



**H.P. STATE AGRICULTURAL
MARKETING BOARD**
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Shimla-171002.

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(b) publish within one hundred and twenty days from the enactment of this Act,-

(i) The particulars of its organisation, functions and duties;

The State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh have enacted the HP Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2005 with an object to re-enact the law to provide for improved regulation in marketing of agricultural produce, development of efficient marketing system, promotion of agri-processing and agricultural exports, establishment and proper administration of markets for agricultural produce in the State of Himachal Pradesh and to ensure level playing field for competitive markets to operate through setting of minimum standards for facilities, procedures and systems, thereby promoting the establishment of well administered and efficient infrastructure for marketing of agricultural produce in and from the State of Himachal Pradesh.

The State Govt. under the Act ibid establish/constitute the Board.

ESTABLISHMENT

Section-3(1): The State Government may, by notification, for coordinating the activities of markets and for development, promotion and regulation of agricultural marketing, establish the Himachal Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board.

(2) The Board shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name and shall be competent to acquire and hold property both moveable and immovable and to lease, sale or otherwise transfer any such property and to contract and to do all other things necessary for the purpose for which it is established.

CONSTITUTION:

Section-4: The Board shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the State Government and twenty members including Vice-Chairman of whom ten shall be ex-officio members and ten non-official members to be nominated by the State Government in the following manner, namely:-

(a) Ex-officio members,-

- (i) The Secretary (Agriculture) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.---Vice -Chairman;
- (ii) The Secretary (Horticulture) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh;
- (iii) The Secretary (Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh;
- (iv) The Secretary (Forest) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh;

- (v) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Himachal Pradesh;
- (vi) Director of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh;
- (vii) Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh;
- (viii) Registrar Cooperative Societies, Himachal Pradesh;
- (ix) Chief General Manager of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Shimla; and
- (x) Managing Director of the Himachal Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board.

(b) Non – official members,-

- (i) two shall be Chairmen of the Committees;
- (ii) four shall be other progressive agriculturists/farmers.
- (iii) two shall be from amongst such traders registered under section 40 of this Act; and
- (iv) two shall be from amongst experts having experience in agricultural marketing.

I. Power and Functions of Board

1. To exercise superintendence and control over all the Committees established and constituted under the Act.
2. To coordinate the working of the Committees and other affairs thereof including programmes undertaken by such Committees for the Development of markets and market areas.
3. To undertake the State level planning of the development of agricultural produce markets.
4. To administer the Marketing Development Fund.
5. To give directions to the Committees in general or any Committee in particular with a view to ensure improvement thereof.
6. Any other functions specifically entrusted to it by this Act.
7. Such other functions of like nature as may be entrusted to the Board by the State Government.
8. To approve proposals for selection of new sites by the Committees for establishment of principal or sub-market yard.
9. To approve proposal for constructing infrastructure facilities in the market area such as grading, pack houses, storages, processing, other post harvest management facilities etc.
10. To supervise and guide the Committee in the preparation of plans and estimates of construction programme undertaken by the Committee.
11. To execute all works chargeable to the Board's fund.
12. To maintain accounts and get the same audited in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.
13. To publish annually at the close of the year its progress report, balance sheet and statement of assets and liabilities and send copies thereof to each member of the Board and the State Government.
14. To undertake marketing extension activities in the Board for the transfer of marketing technology and extension services. It may also make

- necessary arrangements for propaganda and publicity on matters related to regulated marketing of an agricultural produce and development of marketing.
15. To provide facilities for the training of officers and staff of Committees and the Board after assessing the demand for trained personnel in agricultural marketing at all levels.
 16. To prepare and adopt budget for the ensuing year.
 17. To arrange or organize seminars/ workshops/ exhibitions, etc; on subjects related to agricultural marketing.
 18. To do such other things as may be of general interest to Committees or considered necessary for the efficient functioning of the Board.
 19. To organize and promote grading and standardization of notified agricultural produce and e-trading.
 20. To set up an Agricultural Produce Marketing Standards Bureau to perform such functions and duties as may be prescribed for the purpose of promotion of grading, standardization and quality certification of agricultural produce in the State.

