

**COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF
2015-16 SEASON**

(The Kharif Report covers 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*)

Name of the State

PART-I: PRICE SUPPORT, PROCUREMENT AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

1. (a) Please furnish details of procurement of important kharif crops in your state by Central/State Agencies during last 3 years:

('000 MT)

Crop	Production	Market Arrival	Procurement	Production	Market Arrival	Procurement	Production	Market Arrival	Procurement
	2012-13	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14	2013-14	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15
Paddy									
Jowar									
Bajra									
Maize									
Ragi									
Tur (Arhar)									
Moong									
Urad									
Groundnut									
Soyabean									
Sunflower seed									
Sesamum									
Nigerseed									
Cotton									

- (b) Provide an estimate of rice procured by private traders.

- (c) Give month-wise wholesale prices (Rs/quintal) of paddy, rice, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur (arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum, nigerseed and cotton in the state.

(Separate tables for different markets & different items)

Name of the Market _____

Name of the Crop _____

Month	Wholesale price (Rs/Qtl)	
	2013-14	2014-15
April		
May		
June		

July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		

2. Steps taken by state for awareness development about MSPs and their implementation.
3. Have there been instances of prices of Kharif crops falling below Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the current season; if so, please give market-wise, month-wise details including the reasons thereof.

(a) Whether the produce sold below MSP were qualifying Fair Average Quality (FAQ) specifications and what were the prices at which it was sold?

(b) What measures were taken by the state government to arrest this trend?

4. Are taxes/levies being imposed when agricultural produce is brought in or taken out of the state? State the current level of taxes/cesses/commission 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.

Name of the crop: _____

(Rs./qtl)

Item	Effective Date
Market / Mandi fee	
Purchase Tax	
Commission for Ahratias/ Agents	
Development Cess	
Bonus (if any)	
Other charges (specify)	

5. Please comment on the following:
 - (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 Agricultural Produce Market Committee (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.
6. What is the oil content for groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum and nigerseed in the state?
7. Has the state fixed any stock limits on any commodity under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA)? If so, commodity wise stocking limits may be given.

8. Indicate the level at which the minimum prices need to be fixed for the following crops of the 2015-16 kharif season, along with justification for the same.

Crop	Suggested MSP for the 2015-16 Kharif crops (Rs per quintal)
Paddy	
Jowar	
Bajra	
Maize	
Ragi	
Tur (Arhar)	
Moong	
Urad	
Groundnut	
Soyabean	
Sunflowerseed	
Sesamum	
Nigerseed	
Cotton	

II. PRODUCTIVITY- Land and Water

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

(A: lakh ha, P: lakh tonnes, Y: kg/ha)

S. N.	Crop	Variety	2012-13			2013-14			2014-15 *(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	Average height of irrigated water column (in cm.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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 of significant variation, please define the reason. The above figures in respect of A, P & Y should also be furnished variety-wise, if available. For each variety a separate row should be appended in the above table and information should be furnished in all columns.

The information in last four columns should be furnished for 2014-15 if available. Otherwise, latest available information (mentioning the year) should be provided.

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

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

10. The district-wise information for six kharif crops namely tur (arhar), paddy, groundnut, soyabean, cotton and maize may please be furnished in the following table:

Name of the crop.....

(A: lakh ha, P: lakh tonnes, Y: kg/ha)

Name of the District	2012-13			2013-14			2014-15		
	Area	Production	Yield	Area	Production	Yield	Area	Production	Yield
1									
2									
3									
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Note: The unit of area, production and productivity should also be mentioned at the top of the above table.

Irrigation

11. Out of total area, please furnish crop-wise irrigated area, along with corresponding production and yield during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (estimated/expected) in the following table:

S. No.	Crop	Irrigated ('000 ha)									Un-Irrigated ('000 ha)									
		2012-13			2013-14			2014-15 *(Estimated/Expected)			2012-13			2013-14			2014-15 *(Estimated/Expected)			
		A	P	Y	A	P	Y	A	P	Y	A	P	Y	A	P	Y	A	P	Y	
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)																			

12. 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 states?

