

High Level Expert Group on Agriculture Exports

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The Fifteenth Finance Commission has decided to constitute a High-Level Expert Group on Agriculture Exports in pursuance of its ToR(Terms of Reference) i.e, **to recommend measurable performance incentives for States to encourage agri exports as well as to promote crops to enable high import substitution.**

Composition of the group

1. **Shri Sanjiv Puri, Chairman and Managing Director, ITC – Chairman**
2. Ms. Radha Singh, Former Agriculture Secretary – Member.
3. A representative of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries – Member.
4. Chairman, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry – Member.
5. Shri Suresh Narayanan, CMD, NESTLE India – Member.
6. Mr. Jay Shroff, CEO-UPL Limited – Member.
7. Shri Sanjay Sacheti, Country Head India-Olam Agro India Ltd. – Member.
8. Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS – Member.

The Terms of Reference of the Committee are :

- To **assess export & import substitution opportunities for Indian agricultural products** (commodities, semi-processed and processed) in the changing international trade scenario and suggest ways to step up exports sustainably and reduce import dependence.
- To **recommend strategies and measures to increase farm productivity, enable higher value addition,** ensure waste

reduction, strengthen logistics infrastructure etc. related to Indian agriculture, to improve the sector's global competitiveness.

- To **identify the impediments for private sector investments along the agricultural value chain** and suggest policy measures and reforms that would help attract the required investments.
- To **suggest appropriate performance-based incentives to the state governments for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26,** to accelerate reforms in the agriculture sector as well as implement other policy measures in this regard.