

PREFACE

The sub-committee for suggesting suitable sources of data for area, production and prices for estimating the value of output of horticulture crops was set up by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOS&PI) on February 4, 2006 on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on National Accounts. The Advisory Committee appointed Shri Pratap Narain, FAO Consultant as the Chairman of the sub-committee. The composition of the sub-committee was as follows:

(i)	Shri Pratap Narain FAO Consultant	Chairman
(ii)	Economic & Statistical Advisor, DES, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture	Member
(iii)	Member Secretary, CACP, Ministry of Agriculture	Member
(iv)	Advisor, Agriculture Division, Planning Commission	Member
(v)	Deputy Director General (National Accounts Division)	Member
(vi)	Horticulture Commissioner Ministry of Agriculture	Member
(vii)	Director, Dte. of Economics & Statistics, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	Member
(viii)	Economic Advisor Dte. of Economics & Statistics, Himachal Pradesh	Member
(ix)	Director, Dte. of Economics & Statistics, Govt. of Bihar,	Member
(x)	Representative of National Horticulture Board	Member
(xi)	Director, NAD, in-charge of Agriculture Sector	Member Secretary

The terms of reference of the sub-committee were the followings:

- (i) To suggest suitable sources of data for area, production and prices for estimating the value of output of horticulture crops.
- (ii) To suggest price data to be used when prices reported by States are below the Minimum Support Price (MSP).

The terms of the sub-committee were upto 30.06.2005.

The sub-committee held two meetings and examined the following data:

- (i) Availability of data on horticulture crops in Land use Statistics.
- (ii) The methodology for estimating area, production and prices of horticulture crops followed by the States and UTs' for estimating state domestic product.
- (iii) Sampling methodology for estimation of area and production of horticulture crops developed by Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) for Crop Estimation Survey of Fruits and Vegetables (CES-FV) Scheme of Ministry of Agriculture .
- (iv) Recommendations of National Statistical Commission on statistics of agricultural prices and horticulture crops
- (v) Prices of rice and wheat collected under Consumer Price Index (Agriculture Labourers and CPI (Rural Labourers) schemes, by Labour Bureau, for the period 1999-2000 to 2002-03.
- (vi) Minimum support prices of Rice and Wheat for the period 1994-95 to 2004-05.
- (vii) The area, production and productivity of horticulture crops covered by National Horticulture Board and Crop Estimation Survey of Fruits and Vegetables Scheme for the period 1999-2000 to 2002-03.

The sub-committee received very valuable assistance from the Central Statistical Organisation at all the stages of deliberation. Shri Ramesh Kolli, DDG (NAD), CSO and his team of officers shouldered the responsibility of not only collecting and preparing the necessary material but also coordinated the work of the sub-committee.

All the members of the Group and Shri Vishnu Kumar, Addl. DG (NAD) provided valuable contribution in shaping the ideas and framing the recommendations contained in the report.