Irrigation Facility	Area Irrigated 2014-15 (ha)
Canal Irrigation	
Lift Irrigation	
Tube wells/boring wells	
Others (Please specify)	
Total	

13. What is the total expenditure on irrigation during the last five years? Please furnish year-wise information.

Year	Maintenance of old/existing irrigation facilities			Construction of new/ongoing irrigation facilities			
	Nos.	Expenditure (Rs in lakh)	Irrigation Potential (ha)	Nos.	Expenditure (Rs in lakh)	Total Irrigation Potential to be created (ha)	Irrigation Potential created (ha)
2010-11							
2011-12							
2012-13							
2013-14							
2014-15							

14. Was there any agro-climatic aberration during 2014-15 kharif season?

If so, then;

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

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

- Whether the districts-subdistricts demarcation for sustained ability of land/water/soil resources done for necessitating crop diversification?
- 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 (especially towards pulses and oilseeds) etc. during the past five years.
- Please apprise on dovetailing of crop diversification with overall agricultural diversification.

16. Please furnish the data for the last 3 years regarding diversion of agricultural land (irrigated and unirrigated separately) for other uses (housing, commercial etc.)

17. State briefly the measures taken for improving :

- Water use efficiency in Agriculture
- On farm water management
- Watershed development

18. A brief note on the Status of soil health cards should also be furnished.

Seeds

19. Crop-wise area, production and yield under HYV/Hybrid varieties during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.
20. 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? Please specify the impact of new varieties on productivity/production of the pulses and oilseeds? Please provide variety-wise detailed information for each commodity
21. 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		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15

22. 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.
23. Whether the availability of certified seeds is sufficient to meet the requirement? If not, what arrangements are made in this regard?
24. What are important issues concerning seed sector? If any, please specify?

Fertilizers

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

(kg/ha.)

Crop	N			P			K		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15

26. 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?
27. Was the fertilizer off take in the states as per expectations during kharif 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 season? Explain the factors responsible for shortfall in consumption, if any.

Extension

28. 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) Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) (iii) Agro Clinics (iv) Kissan Call Centres (v) E- Chaupal (vi) Public- Private partnership.
29. 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

30. 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.
31. 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?
32. Please give an update on various cotton development programmes including those under the four Mini Missions of the Technology Mission on Cotton.
33. 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

34. 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.
35. Specify the concrete efforts made to increase productivity of the crops being grown in the state.
36. What are drivers of yield? If any study on this has been conducted, please enclose a copy thereof.
37. Any other relevant information about productivity which the state considers important to highlight.

PART -III: COST OF CULTIVATION AND INPUT PRICES

38. Does the State Government generate estimates of cost of cultivation/production? If so, 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 2015-16 season.**

39. (a) Please give operation-wise details of minimum wages and actual wages for agricultural labour (Rs/man-day).

Operation/Years	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (Likely)	
	Minimum Wage	Actual Wage	Minimum Wage	Actual Wage	Minimum Wage	Actual Wage
Ploughing						
Sowing						
Transplanting						
Weeding						
Harvesting						
Others						
Overall Agriculture Labour Wage Rate						

- (b) Is there any shortage of labour in the state for agricultural activities due to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) and migration in other states for construction and related activities? What steps the State Govt. has taken to increase the supply of labour for agricultural activities?

- (c) Please furnish information on aggregate differences between agricultural wage and that under MGNREGA in major regions of the state for the year 2013-14.

40. Give the following information for the current year:

- Amount of budgetary subsidy provided on fertilizers, power (diesel and electricity), irrigation, seeds, credit – crop-wise for all kharif crops.
- The average number of hours per day of available supply of electricity during peak period of its operational demand by the farmers.

41. Please indicate revision, if any, in electricity rates/ charges per unit (Kwh) for use in motor/connection for agricultural/irrigation purposes and canal irrigation effected since July, 2001 (with date of effect).

Particulars	Pre-Revised Rates	Revised Rates	Date of Revision
Electricity for Agricultural Purposes			
Canal Irrigation			

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

- Tractors/ harvesters and pump sets used for irrigation, and
- Other purposes along with relative share of important inputs (diesel, lubricants, repairs/ maintenance charges etc.) required for their operation.

43. (a) Have there been any changes in the cropping pattern and crop rotations taking place in your state due to the availability of water/electricity for irrigation at cheaper rates/free of costs?

(b) Estimated land which remains vacant due to non-availability of water for irrigation.

