

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS TO BE MARKETED IN 2014-15 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; and (iv) **Cotton**; yet the Commission is interested in all facts, issues, suggestions relating to the State's agricultural sector as a whole.)

Name of the State .....

**PART-I GENERAL**

1. Give an overview of the agricultural sector in your State, indicating any structural change and reform initiatives in recent years. Also please indicate whether these changes, if any, can be explicitly linked to any policy initiative of the Central Government/State Government.
2. Give an analytical note on production performance of various Kharif crops in your state during 2013-14, against the background of agro-climatic and other agronomic factors.
3. Please give an assessment of demand and supply of foodgrains and other kharif crops and details of per capita requirement and availability of wheat, rice/paddy, other coarse cereals and pulses in your state.
4. Please indicate the level at which the minimum support prices need to be fixed for the following crops of the 2014-15 kharif season, along with justification for the same.

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Suggested Minimum Support Price for 2014-15 crop</u> (Rs. per quintal)	<u>Rationale</u>
1. Paddy		
2. Jowar		
3. Bajra		
4. Maize		
5. Ragi		
6. Tur (Arhar)		
7. Moong		
8. Urad		
9. Groundnut-in-shell		
10. Soyabean		
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		

## PART-II: PRICE SUPPORT, PROCUREMENT AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

1. Details of crop specific, major market wise and state average market price vis-à-vis MSP during the last five years and month wise during the last 24 months.
2.
  - (a) Whether the produce sold below MSP were qualifying FAQ specifications or not and also provide total quantity with prices?
  - (b) What measures were taken by the state government to arrest this trend?
  - (c) How would you evaluate the effectiveness of these measures?
3.
  - (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.
4. 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? Whether inclusion of private players in procurement operation is an option to improve the procurement level?
5. Were there recent instances of large scale distress sale by the farmers. If so, please provide reasons and suggest measures for improvement. The steps taken by the state to arrest such distress sale by the farmers crop-wise.
6. The quantity of market arrivals of wheat/paddy/rice/coarse cereals/pulses/oilseeds/cotton and the quantity procured of each in your state (agency-wise) during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 marketing season. Also provide an estimate of procurement of wheat/paddy by private traders for the same period.
7. Please give the break-up of total procurement by different agencies such as FCI, State Government and other authorized agencies during this period.
8. Are taxes being imposed when agricultural produce is brought in or taken out of your state? State the current level of taxes/cesses/commission/ levies payable by the buyer and seller separately in the regulated markets in the state. Also, give the rate per unit of output in the following proforma.
 

Item	Effective date	Wheat	Rice	Coarse-grains	Oilseeds	Pulses
Market / Mandi fee						
Purchase Tax						
Commission for Artias/ Commission Agents						
Development/Rural Development Cess						
Levies						
Other charges (list by name)						
9. Please give details of stock limits fixed on rice and paddy and other crops, if any.
10. Quantity and value of commercial purchases as well as purchases under price-support of pulses/cotton/oilseeds (by name) separately made by NAFED, CCI and the state agencies during the last 3 years and current year so far.

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. (a) Please give a brief review of existing marketing infrastructure with shortfalls if any and suggestions for improvement by the Central/State Governments.  
(b) What are the Agricultural marketing reforms initiated in the past two years including amendment of the APMC ACT, and their impact.  
(c) Have the relevant Rules under the amended APMC Act been notified? Please give details on this.  
(d) What are the measures taken to keep the farmers aware about the marketing reforms and new marketing initiatives?  
(e) Kindly apprise on the agri-export zones in your state.
14. Any other information specific to oilseeds, pulses and cotton which the State may want to provide.

### III. PRODUCTIVITY

1. Area, Production, Yield along with irrigation and duration of various kharif crops in your state may please be given in the following format:

S.No.	Crop	2011-12			2012-13			2013-14 *(Estimated /Expected)			Average duration of the crop (in months)**	% Area irrigated	Irrigation required (Approx)	
		A	P	Y	A	P	Y	A	P	Y			No. of irrigations	Total Quantity of water (in litres)
1.	Paddy													
2.	Jowar													
3.	Bajra													
4.	Maize													
5.	Ragi													
6.	Tur (Arhar)													
7.	Moong													
8.	Urad													
9.	Groundnut-in-shell													
10.	Soyabean													
11.	Sunflower seed													
12.	Sesamum													
13.	Nigerseed													
14.	Cotton (kapas)													

*Note: A, P, Y denote area, production & yield respectively;*

*\*: In case actual figures are not available, estimated/expected figures should be mentioned.*

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

2. District-wise details of area, production and yield of major kharif crops during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.

