in your state along with the percentage of kapas purchased at MSP to that of total arrivals in the market.
 9. Please give commercial purchases of 'Kapas' of different varieties and prices paid thereof in the State by the CCI, NAFED and other agencies of the State and Co-operatives as well as private merchants during the seasons 2009-10, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Comment on the performance of each of the agencies that operate in the State, and suggestions for improvement in their functioning may also be provided.
 10. While purchasing raw cotton under Price Support Scheme (PSS) / commercial, whether the procurement agencies (CCI, NAFED and their agencies) are declaring beforehand the FAQ norms for Kapas (cotton) in respect of maximum permissible limits of moisture content, i.e., 12% and minimum acceptable micronaire value 2.8 for extra long staple length and 3 for other varieties of cotton specifying the rates for grading of FAQ norms.
 11. (a) Please give month-wise wholesale prices of kapas and lint (specify variety/staple length) in the major markets of your state during the last five cotton seasons.

Name of the Market _____ (Specify Variety/Staple length-----)
(Rs./quintal)

Month	Wholesale Price				
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Oct.					
Nov.					
Dec.					
Jan.					
Feb.					
Mar.					
Apr.					
May					
June					
July					
Aug.					
Sept.					
Average					

(b) What are the various Central/State taxes, marketing fees, etc., being levied on cotton. Please furnish information in the following format:

(Rs./quintal)

Season	Year	Prices paid to farmers	Marketing fees	Wholesale /agent's Commission	Taxes	Any other incidental s	Wholesale price (3+4+5+6+7)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	2007-08						
	2008-09						
	2009-10						
	2010-11						
	2011-12						

(c) Also provide the international prices of these items during this period.

12. A note on the status of ginning and pressing facilities and setting up of new marketing yards in the State, explaining how things have improved under schemes of the Technology Mission on Cotton.
13. Please furnish the modal average distance between the farms and the nearest mandi/market; the average distance covered includes those mandis located outside the village.
14. a) Please furnish the average transportation cost per quintal/per km., crop-wise, incurred by the farmers in marketing their produce up to the nearest mandi/procurement centres.
b) Furnish the marketing charges per quintal – crop-wise, paid by the farmer while selling his produce in mandi /procurement centres.
15. a) Please furnish the expenses on insurance premium borne by the farmers per hectare on crop insurance scheme being operated in your state for Kapas (cotton).
b) Is the crop insurance compulsory for loanee farmers? Are the non-loanee farmers also covered under the scheme?
c) Whether the scheme of crop insurance is extended to farmers who are not owner - cultivators but lease in land for cultivation purposes.
d) Do the farmers face problems in insuring their crops against both crop and income loss arising out of natural calamities/pest attacks etc.
e) Is the insurance coverage farmer specific, and if not, what is the procedure followed in covering the production loss of farmers under the prevalent insurance scheme.
f) Whether insurance scheme covers all categories of farmers or specific category, provide details.
g) The level of spread of crop insurance among farmers in the state
h) State the issues, if any, in the implementation of crop insurance scheme.
16. Any other information/issue the state may like to bring to the notice of the Commission that can be useful in the formulation of price policy for raw cotton.

PART-IV : INPUT PRICES

1. Please make available time series data on cost of cultivation / production generated for various kharif crops giving complete break-up of various components of cost for the last five years along with the detailed methodology. Projections of cost for 2012-2013 may also be furnished.
2. (a) Please give details of operation-wise statutory minimum wages for agricultural labour (Rs/man-day) alongwith the effective dates:-

<u>Operation/Years</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13 (likely)</u>
Ploughing			
Sowing			
Transplanting			
Weeding			
Harvesting			
Others			

- (b) Please give operation-wise details of actual wage rates for agricultural labour in major regions of the state (Rs/man-day)

<u>Name of the Region</u>	<u>Operation</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13 (likely)</u>
	Ploughing			
	Sowing			
	Transplanting			
	Weeding			
	Harvesting			
	Others			
	State Average (All Regions)			

- (c) What steps are being taken to enforce Minimum Wages Act in the State?
 - (d) Is it a fact that the farm labour availability poses a problem during any phase of agricultural season as a result of MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) implementation? If so, give details.
 - (e) Please furnish information on aggregate differences between agricultural wage and that under MGNREGA in major regions of the state for the year 2011-12, and for different crops.
3. Give information for the current year on (a) cost of supply of electricity per unit for irrigation; (b) charges per unit of electricity consumed for irrigation; (c) total quantity of sale for irrigation purposes; (d) amount of budgetary subsidy provided for the purpose; (e) the average number of hours per day of available supply of electricity during peak period of its operational demand by the farmers.

4. Please give the details of average electricity tariff/charges for agricultural/irrigation purposes (per KWH) effected since April, 2004. Indicate the revision if any (with date of effect).

Particulars	Pre-Revised Rates	Revised Rates	Date of Revision
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5. When was the latest revision made in canal irrigation rates (per hectare) in your state? The crop-wise details may be given in the following format .

Particulars	Pre-Revised Rates	Revised Rates	Date of Revision
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6. What are the primary sources of irrigation and the relative share of lift and flow irrigation in the total irrigation for various Kharif Crops in the state?

7. Please indicate the share of canal irrigation in the total irrigation for kharif crops (crop-wise) and indicate the difference between the canal charges levied on the farmer and the cost of supplying the canal water on per hectare basis and crop-wise.

