

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

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR RABI CROPS OF
2014-15 TO BE MARKETED IN 2015-16 SEASON**

(The Rabi Report covers the following crops: (i) Cereals: Wheat and Barley (ii) Pulses: Gram & Lentil (iii) Oilseeds: Rapeseed/Mustard (R&M) and Safflower.)

Name of the State

PART-I: PRICE SUPPORT, PROCUREMENT AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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

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Crop	Production	Market Arrival	Procurement	Production	Market Arrival	Procurement	Production	Market Arrival	Procurement
	2011-12	2012-13	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14	2013-14	2014-15	2014-15
Wheat									
Barley									
Gram									
Lentil									
R&M									
Safflower									

- (b) Provide an estimate of wheat procured by private traders.
(c) Give month-wise wholesale prices (Rs/quintal) of wheat/ /barley, gram, masur, Rapeseed & Mustard, and Safflower seeds in 5 selected centres (rural and urban) in the state.

(Separate tables for different markets & different items)

Name of the Market _____

Name of the Crop _____

Month	Wholesale price (Rs/Qtl)	
	2012-13	2013-14
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 Rabi 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.

Item	Effective Date						(Rs./qtl)
		Wheat	Barley	Lentil (Masur)	Gram	R&M	Safflower seed
Market / Mandi fee							
Purchase Tax							
Commission for Ahratiyas/ Agents							
Development Cess							
Bonus (if any)							
Other charges (specify)							

5. (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. 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.
7. Indicate the level at which the minimum prices need to be fixed for the following crops of the 2014-15 rabi season, along with justification for the same.

Crop	Suggested MSP for the 2015-16 Rabi crops (Rs per quintal)
Wheat	
Barley	
Lentil (Masur)	
Gram	
Rapeseed/Mustard (R&M)	
Safflower seed	

- 7(a). What is the oil content for Rapeseed/ Mustard and Safflower in the state?

PART II- PRODUCTIVITY

8. 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	2011-12			2012-13			2013-14			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 water column (cm)
1.	Wheat													
2.	Barley													
3.	Gram													
4.	Lentil													
5.	R&M													
6.	Safflower													

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

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

9. **District-wise** details of area, production and yield of wheat and Rapeseed & Mustard during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.

10. Was there any agro-climatic aberration during 2013-14 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 was 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?
- (f) How much loss incurred to the production and yield of the crops affected by agro-climatic aberration, if any?

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

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

Irrigation

12. Out of total area, production and yield given in question-1, please furnish crop-wise **irrigated area**, along with corresponding production and yield under during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (estimated/expected).
13. 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?
14. What is the total expenditure on irrigation during the last five years?
15. Please furnish the data for the last 3 years regarding diversion of agricultural land (irrigated and un-irrigated separately) for other uses (housing, commercial etc.)
16. State briefly the measures taken for improving :
- Water use efficiency in Agriculture
 - On farm water management
 - Watershed development
17. (a) What are the primary sources of irrigation and their relative shares in the total irrigation for various Rabi Crops in the state? (Furnish details in the form of given table)

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

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

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

- (c) Indicate the difference between the canal charges levied on the farmer and the cost of supplying the canal water on per hectare basis and crop-wise.
- (d) What is the total expenditure per hectare for conversion of centrifugal pumps to submersible pumps necessitated due to fall in water level.

Seeds

18. Crop-wise area, production and yield under high yielding varieties (HYV)/Hybrid varieties during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (estimated/expected) may please be furnished.

19. 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.
20. 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		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Wheat						
Barley						
Gram						
Lentil						
R&M						
Safflower						

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. What are important issues, if any, concerning seed sector in your state?

Fertilizers

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

(kg/Ha.)

Crop	N			P			K		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Wheat									
Barley									
Gram									
Lentil									
R&M									
Safflower									

25. Please bring out the impact of changes in prices of nutrients on their consumption patterns during 2013-14 rabi season and the likely impact during 2014-15 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?
26. Was the fertilizer off take during rabi 2012-13 and 2013-14 season up to the state's expectations? Explain the factors responsible for shortfall in consumption, if any.

