DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Grower

The cultivator of banana is the grower, who is also referred to as producer.

Marginal farmers

Farmers cultivating banana in less than 2.5 acres, are classified as marginal farmers.

Small farmers

Farmers cultivating banana in more than 2.5 acres but less than 5.0 acres, are classified as small farmers.

Big farmers

Farmers cultivating banana in more than 5.0 acres, are classified as big farmers.

Operation on contract

Certain agricultural operations which are carried out by the labourers on contract basis are termed as operation on contract.

Residual plants

Plants of banana which are left out in the garden at the time of harvest since the bunches of such plants are not matured enough for harvesting are termed
as residual plants.

**Residual bunches**

Bunches of residual plants are termed as Residual bunches.

**Ratoon Crop**

If the new suckers from the mother plant is allowed to grow, to have another harvest without fresh planting of suckers, they are referred to as ratoon crop in banana cultivation.

**Propping**

The act of providing a support to banana plant with bamboo/casuarina poles so as to protect the plant from wind or gale is referred to as propping.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

R.M = Regulated Market

CMS = Co-operative Marketing Society