8. What is the total expenditure on irrigation (per hectare) for various Kharif crops during the last five years?

9. Please indicate expenditure on irrigation (per hectare) for different modes/sources of irrigation for various kharif crops in the following table:

<u>Mode/Sources</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13 (likely)</u>
Flow-			
Canal			
Others			
Lift -using			
Electricity			
Diesel & Lubricants			
Manual			

10. (a) Please indicate consumption of electricity and diesel oil (per hectare) crop-wise for Kharif crops during 2010-11, 2011-12 and likely consumption for 2012-13.
- (b) Indicate consumption of electricity and diesel oil (crop-wise, per hectare) for kharif and rabi crops during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (likely).
- (c) Indicate whether there is any subsidy element on sale of electricity and diesel for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

11. What is the running cost per day/per hour of farm machinery such as :

(a) tractors/ harvesters and pump sets used for irrigation, and

(b) Other purposes along with relative share of important inputs (diesel, lubricants, repairs/ maintenance charges etc.) required for their operation.

12. Please give details of prices of certified/improved seeds (Rs. per kg.) supplied by State Seeds Corporation :

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13(Likely)
1) Paddy			
2) Jowar			
3) Bajra			
4) Maize			
5) Ragi			
6) Tur			
7) Moong			
8) Urad			
9) Groundnut			
10) Soyabean			
11) Sunflower			
12) Sesamum			
13) Nigerseed			
14) Cotton (Variety-wise)			
15) VFC Tobacco			

13. Please give details of the prevailing prices of locally grown seeds as well as TL seeds for kharif crops for the above period. To what extent, these prices vary from those of certified/improved seeds?

14. Please indicate the total requirements of seeds (certified/improved or otherwise) of various kharif crops and the seed rate used to arrive at the figures of requirement in your state. Name the sources from which such requirements are met and their relative shares.

15. Please furnish the per hectare level of consumption of seeds crop-wise for kharif crops and the rate (Rs. per kg) at which seeds are sold crop-wise. Indicate whether there is any subsidy crop-wise on per kg rate of seeds for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

16. Please provide the retail prices (Rs. per kg.) of five important insecticides/ pesticides/ weedicides during 2010-11, 2011-12 and their likely levels during 2012-13.
17. Please indicate the likely level of consumption of insecticides/pesticides (per hectare) for different kharif crops during 2010-11, 2011-12 and their likely levels during 2012-13.
18. Please indicate the per hectare level of consumption of animal manure and organic manure for various kharif crops during 2010-11, 2011-12 and their likely levels during 2012-13. Prices for the corresponding period of both kinds of manure may also be provided.
19. Please give prices of cattle feed and fodder that are commonly used in your state for 2010-11, 2011-12 and their likely levels during 2012-13.
20. Please indicate the rates for hiring bullocks (per pair-day) and machinery items (per-hour) such as tractors/harvesters/threshers during the last five years.
21. Please provide details about the relative shares of inputs such as fodder, cattle feed and human labours that constitute total bullock labour cost.
22. Please provide the retail prices of urea, phosphatic and potassic fertilisers during 2010-11, 2011-12 and their likely levels during 2012-13.
23. Please indicate the amount of subsidy on fertilizer of different kinds like urea, phosphate, DAP, etc. on their sale to the farmers, crop-wise, for 2010-11 and 2011-12.
24. (a) Please indicate per hectare consumption of nutrients N, P & K for different Kharif Crops (crop-wise) during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12.

(b) Please bring out the impact of changes in prices of nutrients on their consumption patterns during 2011-12 kharif season and the likely impact during 2012-13 kharif season. In particular, has any report on major deviation from the optimum NPK balance been brought to your notice? If yes, what remedial measures are being taken?
25. Was the fertilizer offtake during kharif 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons up to the state's expectations? Explain the factors responsible for shortfall in consumption, if any.
26. (a) What proportion of agricultural credit needs are met from institutional sources in your state?

(b) What have been the total disbursement of agricultural credit (source-wise) and rate(s) of interest (by source and by purpose) for these credit?

(c) What are the prevailing rates of interest for agricultural credit (crop loans and others) from non-institutional/institutional sources?

(d) Please indicate specific problems in obtaining loans and suggestions for removing them.

- (e) Please give progress of Kisan credit card.
27. Please give details of agricultural loans outstanding/ over dues by agencies, during the last five years. Suggestions for making credit delivery mechanism more effective in meeting credit needs such as deferment of crop loans, waiver of interest, etc. may be given.
28. Does the State Government provide subsidies on agricultural inputs in addition to those provided under centrally sponsored schemes? If so, give details thereof.
29. Are there any maximum/minimum limits of land rent specified in the state? Are these crop-specific? Please give details, if any.
30. How the value of ground rent for agricultural land (both 'leased-in' and 'owned') imputed? Or is the rent a function of demand for and supply of land for agricultural purposes.
31. Please furnish the modal average distance between the farms and the nearest mandi/ market; the average distance covered includes those mandis located outside the village.
32. a) Please furnish the average transportation cost per quintal/per km., crop-wise, incurred by the farmers in marketing their produce up to the nearest mandi/procurement centres.
- b) Please furnish the marketing charges per quintal – crop-wise, paid by the farmer while selling his produce in mandi /procurement centres.
33. a) Please furnish the expenses on insurance premium borne by the farmers, crop- wise per hectare on crop insurance scheme being operated in your state.
- b) Is the crop insurance compulsory for loanee farmers? Are the non-loanee farmers also covered under the scheme?
- c) Whether the scheme of crop insurance is extended to farmers who are not owner-cultivators but lease in land for cultivation purposes.
- d) Do the farmers face problems in insuring their crops against both crop and income loss arising out of natural calamities/pest attacks etc.
- e) Is the insurance coverage farmer specific, and if not, what is the procedure followed in covering the production loss of farmers under the prevalent insurance scheme.
- f) Whether insurance scheme covers all categories of farmers or specific category, provide details.
- g) The level of spread of crop insurance among farmers in the state.
- h) State the issues, if any, in the implementation of crop insurance scheme.

