

## **CIFA DEMANDS INCLUSION OF FOLLOWING ISSUES IN 2009 PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS MANIFESTOS OF POLITICAL PARTIES**

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1. All recommendations made by National Commission on farmers headed by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan be implemented immediately.
2. Fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all Agricultural Commodities based on production costs actually incurred by farmers and add Minimum 50% representing risk factors, family labour and Profit component (C2+Minimum 50%).
3. Deficiencies in CACP, the methodology adopted in collecting production costs be rectified by inducting and involving farmers organizations and farmers into the system through making CACP as autonomous body.
4. All Agricultural holdings in the Country be tagged on to one of the Banks located in the area, provide adequate interest free credit based on scale of finance fixed for each crop and each purpose under short, medium and long term loans without insisting collateral security. Any time loans be provided to farmers' to meet financial needs of marriages, health, consumption and other religious purposes.
5. All outstanding Agricultural loans, Institutional and Private be waived under one time relief scheme.
6. Innovative and Modern Agriculture implements from sowing to harvesting be invented and provided at subsidized prices to Farmers, Co-operatives, Panchayat's and other N.G.Os to make available on custom hire.
7. One time allocation of Rs.1 lakh crores for completing on going irrigation projects be provided.
8. Sufficient quality free electricity be provided along with subsidy component on pump sets and action plan evolved for commissioning Small Power Projects.
9. Massive programme be taken up for recharging underground water through percolation tanks.
10. Crop and animal insurance schemes be devised to cover all risks and quick settlement of claims. Premium be paid by Government by collecting Farmers Welfare Cess from Citizens as in the case of Education Cess.
11. Marketyards be strengthened by conducting Elections with stakeholders and transparent procedures introduced with storage and pledge loan facilities to contain distress sale by farmers.
12. All Levy Schemes pertaining to procurement of Agricultural Commodities be scrapped and Government purchase commodities required for BPL families under open market.
13. Dry land / Rainfed farmers be supplied life saving water when long dry spells is experienced through tanks and other means for saving crops.
14. Organic Farming be encouraged by extending all incentives provided to Chemical Fertilizers.
15. Agriculture to be included in concurrent list and separate Union Budget for Agriculture.