II. Powers and Functions of APMCs.

1. To enforce the provisions of this Act, and the rules and bye-laws made there under in the notified market area.
2. To establish a market in the market area and provide such facilities for persons visiting in connection with the purchase, sale, storage, weighment and processing of agricultural produce concerned as the Board may, from time to time direct.
3. Do such other acts as may be required in relation to the superintendence, direction and control of market or for regulating marketing of agricultural produce in any place in the market area, and for the purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, and for that purpose may exercise such powers and discharge such functions as may be provided by or under this Act; and (d) do all such other acts which may bring complete transparency in pricing system and transactions taking place in market are to maintain and manage the market yards and submarket yards within the market area. To provide necessary facilities for the marketing and facilitate the transportation of agricultural produce within the market yards and outside the yards and within the sub-market yards and outside the submarket yards in the market area.
4. To maintain and manage the market yards and submarket yards within the market area.
5. To provide necessary facilities for the marketing and facilitate the transportation of agricultural produce within the market yards and outside the yards and within the sub-market yards and outside the submarket yards in the market area.
6. To regulate, conduct or supervise the auction of notified agricultural produce in accordance with the provision and procedure laid down under the rules made under this Act or bye-laws of the Committee.
7. To regulate the making, carrying out and enforcement or cancellation of agreements of sales, weighment, delivery, payment and all other matters relating to the market of notified agricultural produce in the manner prescribed.
8. To provide for the settlement of all disputes between the seller and the buyer arising out on any kind of transaction connected with the marketing of notified agricultural produce and all matters ancillary thereto.
9. To take all possible steps to prevent adulteration of notified agricultural produce.

(ii) The powers and duties of its officers and employees.

Powers, duties and functions of the employees of the Board and APMCs may kindly be seen, post-wise, on Board Website-www.hpsamb.org. under head "Job profile".

(iii) The procedure following in the decision making process, including channels of supervision and accountability:

- The State Govt. excercises superintendence and control over the Board under the Act.
- The Board further excercises superintendence and control over the APMCs under the Act.
- The Board, duly constituted by the State Govt., is the decision making authority of the HP State Agricultural Marketing Board.
- The Managing Director/ Member Secretary of the Board is accountable for implementation of the Boards decisions.
- Meeting of the Board and implementation of its decision are made under the supervision of the Chairman Board.

(iv) The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions;

- The Board/APMCs ensure to work under the ambit of the Act ibid, Rules framed thereunder and the bye-laws.
- Boards /APMCs meetings are held at regular intervals for discharge of its duties and functions (atleast 4 meetings is mandatory to be convened in a year).

(v) The rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions;

Following Act, rules, regulations are held by the Board for discharging its functions and duties:

1. HP Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2005.
2. HP Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) General Rules, 2006.
3. HP Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Financial) Rules, 2006.
4. HP Agricultural Produce Market Committees Bye- Laws-2007.
5. HP State Agricultural Marketing Board (Conduct of Business) Regulation, 2006.
6. HP State Agricultural Marketing Board (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Officers and Staff) Regulations, 2006.
7. HP State Agricultural Marketing Board and Committees (Employees Contributory Provident Fund) Regulations, 2006.
8. Apart from these regulations, Board follows the Rules/Regulations and instructions of the State Govt. being issued from time to time for its smooth functioning only after adoption.

(vi) a statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control;

1. Proceedings of the meetings of the Board held/being held/convened from time to time.
2. Proceedings of the meeting of Chairmen, Agricultural Produce Market Committees being held from time to time.
3. Proceedings of the meeting of Secretary (s), Agricultural Produce Market Committees being held from time to time.
4. Judgements of different courts pertaining to the Board/ APMCs.
5. Service Record of the employees of the organisation.
6. Other documents mentioned under sub rule (v) above from Sr. No. 1 to 7.

(vii) The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof;

The Board is having representation of farming and trading community of the State as under:

Non – official members,-

- (i) two are the Chairmen of the Committees;
- (ii) four are progressive agriculturists/farmers.
- (iii) two are from amongst such traders registered under section 40 of this Act; and
- (iv) two are from amongst experts having experience in agricultural marketing.

(viii) a statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advice and as to whether meetings of thoses boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public;

- 10 Agricultural Produce Market Committees consisting of 16 members vis- Shimla and Kinnaur, Solan, Paonta Sahib, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Mandi, Kullu and Lahaul Spiti, Kangra, Una and Chamba have been established under the superintendence and control of the Board.