34. Is there any system/arrangement to determine the price on the quality aspect of the produce? If so, give crop-wise details of the same. If not, what are your suggestions for implementation of the same?
35. Please furnish under exportable hypothesis per quintal cost of transportation from the farm gate/ or nearest Mandi to the port of embarkation, inclusive of handling charges, and other charges if any in respect of Kharif Crops, commodity wise and for years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.
36. Any other point which the State Government would like to bring to the notice of the Commission which can be useful in the formulation of price policy of kharif crops and making non-price recommendations.

PART - V : STATISTICAL DATA**1. AREA**

Crops	('000 hectares)		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (Target)
i) <u>Total Cereals</u>			
<u>Kharif Cereals</u>			
Rice (a) Autumn			
(b) Winter			
(c) Summer			
Jowar			
Bajra			
Maize			
Ragi			
Others			
ii) <u>Total Pulses</u>			
<u>Kharif Pulses</u>			
Tur			
Moong (Total)			
Kharif			
Rabi			
Urad (Total)			
Kharif			
Rabi			
Others			
iii) <u>Total Oilseeds</u>			
<u>Kharif Oilseeds</u>			
Groundnut			
Soyabean (Total)			
-Yellow			
-Black			
Sunflowerseed			
Sesamum			
Nigerseed			
Others			
iv) Cotton (variety-wise) - Separately for BT cotton			
v) <u>Other Kharif Crops</u>			
(Specify the crops)			

2. PRODUCTION

		('000 tonnes)		
Crops		2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013 (Target)
i)	<u>Total Cereals</u>			
	<u>Kharif Cereals</u>			
	Rice (a) Autumn			
	(b) Winter			
	(c) Summer			
	Jowar			
	Bajra			
	Maize			
	Ragi			
	Others			
ii)	<u>Total Pulses</u>			
	<u>Kharif Pulses</u>			
	Tur			
	Moong (Total)			
	Kharif			
	Rabi			
	Urad (Total)			
	Kharif			
	Rabi			
	Others			
iii)	<u>Total Oilseeds</u>			
	<u>Kharif Oilseeds</u>			
	Groundnut			
	Soyabean (Total)			
	Yellow			
	Black			
	Sunflowerseed			
	Sesamum			
	Nigerseed			
	Others			
iv)	Cotton (variety-wise)- Separately for BT cotton			
v)	<u>Other Kharif Crops</u>			
	(Specify the crops)			

3. YIELD

(Kg. per Hect.)

		2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013 (Target)
i)	<u>Total Cereals</u>			
	<u>Kharif Cereals</u>			
	Rice			
	(a) Autumn			
	(b) Winter			
	(c) Summer			
	Jowar			
	Bajra			
	Maize			
	Ragi			
	Others			
ii)	<u>Total Pulses</u>			
	<u>Kharif Pulses</u>			
	Tur			
	Moong (Total)			
	Kharif			
	Rabi			
	Urad (Total)			
	Kharif			
	Rabi			
	Others			
iii)	<u>Total Oilseeds</u>			
	<u>Kharif Oilseeds</u>			
	Groundnut			
	Soyabean (Total)			
	Yellow			
	Black			
	Sunflowerseed			
	Sesamum			
	Nigerseed			
	Others			
iv)	Cotton (variety-wise)-Separately for BT cotton			
v)	<u>Other Kharif Crops</u>			
	(Specify the crops)			

4. LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AND IRRIGATED AREA

('000 hectares)

Crops	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (Target)
I.					
(i) Gross cropped area					
(ii) Net cropped area					
(iii) Cropped Area (Kharif Crops)					
(iv) Cropped Area (Rabi Crops)					
II.					
(i) Gross irrigated area					
(ii) Net irrigated area					
(iii) Gross irrigated area (crop-wise)					
(a) Cereals					
(b) Pulses					
(c) Oilseeds					
(d) Fibres					
(e) Others					
(iv) Irrigated area (Kharif Crops)					
(v) Irrigated area (Rabi Crops)					

5. AREA UNDER HIGH YIELDING/HYBRID VARIETIES

('000 hectares)

Crops	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (Target)
i) <u>Kharif (Crop-wise)</u>					
ii) <u>Rabi (Crop-wise)</u>					
iii) <u>Total (i) + (ii)</u>					

**6. CONSUMPTION OF FERTILISERS
DURING KHARIF AND RABI SEASONS**

('000 tonnes)

Crops	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13* (Target)
<u>Kharif</u>			
N			
P			
K			
Total			
<u>Rabi</u>			
N			
P			
K			
Total			
<u>Rabi & Kharif</u>			
N			
P			
K			
<hr/>			
Total			

*Please give reasons for the decrease/increase in a year vis-à-vis the previous year.

7. DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFIED/QUALITY SEEDS

(Tonnes)

Crops	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13
	Requirement	Achievement	Requirement	Achievement	(Assessed Requirement)
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(i) Kharif (Crop-wise)					
(ii) Rabi (Crop-wise)					
(iii) Total (i) + (ii)					

8. SEED RATES (SR)/SEED REPLACEMENT RATE (SRR)*

SR : (Kg/Hec)
SRR : (Percentage)

Crops	2010-2011		2011-12		2012-13 (Target)	
	SR	SRR	SR	SRR	SR	SRR
Kharif						
(i)						
(ii)						
(iii)						
Rabi						
(i)						
(ii)						
(iii)						

* Give a note explaining how SRR has been calculated.

9. TUBEWELLS (PRIVATE AND PUBLIC)

	2010-2011	2011-12	2012-13 (Target)
i) No. of Tubewells			
Private			
Public			
Total			
ii) Electricity consumption (KWH)			
iii) Area Irrigated by Tubewells (000 hectares)			

(Only for Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka)

VFC TOBACCO

1. Please furnish Area, Production & Yield of VFC tobacco:

(I=Irrigated; U= Unirrigated; C=Combined)

	2010-2011			2011-2012			2012-2013(Target)		
	I	U	C	I	U	C	I	U	C
i)	Area								
ii)	Production								
iii)	Yield per hectare								

2. Please give details of weather conditions and its impact on tobacco crop during the current season, comparing it with the previous year.

3. i) Grade-wise distribution of total production of VFC tobacco during 2009-10 to 2011-12. If grade-wise production is not available, information may please be given in terms of auction sales.

ii) Please give the size of unauthorised VFC tobacco crop during last three seasons. Is there a need for checking the crop size? Provide steps taken to control the unauthorized production and results thereof.

iii) Please give the prices realized by the farmers for different grades of VFC Tobacco for the latest 3 years.

iv) Also give weighted average realisation of prices for latest three years and reasons for sharp fluctuations, if any.

4. Please indicate the specific measures taken to (a) improve the quality and (b) increase the yield per hectare of VFC tobacco in different districts during the past five years, indicating the results achieved.

5. Please give item-wise break-up of the cost of cultivation, curing, processing, etc. from farm grade level to processed Agmark grades at the farm level for the last three years.

6. (a) Please give price trends during the current year, compared with last year in respect of VFC tobacco. Month-end wholesale prices of different farm grades and plant position grades of VFC tobacco in important markets of the State during the latest 3 years along with the respective minimum support prices/minimum guaranteed prices may also be given.

(b) Also provide the international prices (country-wise) of VFC tobacco (comparable grades of Indian VFC tobacco) during this period.

7. Please indicate the efforts being made by the Govt./Tobacco Board/other agencies to shift tobacco area to other alternative economically viable crops in your State. Is there any shift in area from VFC tobacco to other crops or vice versa? Please substantiate with data on changes in cropping pattern in tobacco growing districts for the last five years.

8. Please give details of price support operations undertaken, if any, in the case of VFC tobacco during 2008-2009 to 2011-2012 seasons in the following Proforma.

Year	Grade/quality	Quantity purchased	Price at which purchased
2008-2009			
2009-2010			
2010-2011			
2011-2012 (so far)			

9. Please give district-wise number of auction platforms, the quantity auctioned (with grades) and the prices realised for each grade. Is there any need to increase the number of platforms? Is there any move for allowing sale of excess tobacco at auctions and the rationale behind this move?
10. Please furnish the views of the state on the level of minimum support prices for L₂ and F₂ grades of VFC tobacco for the year 2012-13 crop, if any.
11. Please furnish views on the grade differentials in the minimum support prices of different farm and plant position grades of VFC tobacco.
12. Please furnish the modal average distance between the farms and the nearest mandi/market; the average distance covered includes those mandis located outside the village.
13. a) Please furnish the average transportation cost per quintal/per km, incurred by the farmers in marketing their produce up to the nearest mandi/procurement centre.
- b) Please furnish the marketing charges per quintal paid by the farmer while selling his produce in mandi /procurement centres.
14. a) Please furnish the expenses on insurance premium borne by the farmers, per hectare on crop insurance scheme being operated in your state for Tobacco.
- b) Is the crop insurance compulsory for loanee farmers? Are the non-loanee farmers also covered under the scheme?
- c) Whether the scheme of crop insurance is extended to farmers who are not owner- cultivators but lease in land for cultivation purposes?
- d) Do the farmers face problems in insuring their crops against both crop and income loss arising out of natural calamities/pest attacks etc?
- e) Is the insurance coverage farmer specific, and if not, what is the procedure followed in covering the production loss of farmers under the prevalent insurance scheme.
- f) Whether insurance scheme covers all categories of farmers or specific, provide details?
- g) The level of spread of crop insurance among farmers in the state
- h) State the issues, if any, in the implementation of crop insurance scheme.
15. Any other information/issue the state may like to bring to the notice of the Commission which can be useful in the formulation of price policy for VFC tobacco.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES FOR ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2012-2013 SEASON.

