

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR RABI CROPS OF 2009-2010 TO BE MARKETED IN 2010-2011 SEASON**

(Though the Rabi Report will cover, mainly the following crops: (i) Cereals: wheat and barley (ii) Pulses: gram & lentil (iii) Oilseeds: rapeseed/mustard, safflower and toria, 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.)

Name of the State .....

**Part-I General**

1. Give an analytical note on production performance covering following aspects:
  - (a) Rabi and kharif crops in your state during 2008-2009, against the background of agro-climatic and other agronomic factors.
  - (b) The prospects and strategies for rabi and kharif crops during 2009-2010.
  - (c) 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.
  - (d) What are the specific problem areas on (a), (b) and (c) above and how are these being addressed?
  
2. Was there any agro-climatic aberration during 2008-2009 Rabi season?  
If so, then;
  - (a) Please provide a broad account of the crops affected and quantify the extent of damage to each crop.
  - (b) What is the impact on quality of crop due to agro-climatic aberration?
  - (c) Was there a contingency plan to deal with such situation ?
  - (d) Was this operationalised in time? If so, list the broad components.
  - (e) How did this help the affected farmers to cope with the adverse climatic situation?
  
3.
  - (a) Please furnish a note giving details of varietal profile of Rabi 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.?
  - (b) Please give an assessment of foodgrains demand and supply of the state.

- (c) Please give details of per capita requirement and availability of wheat, rice/paddy, barley and other coarse cereals in your state.
4. (a) What is the status of crop diversification in the state?
- (b) Whether the districts – sub districts demarcation for sustainability of land/water/soil resources done for necessitating crop-diversification?
- (c) 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.
- (d) Please apprise on dovetailing of crop diversification with overall agricultural diversification.
5. 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, etc.
- 6 (a) 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, MSP information, quality specification etc.?
- (b) What are the new varieties of rabi crops introduced in your state in past three years, especially high yielding/pest resistant varieties of pulses and oilseeds to meet the growing demand?
- (c) Steps taken to improve efficiency of extension system for better transfer of technology, gaps between the potential and actual yield and meeting emerging market for alternative crops.
- (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.
- (e) Please also indicate mechanism of coordination and convergence in different extension activities.
7. Please give an update on working of Crop Insurance Scheme and risk management in agriculture in your State.
8. What is the perspective of state in making farming an attractive occupation? Kindly indicate the initiatives taken for incentivising the farmers to stay back in the profession.
9. Please give views on the impact of rapid urbanization on agricultural development, both from the perspective of demand and supply.

10. Kindly give suggestions and proposals regarding programmes for development of cereals, pulses and oilseeds, in the context of the Eleventh Plan.
11. Please indicate the level at which the minimum prices need to be fixed for the following crops of the 2009-2010 rabi season, along with justification for the same.

Crop	Suggested MSP for the 2009-2010 rabi crops (Rs per quintal)
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Wheat	
Barley	
Lentil (Masur)	
Gram	
Rapeseed/Mustard	
Safflowerseed	

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

1. (a) Have there been instances of prices of rabi crops falling below MSP during the current season; if so, please give market-wise, month-wise details including the reasons thereof.  
(b) What measures were taken by the state government to arrest this trend?  
(c) How would you evaluate the effectiveness of these measures?
2. (a) Details of relaxation in FAQ specification with or without full value cuts sought by your state and granted by the Centre during the current season.  
(b) What are the measures taken in your state to make the farmers aware of FAQ specifications?
3. 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?
4. Were there recent instances of large scale distress sale by the farmers. If so, please provide reasons and suggest measures for improvements.
5. The quantity of market arrivals of wheat/ rabi paddy/rice/coarse cereals and the quantity of these grains procured in your state (agency-wise) during the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 marketing season. Also provide an estimate of procurement of wheat/paddy by private traders for the same period.

6. The Government of India has recently expanded the coverage under welfare schemes like the Antyodaya Anna Yojana. Has the state been able to identify additional BPL families for coverage under the scheme? List the various schemes under which foodgrains are distributed in your state. Also give the quantity of foodgrains lifted and work done under each of these schemes alongwith their issue prices.
7. Modalities for distribution of grains in your state. Please give in detail the steps involved in reaching grain to the intended beneficiary under each scheme.
8. (a) What was the allocation and offtake of rice and wheat from the Central Pool under BPL/APL and other welfare/relief Schemes such as Annapurna/ Antyodaya in your state, during the last three years?  
  
