

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR RABI CROPS OF 2012-13 TO BE MARKETED IN 2013-14 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.)

Name of the State

PART-I GENERAL

1. Give an analytical note on production performance of various Rabi crops in your state during 2011-12, against the background of agro-climatic and other agronomic factors.
2. Please give an assessment of foodgrains demand and supply of the state and details of per capita requirement and availability of wheat, rice/paddy, barley and other coarse cereals in your state.
3. Please give views on the impact of rapid urbanization on agricultural development, both from the perspective of demand and supply.
4. Please indicate the level at which the minimum prices need to be fixed for the following crops of the 2012-13 rabi season, along with justification for the same.

Crop	Suggested MSP for the 2012-13 Rabi crops (Rs per quintal)
Wheat	
Barley	
Lentil (Masur)	
Gram	
Rapeseed/Mustard	
Safflower seed	

PART-II: PRICE SUPPORT, PROCUREMENT AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

1. 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.
 - (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?

2. (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.

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? Whether inclusion of private players in procurement operation is an option to improve the procurement level?

4. 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.

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 2011-12 and 2012-13 marketing season. Also provide an estimate of procurement of wheat/paddy by private traders for the same period.

6. Give month-wise wholesale prices (Rs/quintal) and retail prices (Rs/Kg) of wheat/ wheat flour/barley, gram, gram dal, masur, masur dal, rapeseed/mustard, rapeseed/mustard oil, toria and safflower seeds in atleast 5 selected centres (rural and urban) in your state during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (so far) in the following format.

(Separate tables for different markets & different items)

Name of the Market _____

Month	<u>Wholesale price (Rs/Qtl)</u>			<u>Retail Price (Rs/Kg)</u>		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13

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

7. Are taxes being imposed when agricultural produce is 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 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						
Other charges (list by name)						

8. Quantity and value of commercial purchases as well as purchases under price-support of pulses (by name) separately made by NAFED and the state agencies during the last 3 years and current year so far.
9. Quantity and value of commercial purchases as well as purchases under price-support of oilseeds separately (by name) made by NAFED and other state agencies during the last 3 years and current year so far.
10. (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.
11. What are the market prices differential between various varieties of wheat produced and marketed in your state?

III. PRODUCTIVITY

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

S.N	Crop	2009-10			2010-11			2011-12 (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.	Wheat													
2.	Barley													
3.	Gram													
4.	Lentil													
5.	Rapeseed & Mustard													
6.	Safflower													

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

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

2. **District-wise** details of area, production and yield of Wheat, Gram and Rapeseed & Mustard during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.
3. Was there any agro-climatic aberration during 2011-12 Rabi season?
If so, then;
- Please provide a broad account of the crops affected and quantify the extent of damage to each crop.
 - What was the impact on quality of crop due to agro-climatic aberration?
 - Was there a contingency plan to deal with such situation?
 - Was this operationalised in time? If so, list the broad components.
 - How did this help the affected farmers to cope with the adverse climatic situation?
 - How much loss incurred to the production and yield of the crops affected by agro-climatic aberration, if any?
4. What is the status of crop diversification in the state?
- Whether the districts – sub districts demarcation for sustainability 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, etc. during the past five years.
 - 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 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (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 rabi 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 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.
11. 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? 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 rabi** crops grown in your state during last 3 years:

(Percent)

Crop	SRR			VRR		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Wheat						
Barley						
Gram						
Lentil						
Rapeseed & Mustard						
Safflower						

13. Please indicate the total requirements of seeds (certified/improved or otherwise) of various rabi 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 Rabi Crops during last 3 years.

(kg/Ha.)

Crop	N			P			K		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Wheat									
Barley									
Gram									
Lentil									
R&M									
Safflower									

17. Please bring out the impact of changes in prices of nutrients on their consumption patterns during 2011-12 rabi season and the likely impact during 2012-13 rabi 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 rabi 2010-11 and 2011-12 season up to the state's expectations? Explain the factors responsible for shortfall in consumption, if any.

Price & Procurement

19. Has MSP of various rabi crops made any impact on the decision of farmers to increase /decrease area coverage under various crops. If yes, please give details.
20. Please furnish details of procurement of important rabi crops in your state by Central/State Agencies during last 3 years:

(‘000 MT)

Crop	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Production	Procurement	Production	Procurement	Production	Procurement
Wheat						
Barley						
Gram						
Lentil						
Rapeseed & Mustard						
Safflower						

Drivers of Yield

21. Specify the concrete efforts made to increase productivity of the crops being grown in the state.
22. What are drivers of yield? If any study on this has been conducted, please enclose a copy thereof.