(Though the Kharif Report will cover mainly the following crops : (i) *Cereals* : paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi; (ii) *Pulses* : tur (arhar), moong, urad; (iii) *Oilseeds* : groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum, nigerseed, yet the Commission is interested in all facts, issues, suggestions relating to the State's agricultural sector as a whole. Therefore, replies to the questionnaire may cover discussion on various issues and additional information on other crops grown in the State.)

1. Give an overview of the state of agriculture, indicating any structural change and reforms that may have taken place in recent years. Also please indicate whether these changes, if any, can be explicitly linked to any policy initiative of the Government.
2. (a) Has there been shift in area from Jhum/shifting cultivation to permanent type of cultivation (both dry land and wet land)? If so, what is the estimated area that may have undergone such transition?

(b) Is there any policy measure to curb 'Jhum' cultivation in your state?
3. (a) Describe the state of agricultural extension services in your state? What other mechanism exists in your state for dissemination of information to farmers about the developments in agriculture, new varieties of seeds, MSP announced and other support measures?

(b) In particular, mention the steps, if any, initiated by the State Government to enhance and deepen agricultural extension services by forging complementarity between governmental bodies and traditional institutions.
4. Has the state government announced any bonus over the MSP for any of the crops during the current season? If so, (i) rates of bonus by crops and (ii) the reason(s) for giving the bonus.
5. (a) Describe the state of market infrastructure for agricultural produce in your state? Please sketch out State Government's short-term and medium-term plans to improve the same.

(b) Describe the impact of shift from periodic market to permanent market system in the new urbanised centres on production and marketable surplus.

(c) What is the role of middle men in the extension of market linkages?
6. Please give for each of the major crops in your state (a) seed rate (b) seed replacement rate, (c) total seed requirement and (d) the availability of certified seeds vis-à-vis requirements. Are these available in time?
7. (a) What is the trend in the use of bio-fertilizers, compost and green manure? Steps taken by the Government to encourage its production and use may please be indicated.

(b) Please also indicate the details of the steps taken to encourage organic farming and its certification.

8. Allocation and offtake of rice/wheat/coarse cereals from the Central Pool under BPL, APL and other welfare/relief Schemes like Annapurna Yojana, Antyodaya, Food for Work Programme in your state, during the last three financial years? Also explain the reasons for large gaps that exist between allocation and offtake under different schemes in your state.

9. Give wholesale and retail prices of rice, coarse cereals, pulses and oilseeds/edible oils in respect of at least five markets in your State during 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

Name of the MarketName of Item.....

<u>Wholesale Price (Rs./Qtl)</u>			<u>Retail Price (Rs./kg.)</u>		
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12

October					
November					
December					
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					

(use separate sheet for separate commodity, if need be).

10. Please furnish the modal average distance between the farms and the nearest mandi/market; the average distance covered includes those mandis located outside the village.

11. a) Please furnish the average transportation cost per quintal/per km, crop-wise, incurred by the farmers in marketing their produce up to the nearest mandi/ procurement centres.

b) Please furnish the marketing charges per quintal – crop-wise, paid by the farmer while selling his produce in mandi /procurement centres.

12. a) Please furnish the expenses on insurance premium borne by the farmers, crop-wise per hectare on crop insurance scheme being operated in your state.

b) Is the crop insurance compulsory for loanee farmers? Are the non-loanee farmers also covered under the scheme?

- c) Whether the scheme of crop insurance is extended to farmers who are not owner- cultivators but lease in land for cultivation purposes.
 - d) Do the farmers face problems in insuring their crops against both crop and income loss arising out of natural calamities/pest attacks etc.
 - e) Is the insurance coverage farmer specific, and if not, what is the procedure followed in covering the production loss of the farmers under the prevalent insurance scheme.
 - f) Whether insurance scheme covers all categories of farmers or specific category, provide details.
 - g) The level of spread of crop insurance among farmers in the state
 - h) State the issues, if any, in the implementation of crop insurance scheme.
13. Any other specific points that the State Government may like to make to the Commission so that it may highlight the same in its recommendation to the Government of India.

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1. An update on the technology front for increasing yields and returns from each of the crops listed above. Steps being taken to popularize these technologies amongst the farmers through the Central/State Governments. Details of the activities undertaken in various states. Please give crop-wise details.
2. Any breakthrough in rainfed farming technology up to the current kharif season?
3. Region/State and crop specific gaps between technology available and actually adopted by the farmers and the efforts being made to narrow the gaps or even close them. Please give data on potential yield and frontline demonstration yields, crop-wise. Are there any constraints in making the availability of breeder seeds of various Kharif crops to the required level?
4. Status in the development of transgenic seeds of different crops. Views on the practicability of enforcing safety guidelines in cultivation of such crops.
5. Any effective mechanism for coordinating research/development effort with the objectives of TMOP/ISOPOM/NFSM and TM on Cotton?
6. Measures towards technology development and diffusion for
 - (a) agricultural diversification including crop diversification.
 - (b) other value added crops
 - (c) inter-cropping
 - (d) farm mechanization
7. Details of measures taken and progress made in (a) market led research (b) research and development to address Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues.
8. (a) Details of the programmes for field level extension services, demonstration in farms/plots, seminars & exhibitions, publicity through print and electronic media for popularizing and adoption to technology for increasing yields and returns for each crop listed above. A note on progress during last three years with bottlenecks experienced if any.
 - (b) What are the steps contemplated for revitalizing the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for strengthening extension services.