(b) The reasons for large gaps that exist between allocation and offtake under each scheme.
9. Give month-wise wholesale prices (Rs/quintal) and retail prices (Rs/Kg) of wheat/ wheat flour / pulses (whole and split)/oilseeds in selected rural and urban centres in your state during 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 (so far) in the following format for at least 5 centres.

Name of the Market \_\_\_\_\_

Month	<u>Wholesale price (Rs/Qtl)</u>			<u>Retail Price (Rs/Kg)</u>		
	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
October						
November						
December						
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						

10. Are taxes being imposed when agricultural produce brought in or taken out of your state? State the current level of taxes/cesses/commission payable by the buyer and seller separately in the regulated markets / years in the state. Also, give the rate per unit of output in the following proforma.

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Item	Effective date	Wheat	Rice	Coarse-grains	Oilseeds	Pulses
Market / Mandi fee						
Purchase Tax						
Commission for Artias/ Commission Agents						
Development/Rural Development Cess						
Other charges (list by name)						

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11. Quantity and value of commercial purchases as well as purchases under price-support of pulses (by name) made by NAFED and the state agencies during 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 so far.
12. Quantity and value of commercial purchases as well as purchases under price-support of oilseeds (by name) made by NAFED and other state agencies during 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 so far.
- 13 (a) Please give a brief review of existing marketing infrastructure.
- (b) What are the Agricultural marketing reforms initiated in the past two years including amendment of the APMC ACT, and their impact. Please give specific details on (I) Contract Farming (II) Forward/Future Trading (III) Agricultural Export Zones and (IV) warehouse receipts.
- (c) What are the measures taken to keep the farmers aware about the marketing reforms and new marketing initiatives?
- (d) Kindly apprise on the agri-export zones in your state.
14. What are the market prices differential between various varieties of wheat produced and marketed in your state?

### PART -III: COST OF CULTIVATION AND INPUT PRICES

1. Does the State Government generate estimates of cost of cultivation/production? If so, please provide the details of the methodology used and the estimates generated for various Rabi crops for the last three years including the definitions and concepts adopted.

2 (a). Please give details of minimum wages for agricultural labour (Rs/man-day) alongwith the effective dates:-

<u>Years</u>	<u>(Rs/Man-day)</u>	<u>Date of effectiveness</u>
2005-2006		
2006-2007		
2007-2008		
2008-2009		
2009-2010 (likely)		

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

<u>Region</u>	<u>Operation</u>	<u>Years</u>				
		<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010 (likely)</u>
	Ploughing					
	Sowing					
	Transplanting					
	Weeding					
	Harvesting					
	Others					

(c) What steps are being taken to enforce minimum wages in the state?

3. Give the following information for the current year:

- (a) Cost of supply of electricity per unit(Kwh) for irrigation;
- (b) Rate/charges per unit (Kwh) of electricity consumed for irrigation;
- (c) Total quantity of sales for irrigation purposes ;
- (d) Amount of budgetary subsidy provided.

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

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Pre-Revised Rates</u>	<u>Revised Rates</u>	<u>Date of Revision</u>
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5. When was the latest revision made in canal irrigation rates in your state? Please give the details in the following format.

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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 Rabi Crops in the State ?
7. What is the total expenditure on irrigation (per hectare) for various Rabi crops during the last 3 years ?
8. Please indicate the expenditure on irrigation (per hectare) for Rabi crops as per various modes/sources of irrigation in the following table:

<u>Mode/Source</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u> (Likely)
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**Flow-**

Canal  
Others

**Lift -using**

Electricity  
Diesel & Lubricants  
Manual

9. (a) Please indicate the consumption of electricity and diesel oil (per hectare) for Rabi crops during 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 (likely).
- (b) Please Indicate consumption of diesel oil (crop-wise, per hectare) for Rabi crops during 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 (likely).
10. What is the running cost of farm machinery such as (a) Tractors/harvesters and pump sets used for irrigation and (b) other purposes along with the relative share of important inputs (Diesel, lubricants, repairs/maintenance charges etc.) required for their operations.
11. 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?
12. What was the seed replacement rate of various Rabi crops of the 2008-2009 season vis-à-vis the target, and the target for 2009-2010 season? Also explain the basis of the estimates? Give details of the measures taken for improving the seed availability as well as seed replacement rate.