- Sub Committees of the Board to carry out different assignments under the provisions of above Act.
- Proceedings of these Committees are accessible to the public.

(ix) a directory of its officers and employees;

Directory of main functionaries of the Board and APMCs are as under:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Telephone No.		
			Office	Residence	Mobile
A)	H.P. State Agricultural Marketing Board. Fax No. 0177-2621260				
1.	Sh. Ram Lal Markanda	Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, H.P.	0177-2620623 0177-2880731		
2.	Sh. Baldev Bhandari	Chairman	0177-2621347		94180-48582
3.	Sh. Onkar Chand Sharma	Principal Secretary (Agr.)	0177-2622269		
4.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar Koundal	Managing Director	0177-2621252		94180-38662
5.	Sh. Kali Ram Sharma	AO/Suptd/PS to Chairman	0177-2613347		94594-00786
6.	Sh. Narender Kumar	Assistant Controller (HPF&A)	0177-2622252		94180-22860
7.	Er. B D Bagga	Executive Engineer	0177-2621261		98164-06555
8.	Sh. Sanjay Joshi	Law Officer	0177-2621261		94180-57708
9.	Sh. Virender Singh	Senior Marketing Officer	0177-2621261		94183-55012
B)	Agricultural Produce Market Committees				
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Shimla & Kinnour					
1	Sh. Naresh Sharma	Chairman	0177-2841167		94181-70295
	Sh. Dev Raj Kashyap	Secretary	0177-2640287		8894592939
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Solan					
2.	Sh. Sanjeev Kashyap	Chairman	01792-230458		82193-58951
	Sh. Prakash Kashyap	Secretary	01792-231107		94187-66520

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Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Telephone No.		
			Office	Residence	Mobile
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Kullu					
3.	Sh. Amar Singh	Chairman	01902-223717		94181-40746
	Sh. Susheel Kumar Guleria	Secretary	01902-226717		94181-82214
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Mandi					
4.	Sh.		01902-223717		
	Sh.Bhupender Kumar	Secretary	01905-221181		98057-35731
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Una					
5.	Balbir Singh Bagga	Chairman	01975-225097		94182-14613
	Sh. Sarvjit Singh	Secretary	01975-227802		94180-75798
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Kangra					
6.					
	Sh. Rajesh Dogra	Secretary	01892-265195		94181-32747
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Chamba					
7.	Sh. D.S. Thakur	Chairman	01899-224838		9805810067
	Sh. Ishwar Chand	Secretary	01899-225708		98055-32879
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Bilaspur					
8.	Sh. Hans Raj Thakur:	Chairman	1978-222692		9816146499
	Sh. Raghav Sood	Secretary	01978-221282		94184-66174
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Hamirpur					
9.	Sh. Ajay Sharma	Chairman	01972-258413		70185-19500
	Sh. Anil Chauhan	Secretary	01972-259326		93186-75533
Agricultural Produce Market Committee Paonta Sahib					
10	Sh. Rameshwar Sharma	Chairman	01704-222381		94181-73303

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Telephone No.
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Office

Residence

Mobile

Sh. Rajesh Kumar

Secretary

01704-222381

Sr. No.	Name of The Rest House	Telephone No.	Name of Chowkidar	Mobile No.
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A) H.P. State Agricultural Marketing Board. Fax No. 0177-2621260

1.	Kissan Bhawan at Khalini	0177-2621252	Sh. Diwan Chand Verma	94596-27615
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B) Agricultural Produce Market Committees

Agricultural Produce Market Committee Shimla & Kinnour

1	Kissan Bhawan at Dhalli	0177-2640287	Sh. Ram saran	94595-79890
ii	Kissan Bhawan at Rampur	--	Sh. Inder Kumar	98167-02123
ii	Kissan Bhawan at Rampur	--	Sh. Nem Chand	98167-34086
ii	Kissan Bhawan at Nerwa	--	Nil	Nil