Extension

23. 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.
24. 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.

PART -IV: COST OF CULTIVATION AND INPUT PRICES

1. Does the State Government generate estimates of cost of cultivation/production? If so, please provide 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) along with the effective dates:-

Years	(Rs/Man-day)	Date of effectiveness
2008-09		
2009-10		
2010-11		
2011-12		
2012-13(likely)		

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

Region	Operation	Years				
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13(likely)
	Ploughing					
	Sowing					
	Transplanting					
	Weeding					
	Harvesting					
	Others					

(c) Please also give operation-wise per acre/per hectare rates in different parts of the state for the last 3 years in case of operations being done on contract basis.

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

(e) Is there any shortage of labour in the state for agricultural activities due to MNREGA and what steps the State Govt. has taken to increase the supply of labour for agricultural activities?

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 on fertilizers, power (diesel and electricity), irrigation, seeds, credit – crop-wise for all rabi crops.

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).

Particulars	Pre-Revised Rates	Revised Rates	Date of Revision
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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.

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. (a) What is the total expenditure on irrigation (per hectare) for various Rabi crops during the last 3 years ?
 (b) What is the total expenditure per hectare for conversion of centrifugal pumps to submersible pumps necessitated due to fall in water level.

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>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</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 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13(likely).
 (b) Please indicate consumption of diesel oil (crop-wise, per hectare) for Rabi crops during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13(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. (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.
12. What was the seed replacement rate of various Rabi crops of the 2011-12 season vis-à-vis the target and the target for 2012-13 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. If there has been any improvement in the availability of quality seeds and SRR, please specify separately for each Rabi crop.
13. Please give the details of prices of certified/improved seeds (Rs.per kg.) supplied by State Seeds Corporation:

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (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 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and the likely prices during 2012-13.
17. Please indicate the consumption of insecticides/pesticides (per hectare) for different rabi crops during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and likely consumption for 2012-13.
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 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (likely).
20. Please indicate the rates for hiring bullocks (per pair day) and machineries such as tractors / harvesters/threshers per hour/per hectare during the last three years.
21. Please provide the retail prices of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and the likely price for 2012-13.

22. Please indicate per hectare consumption of nutrients N.P.K. for different rabi crops during 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. Please bring out the impact of changes in prices of nutrients on their consumption patterns during 2011-12 rabi season and the likely impact during 2012-13 rabi season.
23. Was the fertilizer offtake during rabi 2011-12 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 this 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 while selling his produce in Mandies per quintal/percentage – 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) Has the Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) been introduced in your State? Please give details alongwith suggestions for further improvement.
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?
33. Please furnish under exportable hypothesis per quintal cost of transportation from the farmgate/or nearest Mandi to the port of embarkation, inclusive of handling charges, and other charges if any, in respect of rabi crops, commodity wise and for years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

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 wheat and its products, oilseeds, edible oil (mustard/rapeseed and safflower) and pulses (gram and lentil) indicating, inter-alia, major changes made in the last five years in the policy along with the rationale.

5. Please indicate the tariff rates imposed on these commodities during the last ten years.

6. Please indicate the month-wise international prices of the wheat (durum and non durum), wheat products, pulses (of which tur, gram and lentil (Masur) separately), oilseeds and edible oils (of which rapeseed/mustard, safflower and their oils, separately) during last ten years in US \$/ton and Rs/ton 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 wheat, oilseeds and edible oils (mustard/rapeseed and safflower), coarse cereals (barley) and pulses (gram and lentil) for the last ten years.

5. What is the landed cost of oil seeds, edible oils (rapeseed, & safflower) and pulses? Please furnish information in the following format.

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

Sl. No.	Item/Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	Int. Price (US \$/ton)					
2.	Premium/Discount on Int. Price (US \$/ton)					
3	Freight incl insurance to India (US \$/ton)					
4.	CIF Price (US \$/ton) (1+/-2+3)					
5	Exchange Rate					
6	CIF Price (Rs./ton) (4*5)					
7	Port Expenses (Rs./ton)					
8	Any other expenses (Please specify)					
9	Landed Cost (Rs./ton) (6+7+8)					

6. Likely impact of FTAs/RTAs on India's agricultural import and export opportunities.
7. Steps taken to boost agricultural exports incl export subsidies, tax exemptions, if any.
8. The quality control measures taken to improve the export competitiveness through improvements in handling, packaging, storage capabilities and transport subsidies to ports for exports.
9. Is there any system of dissemination of various SPs standards to farming system for improving their export links?
10. What is the FOB price of wheat when exported from major mandis of Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh? Please furnish information in the following format:

(Rs. /ton)

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)

11. What is the ex-factory price of edible oils (mustard/rapeseed and safflower)? 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)

12. It is understood that manufacturing of mustard/rapeseed oil/safflower oil is reserved for small scale sector. What is the rationale for it? What are your views on removing it from the reservation list?
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.

