

***Issues for discussion in Separate
Parliament Session * CIFA Charter of Demands***

1. To discuss NCF (Swaminathan Committee, Hooda Committee and Parliament standing committees on Agriculture) reports especially in terms of MSP at Cost of Production + 50% - Net take Home Income. CACP to be made autonomous and MSP based on price index. Risk mitigation fund to help farmers especially perishables
2. Separate Union Agriculture Budget covering all concerned Ministries.
3. To liberalize cereals marketing and exports. The rice and wheat required for PDS and buffer stocks to be procured in open market.
4. Decontrol Sugar including levy, ECA & releasing and encourage direct ethanol production and power generation/paper production. Cotton to be removed from restrictions and allow free exports.
5. Democratization and Empowerment of Panchayats, Co-operatives, Market yards, Commodity Boards and Water Users Associations.
6. Mechanization to reduce physical drudgery especially amongst women within 3-5 years, Liberal Loans, 50% subsidy & interest at 4%.
7. GOI to provide one time investment for completing 400 ongoing irrigation projects so as to permanently solve rain fed farming issues.
8. Encourage drip irrigation by providing 90% subsidy and also removing taxes on plastics used in manufacturing drip/sprinkler equipments.
9. The National Policy for Farmers envisages Agriculture Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. But so far it is not functional and requires to be made active.
10. To categorize Sona Masoori (BPT) as special superfine non basmati variety and allow free export on par with Basmati so also Durram Wheat exclusion from procurement.
11. Incentivizing private sector including FDI investment in Agriculture Research, IT, GMO, Extension, Retailing and Infrastructure.
12. MGNREGA to be linked to agriculture production activity.
13. Animal Husbandry, especially piggery and Aqua Culture (inland fishery) prioritized for development for Tribal, SCs, Nomads and Fisherman.
14. Establishing Commodity (Producers) Interest Groups at different levels and legalize them by Govt. on par with Labour Unions.
15. To reorient subsidy systems of Public Distribution System, Fertilizer, Water, Electricity and replacing it with cash or coupon system.
16. Reservation for economically weak farmer's families and suicide victim families in jobs and education.
17. To strive for social reforms of removal of un-touchability, integrate castes, equity for girls and curtailing alcoholism.

18. To demand for administrative reforms so as to stop present exploitation by organized sectors.