2 Agricultural Produce Market Committee Solan

Kissan Bhawan at Solan	01792-230458	Sh. Babu Ram	98170-09895
Kissan Bhawan at Rajgarh	--	Sh. Sat Pal	94592-39569
Kissan Bhawan at Dharmpur	01792-265365	Sh. Pritam Singh	98169-98944
Kissan Bhawan at Chakki-Ka- Mor	--	Sh. Desh Raj	94185-20239

3. Agricultural Produce Market Committee Kullu

Kissan Bhawan at Kullu	01902-222208	Sh. Puran Chand	Nil
Kissan Bhawan at Bhuntar		Sh. Dinesh Kumar	88941-25808
Kissan Bhawan at Khegsu		Sh. Sat Pal	98579-00625

4. Agricultural Produce Market Committee Mandi

4.	Kissan Bhawan at Kangni	01905-221181	Sh. Bansi Lal	94186-22614
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Sr. No.	Name of The Rest House	Telephone No.	Name of Chowkidar	Mobile No.
5.	Agricultural Produce Market Committee Una			
	Kissan Bhawanat Una		Sh. Kuldeep Singh	98059-50422
	Kissan Bhawan at Santoshgarh		Sh. Manjeet Singh	94186-62041
6.	Agricultural Produce Market Committee Kangra			
	Kissan Bhawan at Icchi		Sh. Ram Dass	Nil
	Kissan Bhawan at Baijnath		Nil	Nil
	Kissan Bhawan at Jawalaji		Nil	Nil
	Kissan Bhawan at Dharamshala		Nil	Nil
7.	Agricultural Produce Market Committee Chamba			
	Kissan Bhawan at Baloo, Chamba	01899-224838	Sh. Tarsem Kumar	98055-43564
8.	Agricultural Produce Market Committee Bilaspur			
	Kissan Bhawan at Bilaspur	01978-222692	Sh. Madan Kumar	98821-33030
9.	Agricultural Produce Market Committee Hamirpur			
	Kissan Bhawan at Hamirpur	01972-258413	Nil	Nil
10.	Agricultural Produce Market Committee Paonta Sahib			
	Kissan Bhawan at Paonta-sahib	01704-222381	Nil	Nil
	Kissan Bhawan at Nahan	01704-222381	Nil	Nil

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- (x) the monthly remuneration received by each of its officers and employees, including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations;

Sanctioned strength of Staff in H.P.State Agricultural Marketing Board/APMCs and their Pay Band & Grade Pay of the post is as under:

Sr. No.	Grade / Class	Name of Post	No. of sanctioned post	Pay Band & Grade Pay of the post
I	II	III	IV	V
1.	I	Managing Director	1	Rs.37400-67000 +10000 G. Pay
2.	I	Executive Engineer	1	Rs.37400-67000 +7800 G. Pay
3.	I	Sr. Marketing Officer	1	Rs.15600-39100+6600 G. Pay.
4.	I	Administrative Officer	1	Rs.15600-39100+6600 G. Pay.
5.	I	Dy./Asstt.Controller (HPF&AS)	1	Rs.15600-39100+6600/5400 G. Pay.
6.		Asstt. Engineer	3	Rs.10300-34800+5400 G. Pay.
7.	I	Private Secretary	1	Rs.10300-34800+5400 G. Pay
8.	I	Asstt. Architect	1	Rs.10300-34800+5400 G. Pay
9.	I	Accounts Officer	1	Rs.15600-39100+5400 G. Pay.
10.	I	Superintendent Gr.I	1	Rs.15600-39100+5400 G. Pay.
11.	I	Marketing Officer	1	Rs.10300-34800+5000 G. Pay.
12.	I	Secretary	10	Rs.10300-34800+5000 G. Pay.
13.	II	Superintendent Gr.II	5	Rs.10300-34800+4800 G. Pay
14.	II	Personal Assistant	2	Rs.10300-34800+4800 G. Pay
15.	II	Law Officer	1	Rs.10300-34800+4400 G. Pay
16.	II	Asstt. Secretary	5	Rs.10300-34800+4200 G. Pay
17.	III	Draughtsman.	2	Rs.10300-34800+3800 G. Pay after 2 years 4200
18.	III	Accountant	11	Rs.10300-34800+3800 G. Pay
19.	III	Junior Engineer.	10	Rs.10300-34800+3800 G. Pay after 2 years 4800/-
20.	III	Market Supervisor	22	Rs.10300-34800+3800 G. Pay
21.	III	Senior Assistant	8	Rs.10300-34800+4400 G. Pay
22.	III	Statistical Assistant	1	Rs.10300-34800+4400 G. Pay
23.	III	Auction Recorder.	24	Rs.10300-34800+3200 G. Pay
24.	III	Jr. Office Assistant(IT)	10	Rs. 5910-20200+1950 G. Pay
25.	III	Steno Typist	1	Rs. 5910-20200+2000 G. Pay after 2 years Rs. 10300-34800+3200 G. Pay
26.	III	Asstt. Auction Recorder	34	Rs. 5910-20200+1900 G. Pay
27.	III	Clerk /	39	Rs. 5910-20200+1900 G. Pay

