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I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the summary record of Eighteenth Monthly Briefing under NCAER Project on "Agricultural Outlook and Situation Analysis for Food Security" was held on 29th April, 2013 at 4.00 PM in MAHALNOBIS Hall, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) for information and necessary action.

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Summary Record of the Eighteenth Monthly Briefing meeting held under NCAER Project on Agricultural Outlook and Situation Analysis for Food Security on 29th April, 2013.

Eighteenth monthly briefing under NCAER Project on "Outlook and Situation Analysis for Food Security" was held at 4.00 pm on 29th April, 2013, in Mahalnobis Hall (Committee Room No. 139), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C). List of participants is appended.

Dr. Shashanka Bhide, NCAER welcomed the Secretary (A&C), Principal Adviser and other Senior Officers and also introduced the FAO and OECD visitors. He also gave a brief introduction to indicate the context of the presentation.

Mr. Holger Matthey, Economist, FAO, Rome and Mr. Gregoire Tallard, Agricultural Policy Analyst, OECD, Paris made presentation on "India Specific Outlook Results in the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook" in the second session of the workshop organized on the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook Processes, Methodologies and Results. Mr. Matthey said FAO- OECD had prepared outlook for Indian agriculture for the coming decade (2013-2022) and the commodities covered were Wheat, Rice, Coarse Grains, Oilseeds, Sugar, Dairy and Poultry among food items and Cotton, a non-food commodity. He specified that some macroeconomic parameters such as GDP growth rate, inflation, population growth rate and exchange rate were used for computing the performance of Indian agriculture. The values for parameters were taken mainly on IMF projections. He projected that strong food demand would continue in India combined with a shift in dietary intake or composition. Demand for dairy, poultry, vegetable oils, coarse grains and wheat would increase as compared rice. Rice area share would decline by the end of the decade (2013-2022) and milk production was likely to increase significantly.

Commodity wise scenarios projected as under:

- In the case of wheat, yield growth would drive wheat production but because of strong growth in domestic demand, exportable surplus would come down.
- Rice production would grow at a slower pace as compared to wheat. However, India would continue to export rice though volume growth would be lower.
- Coarse Grains production would respond to growing domestic demand especially of maize for feed purpose.
- Area under oilseeds was expected to grow leading to increase in oilseeds production with corresponding increase in production of vegetable oils. But India would continue to depend heavily on import of vegetable oils mostly soybean and palm for meeting its growing domestic demand.
- In the case of sugar, cyclical production fluctuations were expected to continue with demand exceeding production by the end of the projection period.
- Milk production was expected to grow at a higher rate due to increase in both milch animal inventory and yield growth.

Appendix

List of participants

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| 1. | Sh. Ashish Bahuguna, Secretary (A&C) | Chair |
| 2. | Ms. S. Bhavani, Pr. Adviser(A&C) | |
| 3. | Dr. Peter Kenmore, FAO Representative in India | |
| 4. | Sh. Raghav Chandra, Additional Secretary & FA(A&C) | |
| 5. | Sh. A. K. Srivastava, Additional Secretary, DAC | |
| 6. | Sh. Mukesh Khullar, Joint Secretary (Crops), DAC | |
| 7. | Sh. Narendra Bhoosan, Joint Secretary, DAC | |
| 8. | Sh. J. S. Sandhu, Agriculture Commissioner, DAC | |
| 9. | Mr. Holger Matthey, Economist, FAO, Rome | |
| 10. | Mr. Gregoire Tallard, Agricultural Policy Analyst, OECD, Paris | |
| 11. | Dr. B. Gangaiah, Adviser, DES | |
| 12. | Dr. B. S. Bhandari, Adviser, DES | |
| 13. | Sh. S. K. Mukherjee, Adviser, DES | |
| 14. | Dr. S. Chandrasekar, Adviser, DES | |
| 15. | Sh. Amar Singh, Adviser, DES | |
| 16. | Sh. Bhaskar Goswami, Policy Specialist, FAO, India | |
| 17. | Prof. Pramod Kumar, Prof. & Head, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore | |
| 18. | Dr. D. P. Malik, Additional Commissioner (crops), DAC | |
| 19. | Sh. Narender Kumar, Joint Director, DAC | |
| 20. | Dr. Nilabja Ghosh, IEG, University of Delhi | |
| 21. | Dr. Anita Kumari, IEG, University of Delhi | |
| 22. | Dr. S. Bhide, Sr. Research Counsellor, NCAER | |
| 23. | Dr. A. Govindan, NCAER | |
| 24. | Ms. Luxmi Joshi, NCAER. | |
| 25. | Sh. V. P. Ahuja, NCAER | |
| 26. | Ms. Mondira Bhattacharya, NCAER | |