44. Please give the details of prices of certified/improved seeds supplied by State Seeds Corporation vis-à-vis locally grown seeds as follows (Rs per kg):

Crop	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (likely)	
	Certified Seeds	Locally Grown Seeds	Certified Seeds	Locally Grown Seeds	Certified Seeds	Locally Grown Seeds
Paddy						
Jowar						
Bajra						
Maize						
Ragi						
Tur (Arhar)						
Moong						
Urad						
Groundnut						
Soyabean						
Sunflowerseed						
Sesamum						
Nigerseed						
Cotton(variety-wise)						

45. 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 three years including 2015-16 (likely). Indicate whether there any subsidy crop-wise on per kg weight of seeds.

46. Please provide the retail prices of urea, phosphatic and potassic fertilizers for last three years including 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 including for 2015-16 likely.

47. (a) What proportion of agricultural credit needs are met from institutional and non-institutional sources in your state and the prevailing rate of interest in respect of both the sources?

(b) What has been the total disbursement of agricultural credit (source-wise) in your state during the last 5 years? What has been the rate(s) of interest (by source and by purpose) for this credit?

(c) What are the constraints in credit delivery and suggestions for improvement?

48. Please give the details of agricultural loans outstanding/overdues (agency-wise) during the last 5 years.

49. Please furnish the modal average distance between the farms and the nearest mandi/market; the average distance covered includes those mandies located outside the village.
50. 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/marketing yards, etc.
51. Please comment on the following:
 - (a) Please furnish the expenses on premium borne by the farmers crop-wise per hectare as well as per quintal on crop insurance scheme being operated in your state along with the number who have opted for crop insurance.
 - (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) State the issues, if any, in the implementation of crop insurance scheme.

OILSEEDS DIVISION

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2015-16 SEASON

The Kharif Report will cover, mainly the following crops: (i) **Oilseeds**: groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum, nigerseed; (ii) **Cotton**. Replies to the questionnaire may cover information on each of the oilseeds & edible oils and cottonseed oil.

1. An analytical note on the performance of kharif oilseeds during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. Also give the targets fixed for 2015-16 season.
2. (a) An update on the working of the various programmes under Oilseeds Division and proposed actions for further improvements.
(b) Status of the proposal to establish Technology Mission on Oilseeds including oil palm.
3. What is the estimated gap between the domestic demand and supply of oilseeds/edible oils in the country? Steps taken/to be taken to improve the production and productivity to meet the growing demand?
4. 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 oilseeds and edible oils during the last five years.
5. Regarding kharif 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.
6. Please provide an assessment of demand and supply of Kharif Oilseeds (crop-wise also) as per following table:

S.No.	Particulars	Crop (Million tonnes)			
		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Opening Stocks				
2	Production				
3	Imports				
4	Total Supply				
5	Exports				
6	Consumption				
7	Total Use				

7. What is the oil content for groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum and nigerseed?
8. A status note on oil palm cultivation programme.

9. Any suggestion that the Oilseeds Division may like to make to the Commission in the context of the kharif price policy for 2015-16 marketing season.

COMMERCE/DIRECTORATE OF VANASPATI, VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS (VVOF)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2015-16 SEASON

1. Please furnish a detailed note on the export-import policy of Government of India in respect of groundnut, sunflowerseed, soyabean, sesamum and nigerseed 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 five 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 (2010-11 to 2014-15).
6. What is the landed cost of groundnut, sunflowerseed, soyabean, sesamum and nigerseed /oil? Please furnish information in the following format.
Name of the Crop_____

Sl. No.	Item/Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Int. Price (US \$/tonne)					
2.	Premium/Discount on Int. Price (US \$/tonne)					
3	Freight incl insurance to India (US \$/tonne)					
4.	CIF Price (US \$/tonne) (1+/-2+3)					
5.	CIF Price (Rs./tonne)					
6.	Port Expenses (Rs./ tonne)					
7.	Any other expenses (Please specify)					
8.	Landed Cost (Rs./ tonne) (5+6+7)					

7. Likely impact of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)/Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) on India's agricultural import and export opportunities.

8. Steps taken to boost agricultural exports including 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 Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) standards to farming system for improving their export links?
11. What is the FOB (free on board) 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 (2+3+4+5)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.