3. Was there any agro-climatic aberration during 2013-14 Kharif season?

If so, then;

- (a) Please provide a broad account of the crops affected impact on the quality of crop and quantify the extent of damage to each crop.
- (b) Was there a contingency plan to deal with such situation and was this operationalised in time?
- (c) How did this help the affected farmers to cope with the adverse climatic situation?

4. What is the status of crop diversification in the state?

- (a) Whether the districts – sub districts demarcation for sustainability of land/water/soil resources done for necessitating crop diversification?
- (b) If the state is already witnessing/programming diversification, what policy support in terms of pricing, appropriate technology, extension and marketing support etc. is being provided by the state. Please give details of the crops given thrust for diversification such as high value crops, shift in area, etc. during the past five years.
- (c) Please apprise on dovetailing of crop diversification with overall agricultural diversification.

### **Irrigation**

5. Out of total area, production and yield given in question-1, please furnish crop-wise irrigated area, along with corresponding production and yield under during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (estimated/expected).
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. What is the total expenditure on irrigation during the last five years?
8. Please furnish the data for the last 3 years regarding diversion of agricultural land (irrigated and unirrigated separately) for other uses (housing, commercial etc.)
9. State briefly the measures taken for improving :
  - (a) Water use efficiency in Agriculture
  - (b) On farm water management
  - (c) Watershed development

### **Seeds**

10. Crop-wise area, production and yield under HYV/Hybrid varieties during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.
11. What are the new varieties of kharif crops introduced in your state in past three years, especially high yielding/pest resistant varieties of pulses and oilseeds to meet the growing demand? Whether any positive results obtained in regard to yield increase in pulses and oilseed crops grown with new seed varieties? Please provide detailed information for each commodity.
12. 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		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. What are important issues, if any, concerning seed sector in your state?

### **Fertilizers**

16. Please indicate per hectare consumption of nutrients N, P & K for important Kharif Crops during last 3 years.

(kg/Ha.)

Crop	N			P			K		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13

17. Please bring out the impact of changes in prices of nutrients on their consumption patterns during 2012-13 kharif season and the likely impact during 2013-14 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?
18. Was the fertilizer off take during kharif 2011-12 and 2012-13 season up to the state's expectations? Explain the factors responsible for shortfall in consumption, if any.

### **Extension**

19. Describe the state of agricultural extension service in your state. What is the mechanism for dissemination of information to farmers about new varieties of seeds, farm implements, MSP information, quality specification etc.?
  - (a) What are the strengths and weaknesses of the extension system in the state?
  - (b) Has the State got any study conducted on impact of extension system in the state? If so, please provide the 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 complementarities between governmental bodies and traditional institutions.
  - (d) Please comment on initiatives of extension such as (i) Kissan Vikas Kendras (ii) ATMA (iii) Agro Clinics (iv) Kissan Call Centres (v) E- Chaupal (vi) Public-Private partnership.
20. Please give a Statement showing the current gap between requirements and availability of various inputs, namely seeds (certified/hybrid/TL), fertilizers, irrigation water, insecticides, pesticides and credit in the state.

### **Cotton**

21. Please 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.
22. 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?
23. Please give an update on various cotton development programmes including those under the four Mini Missions of the Technology Mission on Cotton.
24. 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.

### **Drivers of Yield**

25. Has MSP of various kharif crops made any impact on the decision of farmers to increase/decrease area coverage under various crops. If yes, please give details.
26. Specify the concrete efforts made to increase productivity of the crops being grown in the state.
27. What are drivers of yield? If any study on this has been conducted, please enclose a copy thereof.
28. Any other relevant information about productivity which the state considers important to highlight.

