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Shri. Pranab Mukharjee , Union Finance Ministers has invited Consortium of Indian Farmers Associations (CIFA) to provide details of farm sector requirement for inclusion in the Union Budget 2009 -2010.

CIFA request farmers and Experts to send their suggestions to reach by 6th June, 2009.

Issues:

1. Financial Reforms
 - a) Increasing Rural Bank Branches Ratio to 50% of total branches.
 - b) Enhancing Rural/semi-urban deposit ratio to 75%.
 - c) Redefining of Agriculture Credit Guidelines for Small Farmers to ensure that they get adequate credit.
 - b) Increasing Public Investment in Agriculture.
 - c) To establish permanent risk mitigation mechanism.
2. Support Price
 - a) To provide remunerative support prices (MSP).
 - b) To reorganize CACP as an autonomous body.
3. Policy Reforms
 - a) To develop long term export policies.
 - b) To remove restriction on processing.
 - c) To consider commodity trading on permanent base.
 - d) To encourage contract farming.
4. Direct subsidy to Farmers.
 - a) To consider providing fertilizer subsidy directly to the farmers so as to achieve equitable distribution of subsidy to all.
 - b) To provide special incentives to farmers in tribal areas, and nomadic farmers.
 - c) To provide special privileges to organic and natural farming.
5. Organizational restructuring
 - a) To reorganizing functioning of Food Corporation of India (FCI)-

b) To stream line Public Distribution System (PDS).

6. Productivity increase and Marketing improvement through Tax reforms.
 - a) To encourage Private Public Partnership (PPP) for bringing in technologies, investment, managerial capacities in Agriculture research, extension services, marketing.
 - b) To provide tax incentives for investment in rural development of education, health and other related issues.
7. Any other relevant issues.

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