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 (2*3)	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 (4+5+6+7)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8

13. What is the oil content for groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum and nigerseed?
14. Any other information which the Department would like to furnish in respect of export/import of above commodities.

NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION (NFSM)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2015-16 SEASON

The Kharif Report will cover mainly the following crops: (i) **Cereals:** paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi; (ii) **Pulses:** tur (arhar), moong, urad. Replies to the questionnaire may cover information on each of the cereals and pulses.

1. An analytical note on the performance of kharif cereals and kharif pulses during 2013-14 and 2014-15. Also give the targets fixed for 2015-16 season.
2. An update on the working of the various programmes under NFSM and proposed actions for further improvements.
3. What is the estimated gap between the domestic demand and supply of pulses? Steps taken/to be taken to improve the production and productivity to meet the growing demand?
4. What are the current policies and guidelines for exports and imports of kharif cereals and pulses? Also give quantity and value of imports and exports of each of the cereals and pulses during the last five years.
5. Regarding kharif cereals and pulses, 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.
6. Please give an assessment of demand and supply of kharif crops as per following table:

S.No.	Particulars	Crop (Million tonnes)			
		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Opening Stocks				
2	Production				
3	Imports				
4	Total Supply				
5	Exports				
6	Consumption				
7	Total Use				

7. Any suggestion that the NFSM Division may like to make to the Commission in the context of the kharif price policy for 2015-16 marketing season.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2015-16 SEASON

(The crops being considered in this report for which NAFED is the nodal agency are: (i) **Pulses:** Tur (Arhar), Moong and Urad and (ii) **Oilseeds:** groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum, nigerseed. Though the questions below are common, replies may be given separately for pulses and oilseeds)

1. Please indicate if primary market prices of any of kharif oilseeds and pulses fell below their minimum support prices (MSPs) 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. Specify the Action Plan for price support operations on kharif pulses and oilseeds during the current season.
3. State-wise quantity and value of pulses and oilseeds purchased under price support by NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 and the corresponding data on disposals.
4. For the groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum, nigerseed, the month-wise break-up of procurement under Price Support Operation may be provided.
5. State-wise quantity and value of commercial purchases of pulses and oilseeds by NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 and the corresponding data on their disposals.
6. A detailed note on financial and other constraints, if any, in conducting support operations. Did the Government of India make adequate budgetary provision for price support operations of oilseeds and pulses by NAFED?
7. Your views on State-wise taxes/cesses/commission paid on purchases made by NAFED and its associated agencies in the regulated markets and market yards and your suggestions about rationalising them.
8. What is the procedure of disposal of procurement made by NAFED thereof?
9. Month-wise and crop-wise international reference prices of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 so far. How competitive are the Indian pulses, oilseeds and edible oils in the international markets?
10. CIF prices of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils like tur, moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum and nigerseed during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 & the landed costs of such imports. Also, specify the quantity and value of imports by NAFED separately for three years.

11. FOB prices of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils like tur, moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum and nigerseed during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 indicating separately the exports by NAFED, if any.
12. What are the FAQ specifications fixed during the current kharif season for the procurement of oilseeds and pulses under the price support scheme?
13. Your views regarding the level of MSP declared by Government for different kharif pulses and oilseeds during the current season and your suggestion for the forthcoming season indicating the criteria justifying your suggestions.
14. Please give an assessment of demand and supply of Kharif Crops as per following table:

S.No.	Particulars	Crop (Million tonnes)			
		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Opening Stocks				
2	Production				
3	Imports				
4	Total Supply				
5	Exports				
6	Consumption				
7	Total Use				

15. What is the oil content for groundnut, soyabean, sunflowerseed, sesamum and nigerseed?
16. Any other information that the NAFED may like to bring to the notice of the Commission, in connection with the kharif report for 2015-16 marketing season.