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		Junior Assistant		after 2 years Rs. 10300-34800+3200 G. Pay Rs. 10300-34800+3600 G. Pay
28.	III	Jr. Draughtsman	1	Rs. 5910-20200+2400 G. Pay after 2 years Rs. 10300-34800+3200 G. Pay
29.	III	Surveyor	1	Rs. 5910-20200+2400 G. Pay
30.	III	Driver	11	Rs. 5910-20200+2000 G. Pay after 2 years 2400
31.	IV	Frash	1	Rs. 4900-10680+1300 G. Pay after 2 years 1650
32.	IV	Peon-Cum-Chowkidar	78	Rs. 4900-10680+1300 G. Pay after 2 years 1650
33.	IV	Sweeper.	1	Rs. 4900-10680+1300 G. Pay after 2 years 1650
		Total	291	

- (xi) the budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditure and and reports on disbursements made;

The Budget of the Board is approved by the State Govt. whereas the budget estimates of APMCs are approved by the Board. The Board/APMCs spend major portion of their income on the construction of Market yards, Collection Centres, Link roads, repair and maintenance of existing infrastructures etc. out of their own budget/resources in whole of the State besides expenditure on establishment i.e salaries of the staff etc. During the year 2019-20 the Board/APMCs have proposed/ approved budget allocation of approximate 22.00 crores to be spent on the above constructional activities. Proposed income and expenditure of the Board/APMCs are given below:

क्रम सं०.	मण्डी समिति का नाम	वर्ष 2019-20 के लिए प्रस्तावित आय (रुपयों में)	वर्ष 2019-20 के लिए प्रस्तावित व्यय (रुपयों में)
1	विपणन बोर्ड	66,66,05,799	43,78,80,799
2.	शिमला व किनौर	33,36,50,000	28,53,08,000

3.	सोलन	16,66,37,000	14,57,09,000
4.	पांवढा साहिब	4,48,81,000	3,98,89,000
5.	बिलासपुर	3,55,45,000	3,50,48,000
6.	हमीरपुर	3,74,26,000	3,66,73,099
7.	मण्डी	9,48,81,000	7,65,07,000
8.	कुल्लू व लाहौल- स्पिति	9,99,20,000	8,98,81,700
9.	चम्बा	2,30,90,000	2,16,79,000
10.	कांगड़ा	8,56,57,000	6,72,60,000
11.	ऊना	4,44,10,000	3,34,65,000

- (xii) the manner or execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programme;

The Board/APMCs are not undertaking such subsidy programmes; therefore, question of allocation and details of beneficiaries does not arise.

- (xiii) Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorisations granted by it;

No such programme is implemented by this organisation.

- (xiv) Details in respect of information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form;

1. Online business in 19 eNational Markets of the State and payment to the farmers/growers through this portal.
2. Online daily market rates of the country on Agmarknet portal.

- (xv) The particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use;

Any information relating to the HP State Agricultural marketing Board and Agricultural Produce Market Committees can be had by the citizens between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on any working day. No library is maintained.

