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National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)

One Nation One Market for Agricultural produce

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"I firmly believe that now my farmers would decide where, when and at what price their produce will be sold. And it is my belief that there would be no burden on the consumer."

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Introduction

National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) is a pan-India electronic trading portal which networks the existing <u>Agricultural Produce Market Committee</u>(APMC) mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.

Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 14, 2016, e-NAM is completely funded by the Central Governmentand is implemented by <u>Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium</u> (SFAC), under the aegis of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

e-NAM platform promotes better marketing opportunities for the farmers to sell their produce through online competitive and transparent price discovery system and online payment facility.



The e-NAM portal provides single window services for all APMC related information and services. This includes commodity arrivals, quality & prices, buy & sell offers and e-payment settlement directly into farmers' account, among other services.

It aims to promote uniformity in agriculture marketing by streamlining of procedures across the integrated markets, removing information asymmetry between buyers and sellers and promoting real-time price discovery based on actual demand and supply.



Objectives

- To integrate markets first at the level of the States and eventually across the country through a common online market platform, to facilitate pan-India trade in agricultural commodities.
- To streamline marketing/transaction procedures and make them uniform across all markets to promote efficient functioning of the markets.
- To promote better marketing opportunities for farmers/sellers through online access to
 more buyers/markets, removal of information asymmetry between farmer and trader, better
 and real-time price discovery based on actual demand and supply of agri- commodities,
 transparency in auction process, prices commensurate with quality of produce, online
 payment etc. that contribute to marketing efficiency.
- To establish quality assaying systems for quality assurance to promote informed bidding by buyers.
- To promote stable prices and availability of quality produce to consumers.

Scheme Components

- Selection of State's/UT's APMCs/Regulated Market Committees (RMCs) is undertaken after mandatory reforms in their APMC/RMC Acts as prescribed in the Scheme and approval of their Detailed Project Report (DPR) by Project Appraisal Committee (PAC). Details of eligibility to avail assistance under the scheme are outlined in the scheme guidelines.
- Provision of e-NAM software to States/UTs free of cost.
- Based on their Detailed Project Reports (DPR), financial assistance is provided to State/UT for selected APMCs/RMCs up to a maximum of Rs.30.00 lakhs per market, for purchase of hardware, five internet connections, assaying equipment and related infrastructure to make the market ready for integration with e-NAM platform. State Government/ UT/ their agencies would bear the balance fund requirement, if any, for making arrangement for electronic trading in proposed markets.

- Technical Assistance: Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), the Lead Implementing Agency (LIA), through Strategic Partner (SP) Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (NFCL) for implementation of e-NAM, deputes at all APMCs/RMCs free of cost-one Mandi Analyst at each market, for a period of one year to provide day-to-day hand holding support to stakeholders for its successful implementation. e-NAM portal access to private markets may be considered by the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) provided they are recommended by the competent authority of the concerned State/UT. However, in such cases they must provide for Mandi Analyst, related hardware, assaying facilities and other support services at their own cost.
- Capacity building: Orientation of APMC/RMC line staff, awareness to farmers through Market talk, Gram Sabha, Print & Electronic media would be undertaken with support of strategic partner.

Pre-requisites for e-NAM

There are three basic criteria for a state to propose Mandis for e-NAM:

- The state APMC Act must have a specific provision for e-auction/electronic trading asmode of price discovery.
- There must be one single trading license to be valid across the state/UT
- A single point levy of market fee across the State/UT.

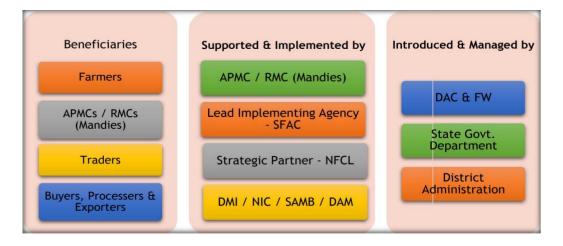
Beneficiaries & Benefits of the Scheme

e-NAM is designed and implemented to benefit all the stakeholders – farmers, *mandis*, traders, buyers, FPOs, processers and the exporters. The benefits to stakeholders include:

- Transparent online trading with enhanced accessibility to the market.
- Real time price discovery for better & stable price realization for producers.
- Reduced transaction cost for buyers.
- Availability of information on e-NAM mobile app about commodity prices. The details of price of commodity sold along with quantity are received through SMS.
- Quality certification.
- More efficient supply chain& warehouse based sales.
- Online payment directly to the bank accounts of the farmers.

Stakeholders

The different stakeholders of the Scheme are:



Monitoring of the Scheme

- Monitoring by combination of periodic desk review, field visits and web-based mechanism are adopted to track the physical progress of integration of existing *mandis* to e-NAM portal. Overall monitoring of the progress of the scheme interventions in all the states and national level is undertaken by PAC.
- A coordinated approach for monitoring and evaluation by involving following agencies will be undertaken:
 - ➤ National level- lead implementing agency (SFAC) along with DMI/NIC with the support of SP (NFCL)
 - > State level- respective department with supporting agencies (SAMB/DAM/NFCL)

Outcome of the Scheme

- Single license for trading across all markets in a State.
- Single point of market fee.
- Electronic auction for transparent price discovery.
- Easier norms for obtaining trading licenses.
- Abolition of fragmented markets.
- Seamless transfer of agricultural commodities.
- Improved supply-chain and reduced wastage.
- Increased price share for the farmers.
- Wholesale based sales.
- Quality based informed training.

District Level Structure

Schematic representation of administrative structure at District Level is:



New Features incorporated

 During COVID-19 pandemic, e-NAM platform /mobile application has been further strengthened by launching FPO (Farmer Producer Organisation) trading module in e- NAM whereby FPOs can trade their produce from their collection center without bringingthe produce to APMC.

- Warehouse based trading module was also launched in e-NAM to facilitate trade from warehouses based on e-NWR (electronic-Negotiable Warehouse Receipt).
- On July 14, 2022, Platform of Platforms (POP) under the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) was launched. With its introduction, farmers will be facilitated to sell the produce outside their state borders. This will increase farmers' digital access to multiple markets, buyers

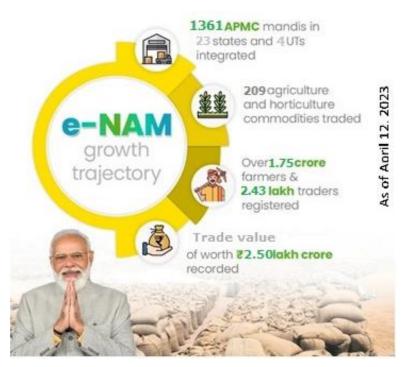


and service providers and bring transparency in business transactions. 41 service providers from different platforms are covered under POP facilitating various value chain services like trading, quality checks, warehousing, fintech, market information, transportation etc.

AI based assaying equipments have been integrated with e-NAM platform.

Achievements

- More than 1.75 crore Farmers &
 2.43 Lakh traders have registered on e-NAM platform (as on March 31, 2023).
- 2,575 FPOs have been onboarded on e-NAM platform.
- Traded value worth ₹ 2.50 lakh crore
 has been recorded on e-NAM
 platform.
- As on March 16, 2023, 1361 mandis of 23 States and 4 UTs have been integrated with e-NAM platform.



 <u>Digital India Award 2022:</u> Electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) initiative of Ministry of Agriculture won Platinum Award (1st) in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category.

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