Drivers of Yield

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

Extension

29. 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.
30. Please give a Statement showing the current gap between requirements and availability of various inputs, namely seeds (certified/hybrid), fertilizers, irrigation water, insecticides, pesticides and credit in the state.

PART -III: COST OF CULTIVATION AND INPUT PRICES

31. 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 Rabi crops giving complete break-up of various components of cost for the last five years along with the detailed methodology. Also give details of **projected cost of cultivation/production for 2014-2015 crop season.**
32. (a) Please give operation-wise details of minimum wages and actual wages for agricultural labour (Rs/man-day).

Operation/Years	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (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.
33. Give the following information for the current year:
- a) Amount of budgetary subsidy provided on fertilizers, power (diesel and electricity), irrigation, seeds, credit – crop-wise for all rabi crops.
- e) The average number of hours per day of available supply of electricity during peak period of its operational demand by the farmers.
34. 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			

35. What is the running cost per day/per hour of farm machinery such as:
- (a) tractors/ harvesters and pump sets used for irrigation, and
- (b) Other purposes along with relative share of important inputs (diesel, lubricants, repairs/ maintenance charges etc.) required for their operation.
36. (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.
37. 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	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (likely)	
	Certified Seeds	Locally Grown Seeds	Certified Seeds	Locally Grown Seeds	Certified Seeds	Locally Grown Seeds
Wheat						
Barley						
Gram						
Lentil						
R&M						
Safflower						

38. Please give details of per hectare level of consumption, total requirement and the prevailing prices of seeds (locally grown, certified/ improved or otherwise) for rabi crops for the last three years including 2014-15 (likely). Indicate whether there any subsidy crop-wise on per kg weight of seeds.

39. 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 2014-15 likely.
40. (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?
41. Please give the details of agricultural loans outstanding/overdues (agency-wise) during the last 5 years.
42. 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.
43. 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.
44. (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.

DIRECTORATE OF VANASPATI, VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS (VVOF)

1. Please furnish a detailed note on the export-import policy of Government of India in respect of mustard/rapeseed and safflower 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.
 1. Please indicate the month-wise international prices of rapeseed/mustard, safflower and their oils, separately during last five years in US \$/tonne and Rs/tonne separately.
 2. Please give country-wise details of export and import (quantity, total value in Rs & US\$, unit value) of mustard/rapeseed and safflower for the last five years.
3. What is the landed cost of rapeseed/mustard & safflower seed/oil? Please furnish information in the following format.

Name of the Crop_____

Sl. No.	Item/Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
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./onne)					
7.	Any other expenses (Please specify)					
8.	Landed Cost (Rs./tonne) (5+6+7)					

4. Likely impact of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)/Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) on India's agricultural import and export opportunities.
5. Steps taken to boost agricultural exports.
6. The quality control measures taken to improve the export competitiveness through improvements in handling, packaging, storage capabilities and transport subsidies to ports for exports.
7. Is there any system of dissemination of various Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) standards to farming system for improving their export links?

8. What is the free on board (fob) price of rapeseed/ mustard oilseeds in Uttar Pd., Delhi and Rajasthan? 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.

9. 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 (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.

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

11. Any other information which the Department would like to furnish in respect of export/import of above commodities. A copy of Annual Report may please be provided.

12. What is the oil content for Rapeseed/ Mustard and Safflower?

OILSEEDS DIVISION

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL COSTS AND PRICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR RABI CROPS OF 2014-15 TO BE MARKETED IN 2015-16 SEASON

The Rabi Report will cover the following **Oilseeds**: rapeseed/mustard and safflower. Replies to the questionnaire may cover information on each of these crops.

1. An analytical note on the performance of rabi oilseeds during 2012-13 and 2013-14. Also give the targets fixed for 2014-15 crop 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 edibles 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 rabi 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 an assessment of demand and supply of Rabi Oilseeds 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 Oilseeds Division may like to make to the Commission in the context of the rabi price policy for 2015-16 marketing season.
8. What is the oil content for Rapeseed/ Mustard and Safflower?