- (xvi) The names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers;

Name of the Officer	Address	Designation	Phone Nos.
Sh. Kali Ram Sharma (Supdt. Gr.I)	Himachal Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board, Vipnan Bhawan, Khalini, Shimla-2	Public Information Officer (At Board Level),Jurisdiction: Whole of H.P.	0177-2613347
Secretary, APMC, Shimla & Kinnaur	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, S&K at Dhalli Shimla-171012	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level), Jurisdiction: Distt. Shimla & Kinnaur	0177-2841167 0177-2640287
Secretary, APMC, Solan	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Solan	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level), Jurisdiction: Distt. Solan & Rajgarh Teh. of Sirmour	01792-230458 01792-231107
Secretary, APMC, Bilaspur	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Bilaspur	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level), Jurisdiction: Distt. Bilaspur	01978-221282 01978-222692
Secretary, APMC, Hamirpur	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Hamirpur at Dosarka	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level), Jurisdiction: Distt. Hamirpur	01972-258413 01792-259326
Secretary, APMC, Mandi	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Mandi at Kangni	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level), Jurisdiction: Distt. Mandi	01905-200440
Secretary, APMC, Una	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Una	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level), Jurisdiction: Distt. Una	01975-227802 01975-225097
Secretary, APMC, Kullu & Lahaul-Spiti	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Kullu	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level), Jurisdiction: Distt. Kullu & Lahaul-Spiti	01902-222208 01902-226717
Secretary, APMC, Sirmour	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Sirmour at Paonta Sahib	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level) Jurisdiction: Distt. Sirmour except Rajgarh Tehsil	01704-222381 01704-222381
Secretary, APMC, Kangra	Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Kangra	Public Information Officer (PIO) (at APMC Level), Jurisdiction: Distt. Kangra	01892-265195

Name of the Officer	Address	Designation	Phone Nos.
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(xvii) Such other information as may be prescribed and thereafter update these publications every year;

Following activities are also undertaken by the Board and APMCs in the State:

1. Construction of Market Yards. Taking into consideration the need to develop the markets all over the State, the Board is undertaking State level planning and execution of construction work of market yards to create infrastructural facilities like- shop-cum-godowns, auction platform, farmer's rest houses, internal roads, compound wall, drinking water facilities, canteen banking facilities etc. The efforts are being made to provide marketing facilities to the growers near to their farms.

2. Modernization and expansion of existing market yards. The most of the principal market yards/sub yards constructed by the Board/Market Committees lack the modern marketing facilities and are congested. There is an urgent need to expand the handling capacity and provide modern marketing facilities. The H.P. State Agricultural Marketing Board has already taken initiative to expand and modernize the different marketing yards in the state. The Principal Market yards, Dhalli (Shimla) is being taken up in the first phase.

3. Construction of Link Roads. In the absence of proper roads, farmers are compelled to sell their produce to local traders or they have to carry it to road heads on head or by mules, which substantially increases the marketing cost. To overcome this obstacle, the Board is constructing link roads so that farmer could bring their produce to the market throughout the year under all weather conditions.

4. Construction of Ropeways. Due to difficult terrain the construction of road is very difficult and more expensive in hilly areas. The Board is constructing ropeways to link these areas to road head. The ropeways require less time and money to install.

There is proposal for taking up this activity on large scale as there is lot of scope of this activity in hilly areas of H.P.

5. Strengthening of farmer through Market Information. To establish a nation-wide information network for speedy collection and dissemination of market information and data for its efficient and timely utilization & to facilitate collection and dissemination of information related to better price realization by the farmers, ministry of Agriculture Govt. of India, has launched the ICT based Central Sector Scheme of Agricultural Marketing Information Network (AGMARKNET). Market information is needed by farmers in planning production and marketing, and equally needed by other market participants in arriving at optimal trading decisions. The existence and dissemination of complete and accurate marketing information is the key to achieve both operational and pricing efficiency in the marketing system. Advancement in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has made the world a smaller place and a larger market at one go. On AGMARKNET portal (<http://agmarknet.nic.in>) over 300 plus markets are regularly reporting price related which is being disseminated through the portal. 14 nodes of Himachal Pradesh are also sending the data to this portal. Any farmer/ orchardist can access the rates of their produce in the markets of the country by only clicking on this website. The AGMARKNET portal also serves as a single window for accessing websites of various organizations concerned with agricultural marketing. It provides weekly trend analysis for important markets in respect of major commodities. It is also linked with Online Commodity Exchange of India Limited, providing futures prices in respect of oilseeds, fiber crops etc. International price-trends of various agricultural commodities available on FAO website are also accessible through the portal. The portal is constantly being enriched. In order to facilitate market access of farm produce to larger markets, the proposed scheme will additionally provide information on market requirements in terms of quality, packing, standards, sanitary and phyto-sanitary conditions, etc. The scope of data collection and dissemination will be enlarged to provide farmers information regarding pack-size, packaging material and marketing charges in a market where goods are to be delivered, facilities available to farmers in a buying market, re-handling of the produce, if necessary, in the destination market to suit the requirements of the market buyers and rules and regulations of the destination market, if located outside the State. Promotion of nationally and internationally acceptable standards of grading and standardization, packaging and labeling, storage and warehousing and sanitary and phyto-sanitary requirements and quality certification in farm sector will enable trade and processing sector to undertake large scale agricultural marketing operations in domestic as well as international markets.

