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POLICY DOCUMENT

AGRICULTURAL MARKET REFORM ACT, 2024

PART I: CONSENSUS STATUS

Metric	Score	Target	Status
Citizen Satisfaction	68.5%	$\geq 75\%$	✗ NEEDS REVISION
Government Viability	72.0%	$\geq 80\%$	✗ NEEDS REVISION
Iterations Completed	2	≤ 3	✓ WITHIN LIMIT

PART II: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following eligibility criteria have been determined based on citizen feedback and government analysis:

- All agricultural landholders with valid land records
- Registered farmer cooperatives and farmer producer organizations (FPOs)
- Licensed agricultural traders with APMC registration
- Contract farming companies registered under the Companies Act, 2013
- Small and marginal farmers (land holding ≤ 2 hectares) receive priority benefits

PART III: BENEFITS SUMMARY

Citizens meeting the above criteria shall be entitled to the following benefits:

- Direct market access to pan-India buyers without mandi intermediaries
- Zero tax on first $\text{₹}10$ lakh of direct sales annually
- Government-backed crop insurance at subsidized premiums

4. Access to cold storage facilities at concessional rates
5. Digital platform for price discovery and buyer matching
6. Dispute resolution within 30 days through designated authorities

PART IV: POLICY INTERPRETATION

Original Policy Statement:

"Allow farmers to sell produce directly to private corporations outside government mandis. Remove essential commodity limits. Enable contract farming with pre-agreed prices."

Simplified Interpretation:

This policy aims to provide farmers with greater market access while maintaining essential protections. Key provisions include: 1. Farmers may sell directly to registered buyers outside mandis, with mandatory digital price disclosure 2. Essential commodity limits apply to hoarding quantities exceeding 1000 quintals 3. Contract farming agreements must include minimum support price (MSP) guarantees 4. A dispute resolution mechanism with 30-day timeline is established 5. Small farmers (under 2 hectares) receive priority access to government procurement

PART V: CITIZEN ADVOCACY SUMMARY

The following concerns were raised by citizen representatives during the consultation process:

Key concerns raised by citizen representatives: - Small farmers fear exploitation by large corporations without MSP protection - Auto drivers and daily wage workers worry about food price volatility - Business owners support deregulation but want stable supply chains - Retired persons on fixed income need price stability assurances - College students concerned about long-term environmental impact

PART VI: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

The following analysis was provided by the Senate Advisory Committee:

Economic Analysis: Potential GDP growth of 1.2% if implemented with safeguards. Constitutional Review: Article 19(1)(g) compliance achieved with dispute mechanism. Social Impact: Requires MSP floor to prevent farmer exploitation. Recommendation: Proceed with phased implementation starting with pilot states.

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Iteration: 2 | Citizen Score: 68.5% | Senate Score: 72.0%

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