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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation
Department of Agriculture and Cooperation

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, the 30th July, 2009.

RESOLUTION

The Agricultural Prices Commission was set up vide Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Agriculture) Resolution No.6-2/65-C(E) dated 8.1.1965. This was renamed as Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) vide Resolution No.14028/1/85-Econ. Admn. dated the 18th March, 1985.

The Terms of Reference of the Commission, were originally set out in the Resolution dated 8.1.1965, referred to above and subsequently revised vide Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation)'s Resolution No.14011/2/78-Econ.Py. dated 5.3.1980. The Terms of Reference have been reviewed in the changing policy paradigm and Government has decided to add/revise TORs.

Accordingly, Terms of Reference of the Commission would be as under:

1. To advise on the price policy of paddy/rice, wheat, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, barely, gram, tur, moong, urad, sugarcane, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower seed, rapeseed, mustard, cotton, jute, tobacco, sesamum, nigerseed, lentil (masur), safflower, copra and such other commodities as the Government may decide from time to time, with a view to evolving a balanced and integrated price structure in the perspective of the overall needs of the economy and with due regard to the interests of the producer and the consumer.
2. While recommending the price policy and the relative price structure, the Commission may keep in view the following:-
 - a) The need to provide incentive to the producer for adopting improved technology and for developing a production pattern broadly in the light of national requirements.
 - b) The need to ensure rational utilisation of land, water and other production resources.

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- c) The likely effect of the price policy on rest of the economy, particularly on the cost of living, level of wages, cost structure of agro-based products and the competitiveness of agriculture and agro-based commodities.
3. The Commission may also suggest such non-price measures related to credit policy, crop and income insurance and other sectors as would facilitate the achievements of the objectives set out in 1 above.
 4. To recommend from time to time, in respect of different agricultural commodities, measures necessary to make the price policy effective.
 5. To take into account the changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors.
 6. To examine, where necessary, the prevailing methods and cost of marketing of agricultural commodities in different regions, suggest measures to reduce costs of marketing and recommend fair price margins for different stages of marketing.
 7. To keep under review the developing price situation and to make appropriate recommendations, as and when necessary, within the framework of the overall price policy.
 8. To undertake studies in respect of different crops as may be prescribed by Government from time to time.
 9. To keep under review studies relating to the price policy and arrangements for collection of information regarding agricultural prices and other related data and suggest improvements in the same, and to organise research studies in the field of price policy.
 10. To advise on any problems relating to agricultural prices and production that may be referred to it by Government from time to time.
 11. To effectively integrate the recommended non-price measures with price recommendations and to ensure competitive agriculture.

The Commission will maintain close touch with other agencies dealing with matters having a bearing on prices and production, including the Food Corporation of India, the Cotton Corporation of India and the Jute Corporation of India.

The Commission will determine its own procedures. It will be free to call for notes, memoranda, results of studies, data and any other material relevant to its work from official and non-official bodies and hold discussions with them.

The Commission will submit reports to Government as and when necessary in respect of different commodities or groups thereof.

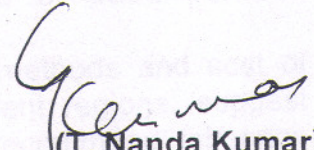

(T. Nanda Kumar)
Secretary to the Government of India

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ORDERED that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all the Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, all the State Governments and Union Territories, Planning Commission, Cabinet Secretariat, President's Secretariat, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Comptroller and Auditor General of India and all Attached and Subordinate Offices under the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation).

ORDERED also that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.


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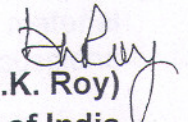
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5. All the Joint Secretaries in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.


(D.K. Roy)

Under Secretary to the Government of India