The information relating to the schemes in respect of agricultural marketing implemented by Government Departments and central agencies viz. Commerce, Food and Public Distribution, Consumer Affairs, Health and CCI, JCI, NCDC, NAFED, NTGF, TRIFED, NCCF, NDDB, NHB, APEDA, MPEDA will also be disseminated in user-friendly manner. An e-directory of AGMARKNET nodes will be published over the portal to facilitate effective and timely exchange of information among markets and other users. Once the farm produce is standardized and labeled, backed by quality certification, it can be directly offered for sale on web site in national and international markets.

6. Construction of Collection Centers. Due to hilly terrain, the producing areas are scattered in small units. Generally the means of transport are not readily and easily available in such areas. Farmers bring their produce to the roadside and keep on waiting for the transport and traders. Since there is no facility for the protection of agricultural produce, it remains open to vagaries of weather, theft etc. To save the farmer from such losses, a scheme to construct collection centers at strategic points has been started.
7. Farmer's awareness Camps. Farmers are not getting adequate yields and returns in relation to their hard work due to inadequate knowledge about post harvest handling and marketing. Thus, farmer's awareness camps are being organized to make them aware of post harvest management, agricultural marketing, market regulation etc. Each training camp comprises of 100 farmers. The officials of H.P. Marketing Board, Market Committees, Agriculture and Horticulture departments Agriculture/ Horticulture University etc. also participate in these camps as resource personnel.
8. Farmer Exposure Visits. Agricultural universities and related institutes throughout the country are constantly developing improved and scientific techniques of post harvest management. By and large, the farmers in the adjoining areas of these institutes/ organizations are availing these opportunities. Not only their crop yield has increased but their income has also increased significantly. But the located at distant places are not able to reap the benefits of technology advancement. Therefore, it is necessary to expose these farmers to such technology advancement by taking them to such centers of excellence. Keeping in view these facts, Board has started organizing Farmers Exposure visits with the help of National Horticulture Board.
9. Distribution of Plastic crates. Fruits and Vegetables are highly perishable in nature. The post harvest losses to fruits and vegetables are estimated to the extent of 8 to 37%. Use of improper packaging material is one of the reasons for these losses. In general bamboo baskets, gunny bags or wooden boxes are used for packaging, which not only affects the quality of the produce adversely, but also puts pressure on the forest. It is, therefore, necessary to encourage farmers to adopt new packaging material. Keeping in view these facts, plastic crates are distributed among farmers on subsidized rates with the help of National Horticulture Board. These crates are light in weight occupy less space, sturdy, durable and smooth surface. These can be used for collecting, grading and for temporary storage.
10. Market News Service. Market news helps the farmers to take decisions about when and how much of a commodity to produce, when and where to sell it etc. Mostly the farmers in the state are poor with meager no resources and are not aware of market information. They have to depend upon local traders, commission agents etc. for market information who purchase their produce for below the prevailing market rates. In order to avoid the exploitation of farmers, daily market rates of 24 agricultural commodities prevailing in 10 markets of the state are being collected by the market committees and are being broadcasted through AIR, Shimla/ Doordarshan.

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11. E-National Agricultural Market Scheme;

This scheme has been launched by the GoI w.e.f. 14.4.2016 in the Contry. 19 existing Markets of Himachal Pradesh has been taken under this scheme and more 10 market yards have been proposed to be included in future. In the existing 19 markets on line trade is done for the welfare of the farming community of the State and payment is ensured through eNAM portal.

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