

6th Regional Committee Meeting on: "Agriculture Policies for Food Security" held at UAS, Dharwad on Feb. 20-21, 2016

Recommendations

- The Market reforms initiated by Government of Karnataka (GoK) need to be extended to other states of the country. GoK model is an ideal at national level because of e-trading with ICT, PPP market mode.
- Implementation of reforms through model APMC act: Setting up of special commodity markets, PPP in management & extension activities/ Promotion of e-trading, Provisions for Contract Farming and Establishment of Private markets / Farmer - consumer markets / Direct marketing etc.
- Market policies also need to be developed for fodder, milk, wool, livestock, fish and horticultural crops and preventing distress sale.
- Success stories of each University should be documented.
- Milk and eggs are to be introduced in PDS distribution for nutritional security and to create awareness about the nutritional importance of millets and coarse cereals when introduced in PDS. Per capita availability of pulse needs to be increased as it is half the quantity suggested by WHO.
- Establishment of processing industries at village level is to be encouraged.
- Greater emphasis on growing minor pulses which are equally nutritive and highly drought tolerant.
- Cropping system/Farming system approach which facilitates inclusion of different crop and animal components needs to be promoted.
- In PDS system millets, like sorghum, pearl millets, finger millet, fox tail millet and others as well as pulses are to be included in addition to rice and wheat to meet the nutritional security.
- PDS needs to be strengthened by allotting shops to each village particularly in the border areas under the leadership of retired military and BSF persons. In tribal areas, all the commodities including medicines should be made available in the PDS shops.