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1. Quantity and value of exports and imports of (a) rice (b) wheat and wheat products, (c) coarse cereals (crop-wise) (d) pulses (pulse-wise), (e) oilseeds (crop-wise) & edible oils (oil-wise) (f) cotton (g) Cotton textiles and (h) VFC tobacco during the last five years and current year. Also indicate unit cost of imports & exports commodity wise.
2. (a) International reference prices of rice (specify origin and broken percentage), maize, pulses (specify by type/name), oilseeds and edible oils (specify by type/name) and cotton during the last five years and current year, as per format given below:

Name of the Commodity _____

(per quintal)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average international reference price (in \$)					
Any premium (+)/Discount (-) on international prices (in \$)					
Net International Price (in \$)					
Exchange Rate					
Freight to India (Rs)					
Insurance Premium (Rs.)					
CIF Price (Rs.)					
Port expenses (Rs)					
Total Landed Cost (Rs.)					

- (b) How competitive are these Indian products in the international market?
 - (c) Please give a detailed note on global markets and prices in the past five years and current year and for future, in respect of rice, maize, pulses (by type/name), oilseeds and edible oils (by type/ name) and cotton.
3. Current tariff regime, including tariff rate quotas and tariff values governing import and export of foodgrains, pulses and edible oils. Please indicate the effective dates from which current tariff are applicable for different commodities and the changes thereof in the current year 2011-12.
 4. Steps, if any, being contemplated for introduction of variable tariffs in addition to basic tariff on agricultural imports and exports in order to protect the domestic market from the destabilising effects of violent fluctuations of world prices. Also, mechanism evolved, if any, for introducing safeguard measures to prevent any undesirable surge in imports.

5. An update on quantum of agricultural subsidy including direct payment under production limiting programmes and de-coupled income support given from 2001 onwards in Japan, EU and USA, as per latest submission made by these countries to the WTO.
6. Steps taken/contemplated to boost agricultural exports in the present scenario including export subsidies/tax exemptions, if any.
7. The current status of quality control measures taken to improve the export competitiveness through improvements in handling, packaging, storage capabilities and transport subsidy to ports for export.
8. Please give a status note on performance of Agri-Export Zones.
9. Please give a status note on the on-going negotiations on WTO Agreement on Agriculture.
10. Indicate the quality control measures adopted/proposed to adopt for import of agriculture commodities separately commodity-wise.
11. (a) Views regarding allowing FDI in retail trade of agricultural produce/products and its impact on the income of farmers.

(b) Please give views on promotion of export of organic agricultural commodities, and steps taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard.
12. Any other information that the Ministry would like to bring to the notice of the Commission.

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1. Current policies and guidelines regarding exports of foodgrains and other agricultural commodities from the country.
2. An update on the activities of APEDA for promoting the exports of agricultural commodities.
3. (a) International reference prices of rice (specify origin and broken percentage), maize, pulses (specify by type/name), oilseeds and edible oils (specify by type/name) and cotton during the last five years and current year, as per format given below:

Name of the Commodity _____

(per quintal)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average international reference price (in \$)					
Any premium (+)/Discount (-) on international prices (in \$)					
Net International Price (in \$)					
Exchange Rate					
Freight to India (Rs)					
Insurance Premium (Rs.)					
CIF Price (Rs.)					
Port expenses (Rs)					
Total Landed Cost (Rs.)					

(b) How competitive are these Indian products in the international market?

(c) Please give a detailed note on global markets and prices in the past five years and current year and for future, in respect of rice, maize, pulses (by type/name), oilseeds and edible oils (by type/ name) and cotton.

4. Apart from price competitiveness, what are the major constraints in boosting exports of Indian agro-based commodities? Please focus on the post-WTO obligations and the difficulties in fulfilling them.

5. Progress of the measures taken for promotion of exports in groundnut and sesamum, quality control and meeting SPS requirements.
6. Details of transport subsidy, certification procedures etc. provided to help exporters in enhancing exports.
7. What are farmer oriented measures taken for promotion of exports of their produce?
8. Details of liaisons with ICAR, Agricultural Universities etc. regarding upgradation of quality of above listed crops for realizing higher value.
9. Please give views on promotion of export of organic agricultural commodities, and the procedure devised by APEDA for certification of such export.
10. Please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
11. Any other information that APEDA would like to bring to the notice of the Commission.