## PART -IV: COST OF CULTIVATION AND 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. Also give details of projected cost of cultivation/production for 2014-2015.
2. (a) Please give details of operation-wise statutory minimum wages for agricultural labour (Rs/man-day) along with the effective dates for last five m years:-

<u>Operation/Years</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15(likely)</u>
Ploughing					
Sowing					
Transplanting					
Weeding					
Harvesting					
Others					
Overall Agriculture Labour Wage Rate					

- (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>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15 (likely)</u>
Operation					
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 2013-14, and likely for the year 2014-15 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. (a) What are the primary sources of irrigation and their relative shares in the total irrigation for various Kharif Crops in the state. (Furnish details in the form of given table)

CROP :					
Mode/Source	Share in Total Irrigation				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15(likely)
Canal					
Lift					
Drip/Sprinkler					

- (b) Also, provide details of expenditure on irrigation for different modes/sources of irrigation.

CROP :					
Mode/Source	Share in Expenditure on Total Irrigation				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15(likely)
Canal					
Lift					
Drip/Sprinkler					

- (c) 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.
7. (a) Indicate consumption of electricity and diesel oil (per hectare) crop-wise for Kharif crops during 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and likely consumption for 2014-15.
- (b) Indicate whether there is any subsidy element on sale of electricity and diesel for 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15(likely).
8. 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.

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

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15(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)				

10. Please give details of per hectare level of consumption, total requirement and the prevailing prices of seeds (locally grown, certified/ improved or otherwise) for kharif crops for the last five years and for 2014-15 (likely). Indicate whether there any subsidy crop-wise on per kg weight of seeds. To what extent, these prices vary from those of certified/improved seeds?

Seeds	Requirement	Availability	Prices
	2009-10...2014-15(Likely)	2009-10...2014-15(Likely)	2009-10...2014-15(Likely)
Locally grown			
Certified/Improved			

11. Please provide the retail prices (Rs. per kg.) and level of consumption (per hectare) of five important insecticides/ pesticides/ weedicides for last five years and their likely levels during 2014-15.

12. Please indicate the per hectare level of consumption of animal manure and organic manure for various kharif crops for last five years and their likely levels during 2014-15. Prices for the corresponding period of both kinds of manure may also be provided.

13. 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.

14 (a) Please provide details about the relative shares of inputs such as fodder, cattle feed and human labour that constitute total bullock labour cost. (Furnish details in the form of given table)

Inputs	Share in Total Bullock Labour				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15(likely)
Fodder					
Cattle Feed					
Human Labour					

- (b) Also, give prices of fodder, cattle feed that are commonly used and human labour in your state for last five years and their likely levels during 2014-15.

Inputs	Prices				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15(likely)
Fodder					
Cattle Feed					
Human Labour					

15. Please provide the retail prices of urea, phosphatic and potassic fertilisers for last five years and their likely levels during 2014-15. Also, indicate whether there is any subsidy crop-wise on per kg rate of different kinds of fertilizers for last five years and for 2014-15 likely.
16. (a) Please indicate per hectare consumption of nutrients N, P & K for different Kharif Crops (crop-wise) for last five years and their likely levels during 2014-15.
- (b) Please bring out the impact of changes in prices of nutrients on their consumption patterns during 2013-14 kharif season and the likely impact during 2014-15 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?
17. Was the fertilizer offtake during kharif 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons up to the state's expectations? Explain the factors responsible for shortfall in consumption, if any.
18. (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.
19. 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.
20. Does the State Government provide subsidies on agricultural inputs in addition to those provided under centrally sponsored schemes? If so, give details thereof.
21. Are there any maximum/minimum limits of land rent specified in the state? Are these crop-specific? Please give details, if any.
22. How is 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.

23. 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.
24. (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.
25. (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.
26. 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?
27. 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 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15(likely).
28. 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 asking non-price recommendations.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

### COMMERCE/Directorate of VVO &F

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1. Please furnish a detailed note on the export-import policy of Government of India in respect of major kharif crops indicating, inter-alia, major changes made in the last five years in the policy along with the rationale.
2. Please indicate the tariff rates imposed on these commodities during the last ten years.
3. Please indicate the month-wise international prices of Cereals (of which rice and maize separately), pulses (of which tur, moong and urad separately), oilseeds and edible oils (of which groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum, nigerseed and their oils, separately) during last ten years in US \$/tonne and Rs/tonne separately.
4. Please give country-wise details of export and import (quantity, total value in Rs & US\$, unit value and also for specific commodities given in brackets) of Cereals (rice and maize), oilseeds and edible oils (groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum, nigerseed), coarse cereals (jowar, bajra, maize, ragi) and pulses (tur, moong and urad) for the last ten years.
5. Please give details of total quantity of export and import of all kharif crops year-wise during the last five years (2009-10 to 2013-14).
6. What is the landed cost of oil seeds, edible oils (groundnut, soyabean, sunflower) and pulses? Please furnish information in the following format.