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 RABI CROPS OF 2014-15 TO BE MARKETED IN 2015-16 SEASON

The Rabi Report will cover the following crops: (I) **Cereals:** Wheat (ii) **Pulses:** gram and lentil (masur). (Replies to the questionnaire may cover information on each of these crops)

1. An analytical note on the performance of wheat and rabi pulses during 2012-13 and 2013-14. Also give the targets fixed for 2014-15 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 wheat and pulses? Also give quantity and value of imports and exports of each of the pulses, oilseeds and edible oils during the last five years.
5. Regarding wheat and rabi 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 Rabi 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 rabi price policy for 2015-16 marketing season.

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE MARKETING FEDERATION
OF INDIA LIMITED (NAFED)**

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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. Please indicate if 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.
1. Specify the Action Plan for price support operations on rabi pulses and oilseeds during the current season.
2. (a) 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.
(b) For the rapeseed/mustard and safflower, the month-wise break-up of procurement under Price Support Operation may be provided.
3. 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.
4. 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?
5. 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.
6. What is the procedure of disposal of procurement made by NAFED thereof?
7. 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?
8. CIF prices of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils like chickpea, lentil, rapeseed/mustard, safflower, rapeseed oil 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.
9. FOB prices of pulses, oilseeds and edible oils like chickpea, lentil, rapeseed/mustard,

safflower during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 indicating separately the exports by NAFED, if any.

10. What are the FAQ specifications fixed during the current rabi season for the procurement of oilseeds and pulses under the price support scheme?
11. 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.
12. Please give an assessment of demand and supply of Rabi 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				

13. Any other information that the NAFED may like to bring to the notice of the Commission, in connection with the rabi report for 2015-16 marketing season.
14. What is the oil content for Rapeseed/ Mustard and Safflower?

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA (FCI)

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1. Please describe the quality profile of rabi 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 rabi 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 under the Open Market Sale Scheme, and rates at which released during the last two years and proposed to be released during 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. Please give an assessment of demand and supply of Rabi 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				

9. Problems faced in accessing credit, freight availability and tariffs in undertaking procurement and distribution of foodgrains.

10. 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 2014-15 season.
11. Provide export data (Quantity and Value) of wheat, if any by FCI for the last three years.

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DFPD)

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1. A list of the local levies and their rate for the procurement of wheat in major wheat producing states may please be provided.
2. The Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms prescribed for the procurement of wheat during the current rabi 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 wheat under the different welfare/relief schemes (e.g. Annapurna, Antyodya Scheme, Food for Work Programme, SGRY and JGSY) along with Central Issue Prices (CIPs).
5. Give state-wise, month-wise quantity of wheat released/proposed to be released under the Open Market Sale Scheme, and rates at which released during the last three years.
6. Details of export-import plans for 2014-15 and the medium term perspective in respect of wheat. Please give details of imports (quantity and value) contracted for and tariff concessions if any, given for such imports.
7. Total and per quintal subsidy involved in distribution of wheat, pulses and edible oils under Public Distribution System (PDS) & different welfare schemes during the last three years.
8. Status note on performance of decentralization of procurement. How far it has been successful in achieving its objectives?
9. Details of total subsidy expenditure on PDS and different welfare schemes during 2013-14 and estimated for 2014-15.
10. Please give an assessment of demand and supply of Rabi 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				

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 RABI CROPS OF 2014-15 TO BE
MARKETED IN 2015-16 SEASON**

The price policy for rabi crops covers wheat, barley, gram, lentil, rapeseed & mustard and safflower.

1. (a) A note of crop production performance in 2013-14.
(b) If the production performance has fallen short of target, reasons for mismatch.
(c) Please give analytical details/constraints on the following:
 - (i) Input,
 - (ii) Farm credit
 - (iii) Technology
 - (iv) Marketing Infrastructure
- (d) A note on the initiatives underway for crop diversification, constraints/ issues involved and the proposed course of action.
2. (a) Prospects and strategies for rabi crops in ensuing year 2014-15
(b) Please give targets of production set for 2014-15
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.