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

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Likely prices)
a) Wheat					
b) Barley					
c) Gram					
d) Masur (Lentil)					
e) Rapeseed/Mustard					
f) Toria					
g) Safflowerseed					

14. Please give the details of the prevailing prices of locally grown seeds for rabi crops for the above period. How these prices vary from those of certified/improved seeds?
15. Please indicate the total requirement of seeds (certified/improved or otherwise) of various rabi crops in your state. Also indicate the sources from which such requirements are met and to what extent.
16. Please provide the retail prices (Rs. per kg.) of five important insecticides/pesticides/weedicides during 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and the likely prices during 2009-2010.
17. Please indicate the consumption of insecticides/pesticides (per hectare) for different rabi crops during 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and likely consumption for 2009-2010 .
18. What is the progress in the implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)? Give suggestions for making improvements in this regard.
19. Please give the prices of cattle feed and fodder that are commonly used in your state. Give details for 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 (likely).
20. Please indicate the rates for hiring bullocks (per pair day) and machineries such as tractors / harvesters/threshers during the last three years.
21. Please provide the retail prices of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers during 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and the likely price for 2009-2010 .
22. Please indicate per hectare consumption of nutrients N.P.K. for different rabi crops during 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. Please bring out the impact of changes in prices of nutrients on their consumption patterns during 2008-2009 rabi season and the likely impact during 2009-2010 rabi season.

23. Was the fertilizer offtake during rabi 2008-2009 season upto the states expectations? If otherwise, factors responsible for this shortfall.
24. (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 these credit?  
  
(c) What have been the efforts undertaken for improving the credit availability?  
  
(d) What are the constraints in credit delivery and suggestions for improvement?
25. Please give the details of agricultural loans outstanding/overdues (by agency-wise) during the last 5 years.
26. Does the state government provide subsidies on agricultural inputs in addition to those provided under centrally sponsored scheme? If so, give details.
27. Are there any maximum/minimum units of land rent on agricultural land specified in the state? Are these crop-specific? Please give details.
28. Is renting out of land prevalent in your state? If so, what are the current rent rates for different categories of cultivable land? Are these crop-specific?
29. 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.
- 30 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/marketing yards, etc.  
  
b) Please furnish the marketing charges paid by the farmer per quintal – crop-wise.
- 31 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.  
  
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 category 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.
  - i) What are your suggestions for improving the present National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) to make it more farmers friendly?
32. 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?

#### PART- IV: PRICES

1. Please give the monthly wholesale prices of wheat and wheat flour, barley, gram, gram dal, masur, masur dal, rapeseed/mustard, rapeseed/mustard oil, toria and safflower seed in 5 major markets in your state during the last three years and current year so far.

Name of the market/Name of the Commodity:

(Rs./quintal)

Month	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (so far)
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				

(Separate tables for different markets & different items)

2. Please give the monthly retail prices of wheat and wheat flour, gram, gram dal, masur, masur dal, rapeseed/mustard, rapeseed/mustard oil, toria and safflowerseed for 5 markets in your state during the last three years and current year so far.

Name of the market / Name of the commodity: (Rs/kg)

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Month	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (so far)
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				

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(Separate tables for different markets & different items)

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**PART - V: STATISTICAL DATA**

**1. AREA**

		('000 hectares)			
Crops		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Target)
i)	<u>Total Cereals</u>				
	<u>Rabi Cereals</u>				
	Wheat				
	Barley				
	Others				
ii)	<u>Total pulses</u>				
	<u>Rabi Pulses</u>				
	Gram				
	Lentil (Masur)				
	Moong (Total)				
	Rabi				
	Kharif				
	Urad (Total)				
	Rabi				
	Kharif				
	Others				
iii)	<u>Total Oilseeds</u>				
	<u>Rabi Oilseeds</u>				
	Rapeseed & Mustard				
	Safflowerseed				
	Groundnut				
	Rabi				
	Kharif				
	Sunflowerseed				
	Rabi				
	Kharif				
	Others				
iv)	<u>Other Rabi Crops</u>				
	(Specify the crops)				

## 2. PRODUCTION

Crops	('000 tonnes)			
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Target)
i) <u>Total Cereals</u>				
<u>Rabi Cereals</u>				
Wheat				
Barley				
Others				
ii) <u>Total pulses</u>				
<u>Rabi Pulses</u>				
Gram				
Lentil (Masur)				
Moong (Total)				
Rabi				
Kharif				
Urad (Total)				
Rabi				
Kharif				
Others				
iii) <u>Total Oilseeds</u>				
<u>Rabi Oilseeds</u>				
Rapeseed & Mustard				
Safflowerseed				
Groundnut				
Rabi				
Kharif				
Sunflowerseed				
Rabi				
Kharif				
Others				
iv) <u>Other Rabi Crops</u>				
(Specify the crops)				

3. YIELD

(Kgs.per Hect.)