Name of the Oilseed/Edible Oil-----

Sl.	Item/Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1	Int. Price (US \$/tonne)				
2.	Premium/Discount on Int.				
3	Freight incl insurance to India				
4.	CIF Price (US \$/tonne)				
5	Exchange Rate				
6	CIF Price (Rs./tonne (4*5)				
7	Port Expenses (Rs/tonne)				
8	Any other expenses (Please specify)				
9	Landed Cost (Rs./tonne)				

7. Likely impact of FTAs/RTAs on India's agricultural import and export opportunities.
8. Steps taken to boost agricultural exports incl export subsidies, tax exemptions, if any.
9. The quality control measures taken to improve the export competitiveness through improvements in handling, packaging, storage capabilities and transport subsidies to ports for exports.

10. Is there any system of dissemination of various SPS standards to farming system for improving their export links?

11. What is the FOB price of rice when exported from major mandis of Punjab, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh and in the case of maize from mandis of Rajasthan and Karnataka? Please furnish information in the following format:

(Rs. /tonne)

Name of the Mandi	Market Price	Transportation including insurance to nearest port of export	Port expenses	Any other expenses connected with export (Please specify)	FOB Price
1.	2.	3.	4.	5	6. (2+3+4+5)

12. What is the ex-factory price of edible oils (groundnut, soyabean, sunflower)? Please furnish information for producing one quintal of edible oil in the following format:

Name of the Edible oil -----

Rs. / quintal

Extraction ratio	Quantity of oilseed required to produce 1 quintal of edible oil	Price of oilseed	Cost of oilseeds to produce one quintal of edible oil	Duties/taxes on oilseeds if any (Please specify)	Conversion cost including interest on bank loans and advances	Profit margin	Ex-factory price of edible oils
1.	2.	3.	4. (2*3)	5.	6.	7.	8.(4+5+6+7)

13. Please supply a copy of the latest Annual Report of your Ministry

14. Any other information which the Department would like to furnish in respect of export/import of above commodities.

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1. An analytical note on the performance of kharif oilseeds and pulses during 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and target set for the season 2014-15.
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 2010-2011 to 2013-2014 and proposals for 2014-2015 and their impact on area, production and yield.
4. What is the estimated gap between the demand (consumption, export etc.) and supply (production, import etc) of pulses and oilseeds (crop-wise under each category) over the last **five** years in the country? The strategy to meet the gap between demand and supply, and the estimates for 2014-2015.
5. What are the current policies and guidelines for exports and imports of pulses, oilseeds and edibles oils? Also give quantity and value of imports and exports of each of the pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during the last five years. 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 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.
8. Regarding kharif pulses and oilseeds, please give state-wise information on the following: (a) location specific, improved varieties available (b) irrigated area, (c) area expansion or contraction, and the reasons and (d) details of yields obtained from improved varieties on demonstration plots, separately by irrigated and unirrigated conditions and its comparative analysis with yield obtained at farmers field. If difference is significant between the two, specify the reasons.
9. Mechanism for coordinating development activities of TMOP/ISOPOM/NFSM with the research programmes of ICAR. A critical note on performance.
10. 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 2014-2015 season and on non-price recommendations.

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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. Also specify crop-wise losses incurred by farmers selling their produce below MSP indicating quantity and sale prices.
2. (a) Please indicate the measures taken to extend price support operations on pulses, oilseeds and cotton during 2013-2014.  
  
(b) State-wise quantity and value of pulses, oilseeds and cotton purchased under price support by NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-14 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 during the kharif season and any relaxations during current season with reasons thereof.
3. What is the estimated gap between the demand (consumption, export etc.) and supply (production, import etc) of pulses and oilseeds (crop-wise under each category) over the last five years in the country? The strategy to meet the gap, if any, between demand and supply, and the estimates for 2014-2015.
4. (a) State-wise quantity, price band and value of commercial purchases of pulses, oilseeds and cotton by the NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-14 and the corresponding data on their disposals.  
  
