

Constitution of Committee of State Ministers in-charge of Agricultural Marketing on Marketing Reforms

With a view to persuade the various State Governments/UTs to implement the reforms in agricultural marketing through adoption of Model APMC Act and Rules, to suggest further reforms necessary to provide a barrier free national market for benefit of farmers and consumers and to suggest measures to effectively disseminate market information, Ministry of Agriculture constituted an Empowered Committee of 10 State Ministers, in-charge of agriculture marketing on 2nd March 2010. The Committee deliberated upon different issues related to market reforms, simplification of procedure of contract farming, investment in development of post-harvest infrastructure, alternative channels of marketing, barrier free national markets, waiving off of market fee on fruits and vegetables, compensation of losses on account of waiving off of market fee of fruits and vegetables, etc. with States and other stakeholders including farmers by holding nine meetings in different States. The Committee submitted its report on policy recommendations on 2nd July, 2013 to the Govt. A copy of report was circulated to the States for comments on its policy recommendations and further for compliance of the recommendations. For detail report, please click here <http://dmi.gov.in/Documents/stminpreform.pdf>