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1. Give the quality profile of kharif foodgrains arrivals in the market during the current marketing season vis-à-vis the FAQ norms in various states. Was relaxation of FAQ specification sought by and given to any state? Give state-wise details along with the reasons thereof.
2. Number of procurement centres opened in each state by FCI, State and other agencies during the last three kharif seasons. Please indicate separately the centres designated for purchase of coarse cereals and quantity purchased thereof. Whether the procurement centres are adequate enough? Specify.
3. Give item-wise detailed break-up of cost of rice and wheat separately (per quintal) during 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and projected for 2012-2013 under the following sub-heads:
 - a. pooled cost of grain;
 - b. procurement incidentals;
 - c. post procurement costs;
 - d. economic costs; and
 - e. carrying costs of buffer stocks.
4. Give an overview of the foodgrain storage situation across the country including age profile of the stocks in the Central Pool.
5. Please furnish state-wise details of quantity damaged/rotten of Wheat/Paddy during last three years due to lack of storage facility. What steps have been taken to prevent occurrence of such damage in future?
6. Give state-wise rates of market/mandi fee, purchase tax, commission for artias, cesses, etc. and the amount paid by FCI in different states for procurement of cereals for the last three years. Give (i) rates per quintal and (ii) total for each state.
7. Give state-wise and month-wise quantity of wheat and rice released/proposed to be released under the Open Market Sale Scheme and the CIPs at which released during 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.
8. Give the quantity of rice, wheat, coarse cereals released for export from the FCI's stock for 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and prospects for 2012-2013 and the corresponding unit price realization.
9. State-wise procurement of rice and coarse cereals (commodity-wise) during marketing year 2011-12.

10. Give state-wise allocation and offtake of rice and wheat under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) separately for (i) Below Poverty Line (BPL) population, (ii) Above Poverty Line (APL) population, and (iii) other welfare schemes (separately for each scheme) during 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 and the corresponding CIPs.
11. Total and per quintal subsidy involved in the release of rice and wheat (separately) during the last 2 years under TPDS for (i) BPL population, (ii) APL population (iii) other schemes (Scheme-wise) including OMSS(D) and OMSS(E). Please give item-wise details.
12. When was the last CAG audit done in respect of FCI? Please enclose a copy of the audit observations and the responses thereto of FCI/Government.
13. Please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
14. Any other information that the FCI would like to bring to the notice of the Commission.

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1. Quantity and value of sesamum and nigerseed purchased under commercial operation by TRIFED and its agencies during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.
2. Please give state/month-wise wholesale prices of sesamum and nigerseed and their products in selected major markets in the following formats:

Name of the State/Market/Commodity _____ (Rs./quintal)

Month	2009	2010	2011
Jan.			
Feb.			
Mar.			
Apr.			
May			
June			
July			
Aug.			
Sept.			
Oct.			
Nov.			
Dec.			
Average			

(Use separate sheets for different commodities and markets)

3. How are the quantities of sesamum and nigerseed procured under commercial operations disposed of? Have there been instances of TRIFED incurring losses in these operations? If so, how are these losses compensated?
4. What are the present policies and guidelines regarding imports and exports of sesamum, nigerseed and their products? What objective considerations have gone into the making of these guidelines?
5. The quantity value and unit cost of exports of sesamum, nigerseed and their products (country-wise) during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Concrete steps taken, or visualized, for boosting such exports?
6. Please give month-wise international reference prices of sesamum, nigerseed and their products during 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the corresponding domestic wholesale prices.
7. Please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
8. Any other information that you may like to furnish to the Commission in the context of the kharif report for 2012-2013.

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1. Did the primary market prices of any of kharif oilseeds, pulses and cotton fall below their minimum support prices during the current season? If so, details on (a) names of the crops, (b) the months during which prices dipped below MSP, (c) reasons thereof; and (d) action taken by NAFED and its associated agencies in each of the affected states.
2. (a) Please indicate the measures taken to extend price support operations on pulses, oilseeds and cotton during 2011-2012.

(b) State-wise quantity and value of pulses, oilseeds and cotton purchased under price support by NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 and the corresponding data on disposals.

(c) A detailed note on financial and other constraints, if any, in conducting support operations during the past three years.

(d) The Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms prescribed for procurement of pulses, oilseeds and cotton during the kharif season. Please list out instances of relaxation in FAQ specification, if any, during current season with reasons thereof.
3. State-wise quantity, price band and value of commercial purchases of pulses, oilseeds and cotton by the NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 and the corresponding data on their disposals.
4. Details of processing and ginning activities of pulses, oilseeds (crop-wise) and cotton year-wise quantity and value. Mode of disposal both wholesale and retail separately state-wise.
5. Please indicate the State-wise taxes/cesses/commission and the amount paid on purchases made by NAFED and its associated agencies in the regulated markets and market yards and your suggestions about rationalising them.
6. Please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
7. Month-wise wholesale prices of each of the kharif pulses, oilseeds and cotton (along with corresponding edible oils) in major markets of the main producing/consuming states may be given in the following format for the last five years and current year: (Use separate sheets for different commodities and different markets)

Name of the State/Market _____ Name of Item _____ (Rs/quintal)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					

- 8.(a) International reference prices of rice (specify origin and broken percentage), maize, pulses (specify by type/name), oilseeds and edible oils (specify by type/name) and cotton during the last five years and current year, as per format given below:

Name of the Commodity _____

(per quintal)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average international reference price (in \$)					
Any premium (+)/Discount (-) on international prices (in \$)					
Net International Price (in \$)					
Exchange Rate					
Freight to India (Rs)					
Insurance Premium (Rs.)					
CIF Price (Rs.)					
Port expenses (Rs)					
Total Landed Cost (Rs.)					

- (b) How competitive are these Indian products in the international market?
- (c) Please give a detailed note on global markets and prices in the past five years and current year and for future, in respect of rice, maize, pulses (by type/name), oilseeds and edible oils (by type/ name) and cotton.
9. Break-up of the processing costs of each of oilseeds and pulses from the stage of purchase of seeds/pulses to the point of distribution of the finished products at the wholesale and retail levels.

