

## **Questionnaire to Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing**

1	In your deposition before SSFC you had stated that Agricultural Marketing Committee have their own go-down, lands and sheds. Are they subjected to property tax or not ? If not, have user charges been paid ?																									
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3	In your previous deposition before SSFC, you had stated that your department is willing to finance loan to local bodies for development of their Markets. Have you approached any local body for this purpose ? Please give details.																									
4	With the closure of Uzhavar sandhais, the local body lands taken over by the marketing committees have to be handed over to the local bodies. What action was taken to handover the lands? Is it not appropriate on your part to pay for the loss suffered by the local bodies if the lands are re-transferred to them ?																									
5	In the 73rd CAA agriculture and markets have been assigned to RLB. In the above context, is it not correct to empower the local bodies to administer the Marketing Committee? Please offer your views.																									

6	<p>In Andhra Pradesh, a surcharge of 5% on the Market cess is levied and passed on to local bodies as under 20% is passed on to Village Panchayat/ Municipality where the Market Committee is located and the remaining 80% is allotted to other Municipalities and Village Panchayats within the jurisdiction of the Market Committee</p> <p>Can you suggest for such an arrangement in Tamil Nadu too on Market fee charged by you from the traders. Please comment and give details.</p>	
7	Any other issue which you would like to high light.	

**Third State Commission, Egmore 600 008**

**D.O.Letter No.158 / TSFC/ C/2005**

**Dated .6. 2005**

Dear Thiru Ganesan,

Sub: Third State Finance Commission - Questionnaire to the  
Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing - sent

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.573, Finance (F.C.IV) Department, dated 1.12.2004  
2. G.O.Ms.No. 584 Finance (F.C .IV) Department, dated.  
14.12.2004

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In the G.O. first cited, Government have constituted the Third State Finance Commission.

2) In the reference second cited, Government have issued Terms of Reference. Based on the Terms of Reference, Questionnaires are being sent to various departments and organisations which are connected with local bodies for obtaining data and views so as to enable this Commission to make recommendations, in respect of local bodies in the State.

3) The position and role of the Commission have been duly mentioned in Article 243 ( I ) and 243 (Y) of the Constitution of India and also in Section 198 of the Tamilnadu Panchayat Act, 1994.

4) A questionnaire is enclosed herewith, which is designed exclusively for you, for furnishing data.. Based on the data furnished, the Third State Finance Commission will require your presence for interaction, the specific time and date of which will be intimated to you in advance. I request you to send the details along with soft copy (Floppy) by .. 7.2005.

5) I request your compliance on the above.

Yours sincerely,

To

Thiru K. Ganesan, I.A.S.,  
Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing,  
Thiru.Vi.Ka.Industrial Estate,  
Guindy, Chennai 600 032..