(b) Domestic Price of pulses (tur/arhar, moong and urad) & oilseeds (groundnut, soyabean and sunflowerseeds) (centre-wise on the basis of major producers and consumers).
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. (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)

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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.

7. 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.
8. What is the procedure of disposal of procurement made by NAFED and economics thereof?
9. Overall imports of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during last three years 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.
10. Overall quantity and value of exports of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during last three years indicating separately the exports by NAFED, if any.
11. What is the current tariff regime, including tariff rate quotas and tariff values, governing import of foodgrains, pulses, oilseeds and edible oils. What has been the impact of these policies on the recent prices of edible oils/ oilseeds.
12. Your views regarding the level of MSP declared by Government for different kharif pulses, oilseeds and cotton during the current season and your suggestion along with justification for the forthcoming season.
13. 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.
14. Please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
15. Any other information that the NAFED may like to bring to the notice of CACP, in connection with the kharif report for 2014-2015 season.

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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. Describe if any system exists for maintaining the grade specification of commodities after procurement and offtake.
4. Give item-wise detailed break-up of cost of rice and wheat separately (per quintal) during 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-14 and projected for 2014-2015 under the following sub-heads:
  - a. pooled cost of grain;
  - b. procurement incidentals;
  - c. post procurement costs;
  - d. economic costs(state wise); and
  - e. carrying costs of buffer stocks.
5. Give an overview of the storage situation (FCI and Total), including covered and CAP, across the country with shortage, if any, and steps taken/proposed to be taken for enhancing storage capacity region-wise with details on PEG and Rural Godown Scheme.
6. Give state wise details on levy rates for rice as percent of rice milled by millers and other crops, if any.
7. 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?
8. Problems faced in accessing credit, freight availability and tariffs in undertaking procurement and distribution of foodgrains.
9. 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.
10. 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 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

11. Give the quantity of rice, wheat, coarse cereals released for export from the FCI's stock for 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-14 and prospects for 2014-2015 and the corresponding unit price realization.
12. State-wise procurement of rice and coarse cereals (commodity-wise) during marketing year 2012-13 and 2013-14.
13. State-wise allocation and offtake of rice and wheat under TPDS (BPL, APL), different welfare/relief schemes (e.g. Annapurna, Antyodaya 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.
14. 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 AAY, OMSS(D) and OMSS(E). Please give item-wise details.
15. 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.
16. A brief note on open-ended procurement vis-à-vis availability and non-availability of storage facility.
17. Please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
18. Any other information that the FCI would like to bring to the notice of the Commission.

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1. Please give a reasoned account of the policy decisions taken over the past one year and likely to be taken in the near future which have a bearing on foodgrain management 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. What are the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms prescribed for the procurement of paddy/rice/kharif coarse cereals during the current kharif season. Has there been any relaxation?
3. The estimated Economic Costs of rice and wheat and their components during 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-14 and projections for 2014-2015.
4. An overview of the storage situation across the country, the recent storage policy announced by the Government and difficulties, if any, being faced in its implementation?
5. State-wise allocation and offtake of rice and wheat under TPDS (BPL, APL), different welfare/relief schemes (e.g. Annapurna, Antyodaya 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.
6. 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.
7. The quantity of rice, wheat, coarse cereals released for export from the Central Pool during 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-14 and the prospects for 2014-2015 with their corresponding CIPs.
8. State-wise levy prices of rice (raw and parboiled) fixed for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-14 seasons, along with item-wise break-up of costs allowed.
9. State-wise break-up of cost of custom-milled rice allowed during 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-14 seasons.
10. 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.
11. What is the estimated annual demand for cereals, pulses and edible oils in the country and the strategy to meet the gap between demand and supply.
12. What is the (opening stock and consumption of cereals, pulses edible oilseeds/oils for the last five years (2009-10 to 2013-14).
13. What is the current tariff regime, including tariff rate quotas and tariff values, governing import of foodgrains, pulses, oilseeds and edible oils.
14. Please supply a copy of the Annual Report of your Department.
15. Any other specific information having a bearing on price policy that the Department would like to bring to the notice of the Commission.

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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. 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:

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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. Please give views on promotion of export of organic agricultural commodities, and the procedure devised by APEDA for certification of such export.
8. Please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
9. Any other information that APEDA would like to bring to the notice of the Commission.