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Introduction

The Centre for Rural Studies, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie has organized a National Level Workshop on "Contract Farming, Tenancy Laws and Land Reforms in the Era of Globalization". It was organized between 15-16 March, 07. The basic objectives of the workshop were to examine the implications of contract farming on marginal, small farmers, agricultural labourers, tenants and other vulnerable groups and also to discuss the causes of growing land alienation and land reforms policies in the context of globalization. The workshop was attended by senior government officials, eminent academicians, researchers and members of civil society. A wide range of papers were presented during the workshop covering various dimensions of contract farming, tenancy laws and land reforms policies. List of participants and the details about papers presented during the workshop are enclosed at Annexure- I & II.

This booklet contains the policy recommendations drawn by the participants on the issue of contract farming, tenancy laws and land reforms in the era of globalization.

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Inaugural Addresses

The workshop started with the welcome address by Sh. T.K. Manoj Kumar, Co-ordinator & Vice Chairman, Centre for Rural Studies, LBS National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie. He briefed about the Centre for Rural Studies and its activities and highlighted the importance of the workshop. Addressing to the participants, Sh. Kumar said that the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is keen to get inputs from practitioners, academicians and other experienced people working in the area of contract farming, land laws and land related matters as these issues are more relevant in the present changing scenario.

Sh. Kumar extended his hearty welcome to Sh. V.S. Sampath, Director General, National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad and requested him to deliver the First Address. He also welcomed to Dr. P.K. Agarwal, Principal Secretary, West Bengal and Dr. S.M. Jaamdar, Principal Secretary, Karnataka for giving their consent to attend the workshop. At the end, he welcomed to the Director of the Academy, Sh. Rudhra Gangadharan and the Joint Director, Sh. Padamveer Singh for being instrumental in organizing the workshop.

Sh. Padamveer Singh, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie in his address said that the contract farming is widely practiced in State like Punjab where it is locally termed as "tekha". This involves issues of productivity, safeguarding of farmers' interest and also of land reforms.

