



Regional Seminar on International Trade Statistics

3-6 November 2014, New Delhi, India

Venue

The seminar will be held during 3-6 November 2014 in the conference hall of National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) located within the campus of Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Location: NASC Complex, Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Address: Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, Pusa, New Delhi - 110 012, India

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Please see the attached brochure on NASC (*NASC-Complex-Booklet.pdf*).

Timings

Morning sessions will start at 09:00 AM, while afternoon sessions at 02:00 PM. The lunch break will be between 12:00-02:00 PM.

Accommodation

Arrangement for accommodation has been made in the conference venue. NASC has an international guest house with single and double bed rooms. The rooms are equipped with telephones, solar water heating system, and tea-coffee making facilities. The applicable tariffs for different types of rooms are:

Single Bed Room: INR 3000.00, Double Bed Room: INR 4000.00, Suite: INR 5000.00

Participants willing to stay in the international guest house should inform the organizers (**Dr. D. Sinha, drdsinha@rediffmail.com** or **Dr. Amitava Saha, saha_amitava@hotmail.com**) and booking of the rooms will be done on first come first serve basis. Those who wish to stay at other places should make own arrangements for accommodation and daily transport requirements.

Working Language

The Conference will be conducted in English only.

Visa requirements

Participants should check with the relevant diplomatic or consular mission of the Government of India for visa requirements and, wherever required, obtain appropriate entry visas. Information related to visa requirements is available in the websites of the Indian Missions (**please see <http://www.mea.gov.in/indian-missions-abroad.htm>**). Participants who need to stopover in other countries should also obtain appropriate transit visas. Participants have to bear and all additional travel and related costs as a result of their failure in obtaining appropriate transit/stopover visas in advance.

If you need a visa to enter India, the host will prepare a letter and send it to you. Please write to **Dr. D. Sinha, drdsinha@rediffmail.com**.

Travel to Delhi

The international airport (Indira Gandhi International Airport) in Delhi is connected to all the important cities of the world with almost all the major international airlines operating out of here. Prepaid as well as radio taxi service is available from airport to NASC complex (Pusa institute). Payment should be made in Indian Rupee. *Participants are advised to avail radio taxi services.*

Directions to reach NASC campus from Indira Gandhi International Airport (Terminal 3), New Delhi

1. At the exit of Terminal 3, booking counters for taxis are located. It is preferred to take radio taxi if one arrives in the night. Booking counters for radio taxi services are located outside the exit. Radio taxi services are provided by “Meru Cabs”, “Easy Cabs” and “Mega Cabs” all of which operate from the airport.
2. The road route from the Airport to the NASC Complex is as follows :
 - Take Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway (NH-8), about 2.5 kms. drive from the Terminal 3.
 - From “DhauLaKuan” intersection take “Vandemataram Marg” (Ridge Road) and move towards “Karol Bagh”.

- At the second crossing, take right on “Prof. Ramnath Vij Marg” off “Vandemataram Marg”.
- After a drive of about 2 kms., take left from the intersection of 3 roads along “Dev Prakash Shastri Marg”.
- NASC Campus is on the right of the road going towards “Todapur” or “Inderpuri”, about 2.5 kms from the previous crossing.
- Take U-turn at the red light signal point to enter the NASC complex.

Travel within Delhi

Public transport in the metropolis includes the Delhi Metro, the Delhi Transport Corporation bus system, auto-rickshaws, cycle-rickshaws and taxis. Other means of transit include suburban railways, inter-state bus services and private taxis which can be rented for various purposes. However, buses continue to be the most popular means of transportation for intra-city travel; they cater to about 60% of the total commuting requirements.

Foreign exchange

Exchange facilities are available at the International Airport in New Delhi. The current exchange rate is approx. INR 61/- to one US dollar. Participants are advised to carry sufficient amount of funds and to convert them to local currencies for incidental expenses at transit point(s) and upon arrival in India.

Time

For the time difference between India and your country, please refer to the website

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>

Electrical Systems in India

The available voltages for all electric appliances used are 220 volts, 50 cycles. Electric plugs available are the 2 Pin (5 amp) and 3 Pin (15 amp)-round hole.

Calls from India

Mobile phones with international roaming SIM cards will work in India and participants can use them. To make telephone calls to your own country from India, one must dial the number in the following sequence: 00 + country code + area code + local number.

Weather

The weather in New Delhi in early November will be moderate with the average temperature varying between 16 to 28 degrees Centigrade.

Health

Participants should not drink tap water, it is recommended to drink bottled water.

Contact Persons

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