



International Workshop

Achieving Food Security in India: *Improving Competition, Markets and the Efficiency of Supply Chains¹*



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The Claridges Hotel, New Delhi, India

Registration and Welcome Tea: 9.00 am

Plenary Session: 9.15 to 11.00 am

Mr. Suman Bery, Director General, National Council for Applied Economic Research: *Co-Chair*

H.E. Mr. Peter Varghese, Australian High Commissioner: *Co-Chair*

Dr. Simon Hearn, Senior Adviser, ACIAR
Welcome and Project-Related Remarks

Mr. Scott Davenport, Chief Economist, EPRB, Industry & Investment NSW, Orange, Australia
Co-Project Leader with Dr. Rajesh Chadha Senior Fellow, NCAER
Project Backdrop

Prof. Allan Fels AO, Dean, Australia and New Zealand School of Government
Keynote Speaker: The Role of Competitive Markets in Achieving Food Security in India

Prof. Ramesh Chand, National Professor, NCAP
Chief Guest: India's Food Security: Issues, Challenges and the Reform Agenda

Dr. Rajesh Chadha
Vote of Thanks

Morning Tea 11.00 am

¹ This Workshop is one of the milestones of the Research Project on *Facilitating Efficient Agricultural Markets in India: An Assessment of Competition and Regulatory Reform Requirements* sponsored by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). The Research Partners include NCAER, Industry & Investment NSW, the Australia and New Zealand School of Government, La Trobe University, the University of Melbourne and Exeter University.

11.30 - 1.00 pm - Technical Session I: Competition Reform & the Food Chain

Chair: Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, Chairperson, Competition Commission of India

Presentations: 20 minutes each

Prof. Steve McCorriston, Exeter University
Understanding Competition in Food Chains

Mr. B.J. Phillips, Head of the Competition Division, OECD
A Methodology for Identifying Regulatory Restraints on Competition

Dr. Rajesh Chadha & Mr. Scott Davenport
A Pilot Study: Regulatory Constraints to Competition in India's Food Chain

Floor Discussion and Comments by Chair

Lunch 1.00 to 2.00 pm

2.00 - 4.00 pm - Technical Session II: Identifying Key Issues and Areas for Further Work

Chair: Prof. Mahendra Dev, Chairman, CACP

Presentations: 20 minutes each

Dr. Eduardo Pérez Motta, President, Federal Competition Commission, Mexico
Making Markets and Competition Work: Key Initiatives, Mexico.

Mr. Bharat Desai, Senior Vice President, Reliance India
Competition in Food Chains: Vertical Integration

Prof. Donald MacLaren, Melbourne University
State Trading Enterprises: What Analyses are Required?

Prof. Arvind Panagariya, Columbia University
Research Agenda for Competition Policy and Market Reforms

Floor Discussion and Comments by Chair

Afternoon Tea 4.00 pm

4.30 pm

Prof. Sisira Jayasuriya, La Trobe University, Melbourne
Relating the Proceedings of the Day with the Project Milestones

4.45 - 6.30 pm - Panel Discussion: Identifying Key Competition Policy & Research Priorities for 2010

Facilitators: Prof. Allan Fels and Mr. R. Gopalan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce

Panellists

- Mr. Suman Bery
- Dr. Shashanka Bhide (Senior Research Counsellor, NCAER)
- Ms. Jyoti Gujral (Senior Consultant Infrastructure, (IDFC)
- Mr. Pradeep Mehta (Secretary General, CUTS)
- Mr. Augustine Peter (Former Economic Advisor, CCI)
- Dr. Anil Sharma (Senior Fellow, NCAER)

Floor Discussion

6.30 pm: Dr. Simon Hearn: Observations and Suggestions

6.45 pm: Mr Suman Bery: Summary and Conclusions

7.00 pm: Cocktails and Dinner - All the participants are cordially invited