

Agricultural Produce Markets in Assam:-

Agricultural produce markets in Assam are controlled by three different agencies. These are: (i) Regulated markets by Regulated Market Committees coming under Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board (ASAMB); (ii) Weekly rural haats managed by Village Panchayats, Anchalik Panchayat or Zila Parishad and (iii) Town Committees and Municipal Markets, operated and managed by Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). Moreover, a few markets are run by individual/group of individuals which may be termed as Private Markets. Such markets are fully controlled and managed by the private entities.

- ❖ The Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972 came into force in the State in 1977.
- ❖ The Act was amended in 1983, 2000 and 2006 to incorporate various provisions as per need of time.
- ❖ However, the Govt. in a bid to make the AAPM Act more vibrant and effective befitting to modern needs, has redrafted the Act under the name and style of '**The Assam Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation & Development) Act, 2012**' which is now in the public domain for suggestions etc. It is expected to be enacted within a very short time.
- ❖ The Market Board was constituted vide Govt. notification No.AGA/616/75/90 dated 24/09/1976 and the first meeting was held on 26-02-77.
- ❖ The present Board was constituted vide Govt. Notification No.AGA.337/2001/Pt/161, dated 1st March, 2016.

- ❖ The AAPM Act is implemented throughout the state of Assam except 2 hill district under Autonomous Council- (1) KarbiAnglongand (2) Dima Hasao.
- ❖ So far 20 nos. of PMYs and 206 nos. of SMYs are declared under this Act.
- ❖ 35 nos. of markets with infrastructure are established by the RMCs in its own land.
- ❖ Auction platform = 465 nos.
- ❖ Drying platform = 38 nos.
- ❖ Market shed = 97 nos.
- ❖ Retailer shed = 40 nos.
- ❖ Cattle shed = 20 nos.
- ❖ Assortment shed = 5 nos.
- ❖ Traders' shop = 9 nos.
- ❖ Marketing & selling complex = 22 nos.
- ❖ Veg. packaging shed = 2 nos.
- ❖ Godowns = 65 nos. (Capacity = 46,775 MT)
- ❖ Cold storage = 4 nos. (Capacity = 6,500 MT)
- ❖ Sale counter of agri. produce = 11 nos.
- ❖ KrishakorDokan (Farmers' shop) = 5 nos. (Guwahati city)