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA (FCI)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2015-16 SEASON

1. Please describe the quality profile of kharif foodgrains procured in the current year (2014-15) in various states vis-a-vis the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms. Was any relaxation given to FAQ norms during the current season?
2. Number of procurement centres opened in each state by FCI, State and other agencies during the last three kharif seasons.
3. Give the break-up of the total and per quintal cost in respect of wheat and rice separately for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 on the following:
 - (a) pooled cost of grain;
 - (b) procurement incidentals;
 - (c) post procurement costs;
 - (d) economic costs; and
 - (e) carrying costs of buffer stocks (break-up of freight, handling, storage, interest charges etc.)
4. Describe if any system exists for maintaining the grade specification of commodities after procurement and offtake.
5. Give an overview of the storage situation across the country with shortage, if any, and steps taken/proposed to be taken for enhancing storage capacity region-wise.
6. 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 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.
7. State-wise detail of bonus per quintal declared for current and last two marketing season over and above MSP, crop-wise.
8. State-wise procurement of rice and coarse cereals (commodity-wise) during marketing year 2013-14 and 2014-15.
9. Please give an assessment of demand and supply of Kharifi Crops as per following table:

S.No.	Particulars	Crop (Million tonnes)			
		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Opening Stocks				
2	Production				
3	Imports				
4	Total Supply				
5	Exports				
6	Consumption				

7	Total Use				
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10. Problems faced in accessing credit, freight availability and tariffs in undertaking procurement and distribution of foodgrains.
11. Provide export data (Quantity and Value) of wheat and rice, if any by FCI for the last three years.
12. Any other specific point that the FCI would like to bring to the notice of the Commission in the context of price policy for kharif crops of 2015-16 season.

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DFPD)/Consumer Affairs

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2015-16 SEASON

1. A list of the local levies and their rate for the procurement of rice in major rice producing states may please be provided.
2. The Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms prescribed for the procurement of rice during the current kharif season. Has there been any relaxation?
3. Please provide an overview of the storage situation across the country and how Government is coping with the shortage of capacity and the follow-up action taken in the wake of adoption of a National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation of Foodgrains.
4. Give state-wise, the allocation and offtake of rice under the different welfare/relief schemes (e.g. Annapurna, Antyodaya Scheme, Food for Work Programme, SGRY and JGSY) along with Central Issue Prices (CIPs).
5. Give state-wise, month-wise quantity of rice released/proposed to be released under the Open Market Sale Scheme, and rates at which released during the last three years.
6. The quantity of rice and kharif coarse cereals released for export from the Central Pool during 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and the prospects for 2015-16 with their corresponding Central Issue Price (CIPs).
7. Details of export-import plans for 2015-16 and the medium term perspective in respect of rice. Please give details of imports (quantity and value) contracted for and tariff concessions if any, given for such imports.
8. Total and per quintal subsidy involved in distribution of rice, pulses and edible oils under Public Distribution System (PDS) & different welfare schemes during the last three years.
9. Status note on performance of decentralization of procurement. How far it has been successful in achieving its objectives?
10. Details of total subsidy expenditure on PDS and different welfare schemes during 2013-14, 2014-15 and estimated for 2015-16.
11. State-wise levy prices of rice (raw and parboiled) fixed for the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (if available) seasons, along with item-wise break-up of costs allowed.
12. State-wise break-up of cost of custom-milled rice allowed during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (if available) seasons.

13 Please give an assessment of demand and supply of Kharif Crops as per following table:

S.No.	Particulars	Crop (Million tonnes)			
		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Opening Stocks				
2	Production				
3	Imports				
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2015-16 SEASON

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*. Replies to the questionnaire may therefore cover information on each of these crops.

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 Oilseeds Division/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.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (DAC)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR KHARIF CROPS OF 2015-16 SEASON

The Kharif Report covers 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*

1. (a) A note on crop production performance in 2014-15.
(b) If the production performance has fallen short of target, reasons for mismatch.
(a) Please give analytical details/constraints on the following:
 - (i) Input,
 - (ii) Farm credit
 - (iii) Technology
 - (iv) Marketing Infrastructure
(b) A note on the initiatives underway for crop diversification, constraints/ issues involved and the proposed course of action.
2. Prospects and strategies for kharif crops in ensuing year 2015-16
3. Please give the gains achieved from recent initiatives for development/ growth of farm sector.
 - a. Extension reforms
 - b. Marketing reforms
 - c. Seed sector reforms
 - d. Food quality & quarantine
 - e. Diversification
 - f. Sustainable agricultural development
4. Any other issue relevant to price policy and non-price measures, you may like to bring to the notice of the Commission.