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The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of “ minutes of meeting on “Ease of Doing Trade” through adoption of reforms in agriculture marketing held virtually on 31st July,2023 . So, kindly find attached herewith a copy of same fo needful action please.

Encl: As above.

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Distribution:

1. All the Principal Secretaries /Secretaries , In-charge of Agricultural Marketing as per list .
2. All the Directors/ Managing Directors , State Agricultural Marketing Departments/ Boars as per the list .
3. Managing Director, Small Farmers` Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), New Delhi.
4. Director (Marketing), DA&FW , Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi .
5. Jt. AMA, DMI, H.O., Faridabad.

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PPS to Additional Secretary (Marketing) –cum- Agriculture Marketing Adviser, DA&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Minutes of meeting on "Ease of Doing Trade" through adoption of reforms in agricultural marketing held on 31st July, 2023

The meeting on "Ease of Doing Trade" through adoption of reforms in agricultural marketing was held on 31st July, 2023 virtually under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Marketing)-cum-Agriculture Marketing Adviser, DA&FW, Govt. of India, wherein Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, In-charge of Agricultural Marketing of States, Directors of State Agriculture Marketing Departments and Managing Directors of State Agriculture Marketing Boards, DMI and SFAC participated. List of participants is annexed.

2. At the outset, Additional Secretary (Marketing)-cum-AMA extending the warm welcome to all the participants and set the context of agenda of the meeting. The broad objective is to bring in uniformity in the agriculture marketing sphere, reduce double/multiple taxation and ease of doing business. He underlined that farmers and trade friendly reforms should be undertaken in a time bound manner and as far as possible it should be the Public Services Delivery Guarantee Act (PSGA) compliant. Continuing the address, he said that this Department has envisaged three tools in the forms of "Reform Indexing Table" already circulated to the States for furnishing inputs, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be undertaken between Central Government and States and MoU to be made by and among the States. He further stated that indexing will create healthy competition and uniformity and MoU to undertake needed reforms in a time bound manner and also to promote inter-state trade through recognition of trading licences of other States. AS (M) also mentioned about agriculture marketing infrastructure gap analysis. Apart from this, he requested State Agriculture Marketing Board MDs to hold regular meetings with DMI officers on marketing related issues; and we are considering that in future there should be at least an officer of DMI posted in every State. With this AS (M) asked Dr. S. K. Singh, Dy. Agricultural Marketing Adviser to make presentation.

3. Dr. S.K. Singh, Dy. AMA made presentation on broad benefits of reforms and digital transformation of agricultural marketing, market regulation and reforms journey, key reform areas identified from model APMC Act, 2003 and model APLM Act, 2017 for focused pursuance. Now, the reform areas have been made more farmers' and trade friendly with direct benefit oriented, which States need to adopt in time bound manner and in its true spirits. He explained the need for reform indexing and criteria/ guidelines to be adopted for indexing, objectives of MoUs. He stressed during his presentation that MoU by and among the States have already been finalized in consultation with States and now may be signed, which is basically on recognizing trading licences of other States and Inter-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism. He also clarified that APMC Acts being legislated law, before signing MoU, enabling provisions in States' APMC Acts are required.

4. AS (M) asked Director, SFAC to put his points. Director, SFAC said that most of the issues have been covered, however, to promote inter-State trade of agricultural produce, States should be proactive and facilitate it.

5. AS(M) further requested State government Officers to cooperate with DMI field officials including Agmark Labs as they have been assigned targets to co-ordinate with States to seek information on