10. Overall imports of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 and the landed costs of such imports. Please give break-up, item-wise. Also, specify the quantity and value of imports by NAFED separately for three years.
11. Overall quantity and value of exports of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 indicating separately the exports by NAFED, if any.
12. Impact of tariff rate cut on the prices of edible oils/ oilseeds during 2011-2012.
13. Your views regarding the level of MSP declared by Government for different kharif pulses, oilseeds and cotton during the current season and your suggestion alongwith justification for the forthcoming season.
14. Critical note on the impact of futures prices of oilseeds and pulses on the farmers for bringing the area under cultivation and on the prevailing prices. Please indicate the extent to which it assists in forecasting the prices.
15. Any other information that the NAFED may like to bring to the notice of CACP, in connection with the kharif report for 2012-2013 season.

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(The Kharif Report will cover, mainly the following crops: (I) **Cereals** : paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi; (ii) **Pulses** : tur (arhar), moong, urad; (iii) **Oilseeds** : groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum, nigerseed; (iv) **Cotton** ; (v) **VFC tobacco**. Replies to the questionnaire may cover information on each of the pulses, oilseeds & edible oils and cottonseed oil).

1. An analytical note on the performance of kharif oilseeds and pulses during 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and target set for the season 2012-2013.
2. An update on the status of working of the Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM) for pulses and other schemes under TMOP, achievements during Tenth Plan and Eleventh Plan.
3. The nature and levels of input subsidies provided by the Government under various development programmes ISOPOM/NFSM and oilseeds under TMOP, during 2009-2010, to 2011-2012 and proposals for 2012-2013 and their impact on area, production and yield.
4. What is the estimated gap between the domestic demand and supply of pulses and oilseeds (crop-wise under each category) over the last three years in the country? The strategy to meet the gap between demand and supply, and the estimates for 2012-2013.
5. What are the current policies and guidelines for exports and imports of oilseeds and edible oils? Also give quantity and value of imports and exports of each of the pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during 2009-2010 to 2011-2012. A note on impact of latest changes in duty structure on imports and incentives for exports.
6. A status note on oil palm cultivation programme.
7. An update on state-wise programmes of the Technology Mission on Maize, highlighting its achievements in the context of Tenth Plan and Eleventh Plan.
8. An update on contract farming, state crop and organization-wise measures contemplated for protecting the interest of farmers. A copy of the “draft-contract format” devised, if any.
9. Regarding kharif pulses and oilseeds, please give state-wise information on the allocation and expenditure and physical targets and achievements made (programme-wise) during Tenth Plan and its Annual Plans (year-wise) and Eleventh Plan & its Annual Plans. Your comments on the level of achievements and reasons for the shortfall.
10. Mechanism for coordinating development activities of TMOP/ISOPOM/NFSM with the research programmes of ICAR. A critical note on performance.
11. Any suggestion that the TMOP/ISOPOM/NFSM/Directorate of VVOF may like to make to the Commission in the context of the kharif price policy for 2012-2013 season and on non-price recommendations.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES FOR ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2012-2013 SEASON.

1. Please give a reasoned account of the policy decisions taken over the past one year and those likely to be taken in the near future which have a bearing on management of foodgrains in the country. Also supply copies of notification relating to pricing, procurement, public distribution, open sales, export sale out of FCI stocks etc. issued during the past one year.
2. The Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms prescribed for the procurement of paddy/rice/kharif coarse cereals during the current kharif season. Please list out instances of relaxation in FAQ specification, if any, during the current kharif season.
3. The estimated Economic Costs of rice and wheat and their components during 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and projections for 2012-2013.
4. An overview of the storage situation across the country, and the recent storage policy announced by the Government. What are the difficulties being faced in its implementation?
5. (a) State-wise and month-wise reference prices of rice, wheat and coarse cereals for the latest three years in terms of the latest available information in the Ministry's control room.
(b) Also provide the corresponding international prices of these items during this period.
6. State-wise allocation and offtake of rice and wheat under TPDS (BPL, APL), different welfare/relief schemes (e.g. Annapurna, Antyodya Scheme, Food for Work Programme) for the last three years. Also, explain the state-specific reasons for large gaps between allocation and offtake under different schemes.
7. State-wise, month-wise quantity of wheat and rice released under the Open Market Sale Scheme, and the CIPs at which released during the last three years.
8. The quantity of rice, wheat, coarse cereals released for export from the Central Pool during 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and the prospects for 2012-2013 with their corresponding CIPs.
9. Give a list of the local levies, rate per quintal and total for each state.
10. State-wise levy prices of rice (raw and parboiled) fixed for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 seasons, along with item-wise break-up of costs allowed.
11. State-wise break-up of cost of custom-milled rice allowed during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 seasons.
12. Total and per quintal subsidy involved in distribution of rice and wheat under different schemes and also separately to North Eastern states during the last three years.

13. Estimated annual demand for pulses and edible oils in the country? The strategy to meet the gap between demand and supply.
14. Current tariff regime, including tariff rate quotas and tariff values, governing import of foodgrains, pulses, oilseeds and edible oils. Please indicate the effective dates from which tariffs applicable for different commodities.
15. Please supply a copy of the Annual Report of your Department.
16. Any other specific information having a bearing on price policy that the Department would like to bring to the notice of the Commission.