

## **MANUAL VII ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS OF PUBLIC**

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The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof.

The Corporation is a procurement agency for Minimum Price Support operations and also undertakes commercial operations when there are no Minimum Price Support operations. Hence it is a marketing agency involved in buying of kapas and selling of cotton and cottonseed.

CCI purchases kapas in APMC yards when farmers come into contact with CCI for sale of kapas, weighing, delivery and payment of kapas. The Corporation has a well laid down policy in purchase operations. However, farmers can approach for any problem/suggestion to senior officials at the centre or at Branch level. As such, no consultation mechanics is attached directly. However, the State Government calls meetings periodically and suggestions from farmers' representatives are discussed and considered in relation to the formulation of policy in respect of purchase operations.

Cotton Advisory Board has farmers' representation where CCI is also a member. Any representation/suggestion from the farmers are also welcomed and considered while formulating Corporation's policy.

Contract Farming is a organized scheme to link cotton production with consumption. In this programme a group of farmers (Kisan Club) cultivate a particular variety of cotton required by the spinning mills through input and scientific support from the spinning mills or a coordinating agency. The objective of the Cotton Farming is to increase the productivity of cotton and reduce the cost of cultivation, improve the parameters of cotton such as fibre length, micronaire and strength etc., reduce contamination in cotton at harvest by educating the farmers, field workers and augmenting the income of producers.

Since 2003 the Corporation has taken up Contract Farming programme in various cotton growing States, where farmers are members of the Kisan Club formed for the purpose. The suggestions of the farmers are considered in implementation of Integrated Cotton Cultivation policy and implementation.

While undertaking Front Line Demonstrations under Mini Mission II of TMC for transfer of technology to cotton growers, the representations/suggestions received from the farmers are also being considered.

The details of Front Line Demonstrations are available at Manual 4(1)(b)(xii).