

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# GS PAPER (PRELIMS) & GS PAPER III (MAIN)

## LEAD ARTICLE



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### REPORT OF SC APPOINTED COMMITTEE ON FARM LAWS

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Recently, the Supreme Court Appointed Committee on farm laws has made its report public. According to this committee, more than 85% of the farmers in India supported the Farm laws introduced by the Government. Hence, the repeal of these farm laws has gone against the

interests of "silent majority" who had supported these marketing reforms.

Keeping in mind the importance of agricultural marketing from the perspective of UPSC Prelims and Mains, we would focus on the following dimensions:

- Importance of Agricultural Marketing
- Problems with Agricultural Marketing
- Critical Analysis of the 3 farm Acts (now repealed)
- Observations and Recommendations of SC appointed Committee
- Way Forward

#### A Timeline of SC Appointed Committee on Farm Laws



#### IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING

##### Importance:

- Enables the farmers to buy agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, seeds etc. at affordable prices.
- Provides price signals to the farmers with respect to planning for sowing of crops.
- An integrated domestic marketing system would considerably reduce the price variations in the agricultural commodities across India.

- 25 to 30 % of fruit and vegetables and 8 to 10 % of food grains are wasted annually due to lack of post-harvest losses.

#### PROBLEMS WITH AGRICULTURAL MARKETING IN INDIA

Agricultural is a subject placed under State List and accordingly, most of the State governments have enacted the Agricultural Produce Market Regulation Act (APMC Act) to regulate marketing.