Crops	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Target)
i) <u>Total Cereals</u>				
<u>Rabi Cereals</u>				
Wheat				
Barley				
Others				
ii) <u>Total pulses</u>				
<u>Rabi Pulses</u>				
Gram				
Lentil (Masur)				
Moong (Total)				
Rabi				
Kharif				
Urad (Total)				
Rabi				
Kharif				
Others				
iii) <u>Total Oilseeds</u>				
<u>Rabi Oilseeds</u>				
Rapeseed & Mustard				
Safflowerseed				
Groundnut				
Rabi				
Kharif				
Sunflowerseed				
Rabi				
Kharif				
Others				
iv) <u>Other Rabi Crops</u> (Specify the crops)				

#### 4. LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AND IRRIGATED AREA

(`000 hectare)

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Crops	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
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I. ( i ) Gross cropped area  
(ii) Net cropped area  
(iii) Cropped Area (Rabi Crops)  
(iv) Cropped Area(Kharif 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( Rabi Crops)  
(v) Irrigated area( Kharif Crops)

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#### 5. AREA UNDER HIGH YIELDING/HYBRID VARIETIES

(`000 hectare)

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Crops	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Target)
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i) Rabi(Crop-wise)

ii) Kharif (Crop-wise)

iii) Total (i)+(ii)

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

('000 tonnes)

Crops	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Target)
<u>Rabi</u>				
	N			
	P			
	K			
	Total			
<u>Kharif</u>				
	N			
	P			
	K			
	Total			
<u>Rabi &amp; Kharif</u>				
	N			
	P			
	K			
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	Total			

(Give reasons for the decrease/increase in a year vis-à-vis the previous year)

**7. DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFIED/QUALITY SEEDS**

(Tonnes)

Crops	2007-2008		2008-2009		2009-2010
	Require- ment	Achieve- ment	Require- ment	Achieve- ment	(Assessed requirement)
(i) Rabi(Crop-wise)					
(ii) Kharif (Crop-wise)					
(iii) Total (i)+(ii)					

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

**SR: Kg/Hec**  
**SRR: Percentage**

Crops	2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009		2009-2010 (Target)	
	SR	SRR	SR	SRR	SR	SRR	SR	SRR
Rabi								
(i)								
(ii)								
(iii)								
Kharif								
(i)								
(ii)								
(iii)								

\* Give a note explaining how SRR has been calculated.

**9.TUBEWELLS (PRIVATE AND PUBLIC)**

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Target)
i) No. of Tubewells				
Private				
Public				
Total				
ii) Electricity consumption (KWH)				
iii) Area Irrigated by Tubewells(000 hectares)				

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1. An analytical note on the performance of rabi oilseeds and pulses during 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. Also give the targets fixed for 2009-2010 season.
2. An update on the working of the various programmes under TMOP/ ISOPOM/NFSM and proposed actions for further improvements.
3. The nature and levels of input subsidies provided by the Government under various development programmes for pulses and oilseeds under TMOP/ ISOPOM/NFSM, during 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and proposals for 2009-2010.
4. What is the estimated gap between the domestic demand and supply of pulses and oilseeds/edible oils in the country? Steps taken/to be taken to improve the production to meet the growing demand?
5. What are the current policies and guidelines for exports and imports of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils? Also give quantity and value of imports and exports of each of the pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-10.
6. Regarding rabi 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) detail of yields obtained from improved varieties on demonstration plots, separately by irrigated and unirrigated conditions.
7. How far the research programmes of ICAR are helpful to the pulses and oilseeds cultivators in providing improved farming technology, quality seeds, integrated pest management, etc.
8. Any suggestion that the TMOP/ISOPOM/NFSM may like to make to the Commission in the context of the rabi price policy for 2009-2010 season.

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1. Did the primary market prices of any of rabi oilseeds and pulses fell 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. Supply a copy of the Action Plan for price support operations on rabi pulses and oilseeds during the current season and also please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
3. (a) State-wise quantity and value of pulses and oilseeds purchased under price support by NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 and the corresponding data on disposals.  
  