TMOP/ ISOPOM/NFSM

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1. An analytical note on the performance of rabi oilseeds and pulses during 2010-11 and 2011-12. Also give the targets fixed for 2012-13 season.
2. (a) An update on the working of the various programmes under TMOP/ ISOPOM/NFSM and proposed actions for further improvements.
(b) Status of the proposal to establish Technology Mission on Oilseeds including oil palm,
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 2010-11, 2011-12 and proposals for 2012-13 and the proposed subsidies, under TMO, if any.
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 and productivity 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 the last five years.
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) 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.
7. (a) 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.
(b) Specify in brief the achievements made under these programmes in recent 3 years describing the shortcomings and suggestions for improvement.
8. Any suggestion that the TMOP/ISOPOM/NFSM may like to make to the Commission in the context of the rabi price policy for 2012-13 season.

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(The crops being considered in this report for which NAFED is the nodal agency are: (i) **Pulses**: gram and lentil (masur) and (ii) **Oilseeds**: rapeseed/mustard and safflower seed. Though the questions below are common, replies may be given separately for pulses and oilseeds)

1. Did the primary market prices of any of rabi oilseeds and pulses 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. Supply a copy of the Action Plan for price support operations on rabi pulses and oilseeds during the current season and 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 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the corresponding data on disposals.
(b) For the rapeseed/mustard and safflower, 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 NAFED and its associated agencies (separately) during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 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 markets 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.....	(Rs/quintal)				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13

April
 May
 June
 July
 August
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 October
 November
 December
 January
 February
 March

10. Month-wise and crop-wise international reference prices of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during the calendar years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 so far. How competitive are the Indian pulses, oilseeds and edible oils in the international markets?
11. Overall imports of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. Please indicate the landed costs of such imports during the last five years. 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 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 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 indicating the criteria justifying your suggestions.
15. Any other information that the NAFED may like to bring to the notice of the Commission, in connection with the rabi report for 2012-13.

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1. Please describe the quality profile of rabi foodgrains procured in the current year (2012-13) 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 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 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 under the Open Market Sale Scheme, and rates at which released during the last two years and proposed to be released during 2012-13.
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 2012-13 season.
10. Provide export and import data (Quantity and Value) of rice, wheat and coarse-grains for 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

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1. What are the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms prescribed for the procurement of wheat and barley during the current rabi season. Has there been any relaxation?
2. Indicate estimated Economic Costs of rice and wheat and its components during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and projections for 2012-13.
3. Please give state-wise and month-wise wholesale & retail 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 2012).
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Total and per quintal subsidy involved in distribution of rice, wheat, pulses and edible oils under PDS & different welfare schemes during the last three years.
8. State-wise expected procurement of wheat during the current year.
9. Status note on performance of decentralization of procurement. How far it has been successful in achieving its objectives?
10. Please supply a copy of the latest Annual Report of your Department.
11. Details of local levies, rate per quintal and total for each state.
12. Details of total subsidy expenditure on PDS and different welfare schemes during 2011-12 and estimated for 2012-13.
13. Details of export-import plans for 2011-12 and the medium term perspective in respect of wheat, rice and coarse cereals. Please give details of imports (quantity and value) contracted for and tariff concessions if any, given for such imports.

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The price policy for rabi crops covers wheat, barley, gram, lentil, rapeseed & mustard, safflower and toria. Commission will like to have focused information covering following issues and thrust on rabi crops;

1. (a) A resume of crop production performance in 2011-2012.
(b) If the production performance has fallen short of target, reasons for mismatch.
(c) Please give analytical details of problems/constraints faced in crop sectors on account of following factors.
 - (i) Input
 - (ii) Farm credit
 - (iii) Technology
 - (iii) Agricultural services
 - (v) Marketing Infrastructure
 - (vi) Development programmes
 - (vii) Research and development

2. (a) Prospects and strategies for rabi and kharif crops in coming year 2012-13
(b) Please give targets of production set for 2012-13
(c) Measures taken to obviate the constraints experienced as per 1(c) for meeting the targets and strategies for increasing production and productivity.
(d) Any area specific problems envisaged?

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. A note on the initiatives underway for crop diversification, constraints/ issues involved, and the proposed course of action.

5. Provide details of the programmes/schemes evaluated since 2007-08 and action taken thereon.

6. Any other issue relevant to price policy and non price measures, you may like to bring to the notice of the Commission.