(b) For the rapeseed and mustard, the month-wise break-up of procurement under Price Support Operation may be provided.
4. State-wise quantity and value of commercial purchases of pulses and oilseeds by the NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 and the corresponding data on their disposals.
5. 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?
6. 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.
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. Month-wise wholesale prices of each of the rabi pulses and oilseeds (along with corresponding edible oils) in major market of the main producing/consuming states may be given in the following formats: (Use separate sheets for different commodities and different markets)

Name of the state/market.....	2006	2007	2008	(Rs/quintal) 2009
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				

10. Month-wise and crop-wise international reference prices of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during the calendar years 2007, 2008 and 2009. How competitive are the Indian pulses, oilseeds and edible oils in the international markets?
11. Overall imports of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 and the landed costs of such imports. Also, specify the quantity and value of imports by NAFED separately for three years.
12. Overall quantity and value of exports of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 indicating separately the exports by NAFED, if any.
13. What are the FAQ specifications fixed during the current rabi season for the procurement of oilseeds and pulses under the price support scheme?
14. Your views regarding the level of MSP declared by Government for different rabi pulses and oilseeds during the current season and your suggestion for the forthcoming season. Please indicate the criteria on which you are basing your suggestions.
15. Any other information that the NAFED may like to bring to the notice of the CACP, in connection with the rabi report for 2009-2010.

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1. Please describe the quality profile of rabi foodgrains procured in the current year (2009-2010) 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 rabi seasons.
3. Give the break-up of the total and per quintal cost in respect of wheat and rice separately for 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 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. Please inform the system, if any, for maintaining the grade specification of commodities after procurement and offtake.
5. Give an overview of the storage situation across the country.
6. Give state-wise and month-wise quantity of wheat and rice released under the Open Market Sale Scheme, and rates at which released during the last two years and proposed to be released during 2009-2010.
7. Problems faced in accessing credit, freight availability and tariffs in undertaking procurement and distribution of foodgrains.
8. Please supply a copy of your latest Annual Report.
9. Any other specific point that the FCI would like to bring to the notice of the Commission in the context of price policy for rabi crops of 2009-2010 season.
10. Provide export and import data (Quantity and Value) of rice, wheat and coarse-grains for 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

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1. A list of the local levies and their rate for the procurement of wheat in major rabi growing states.
2. The Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms prescribed for the procurement of wheat and barley during the current rabi season. Has there been any relaxation in FAQ specifications?
3. The estimated Economic Costs of rice and wheat and their components during 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 projections for 2009-2010.
4. Give an overview of the storage situation across the country and how Government is coping with the shortage of capacity. Give an update on the follow-up action taken in the wake of adoption of a National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation of Foodgrains.
5. Please give state-wise and month-wise prices of paddy, rice, wheat (wheat and wheat flour separately), pulses, oilseeds and edible oils for the latest three years (upto the latest month of 2009) as available in the Ministry's control room.
6. Give state-wise, the allocation and offtake of rice and wheat under the different welfare/relief schemes (e.g. Annapurna, Antyodaya Scheme, Food for Work Programme, SGRY and JGSY) along with CIPs.
7. Give state-wise, month-wise quantity of wheat and rice released/proposed to be released under the Open Market Sale Scheme, and rates at which released during the last three years.
8. Details of export-import plans for 2009-2010 and the medium term perspective in respect of wheat, rice and coarse cereals. Please give details of imports (quantity and price) contracted for and tariff concessions if any, given for such imports.
9. Total and per quintal subsidy involved in distribution of rice and wheat under different schemes during the last three years.
10. Status note on performance of decentralization of procurement.
11. Please supply a copy of the latest Annual Report of your Department.
12. Details of local levies, rate per quintal and total for each state.

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1. Quantity and value of exports of (a) wheat and wheat products, (b) rice, (c) coarse cereals (d) pulses, (e) oilseeds & edible oils from India during 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, countries to which exported, and prospects for 2009-2010 .
2. Level and revisions in import tariff levied in the last three years in respect of rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds and edible oils.
3. Quantity and value of imports of wheat, rice, pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 so far and the countries from which imported.
4. International reference prices of wheat (durum and non-durum), wheat products, rice (both basmati and non-basmati), pulses (of which gram and lentil (Masur) separately), oilseeds and edible oils (of which rapeseed/mustard, safflower and their oils, separately) during 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 so far.
5. Likely impact of FTAs/RTAs on India's agricultural import and export opportunities.
6. Steps taken to boost agricultural exports in the present scenario including export subsidies, tax exemptions, if any.
7. The quality control measures taken to improve the export competitiveness through improvements in handling, packaging, storage capabilities and transport subsidies to ports for exports.
8. Is there any system of dissemination of various SPS standards to farming system for improving their export links?
9. Please supply a copy of the latest Annual Report of your Ministry.

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