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#Thread: 3 Farmers Bills (Original Lok Sabha Copies):

Explained in the easiest manner clause by clause. Must read for all.

#FarmBill2020



1. THE FARMERS (EMPOWERMENT AND PROTECTION AGREEMENT ON PRICE ASSURANCE AND FARM SERVICES BILL, 2020

Farmers can make agreements to sell crops (1.1)

Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020

SECTION 3

Agreement and duration

- Farmer can enter into Agreement related to any crop.
- Agreement may contain conditions of supply, quality, grade, standards, price, farm services etc.
- Farmer cannot enter a agreement where rights of sharecropper (who maintains farm for owner) is abused.

LIBERTY TO MAKE AGREEMENTS FOR CROP SELLING

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Quality of crops can be included in the agreement (1.2)

Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020

SECTION 4

Quality of crop

- Quality, standards and grades mentioned in agreement may be dependant on Agricultural practices, agricultural or climate factors.
- Pesticide, food safety, labour, social, good farming practices can also be included.
- Assessment of quality, grade, standards may be done by 3rd party.

QUALITY OF CROP FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT

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Price calculation (1.3)

Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020

SECTION 5

Price of crop

- Price of crop can be included in agreement.
- If price varies according to conditions then,
 - Guaranteed price should be paid
 - Clear reference for Bonus & Premium according to APMC yard prices or trading platform prices or benchmark price practices to ensure best value to farmers.

THIS ENSURES BEST PRICE TO FARMERS

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Sale of crop and payment (1.4)

Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020

SECTION 6

Sale of crop

- Delivery of crop will be taken by party from the gate of farm and within specified time.
- Party should inspect the crop there itself otherwise it will be said inspected and there will be no chance to argue.
- Payment should be given at the time of delivery only.

NO ISSUE IN SALE & PAYMENT

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Exclusion in the stock limit and state laws (1.5)

Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020

SECTION 7

Exemption from laws

- Crop under agreements made under this act is exempted from state laws of sale and purchase.
- Stock limit law shall not apply to crop under agreements. (Except Essential Commodity act)

NO SALE - PURCHASE AND STOCK LIMIT

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In any case, even crop failure no sale of farmer's land (1.6)

Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020

SECTION 8

No sale of farmers land

- Agreements can't be made for sale, lease or mortgage of land or premises.
- Any structure formation or modification in land is not allowed. unless party agrees to remove structure or restore the land at its own cost within completion of agreement.
- If structure is not removed within specified time then structure is farmer's property.

PARTY CAN'T TAKE LAND OF FARMERS

6

Insurance on the agreement is allowed (1.7)

Insurance of agreement

- **Agreements can be linked with insurance schemes provided by state, central government or others.**

AGREEMENT WITH INSURANCE

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Intermediate persons are allowed in the agreement (1.8)

Other parties in agreement

- **Intermediary between farmer and main party or any farm service provider can be part of agreement.**

INTERMEDIARY CAN BE PARTY IN AGREEMENT

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The agreement can be modified or terminated (1.9)

Termination / modification of agreement

- **Agreement can be mutually terminated or modified.**

EASY ALTER & END OF AGREEMENT

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Specific registry for the agreement storage (1.10)

Registration of agreements

- **State government should create Registry for electronic storage of agreements.**

REGISTRY OF AGREEMENTS

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An internal settlement of dispute is allowed (1.11)

Settlement of Dispute

- **Creation of Settlement Board as per share in agreement.**
- **Board will try to settle the dispute.**
- **If dispute is settled then Settlement document will be made and signed.**

INTERNAL SETTLEMENT FIRST

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In either case of dispute, the farmer is at the better end of the bargain (1.12)

Settlement of Dispute by Authority

- **If dispute is not settled by internal board in 30 days or agreement doesn't say about internal board → anyone can approach SDM.**
- **SDM will create settlement board if not created earlier. If no results then SDM will solve the case in 30 days.**
 - **If Party is guilty → recovery amount 1.5 times.**
 - **If farmer is guilty → recovery amount same as original.**
 - **If agreement is wrong or due to some extraordinary activity → no action against farmer.**

SPECIAL TREATMENT TO FARMERS IN DISPUTE

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2. THE FARMERS' PRODUCE TRADE AND COMMERCE (PROMOTION AND FACILITATION) BILL, 2020

Sale of the crop across India is allowed (2.1)

THE FARMERS' PRODUCE TRADE AND COMMERCE BILL, 2020

SECTION 3-4

Inter-state and Intra-state trade

- Anyone can trade farm product anywhere across India.
- Trader should have PAN number or required document. Central govt may provide system for registration of trader.
- Payment of the trade should be done within 3 days but receipt should be given on same day.

**SELL ANYWHERE ACROSS INDIA
GET PAYMENT IN 3 DAYS.**

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A new platform for trading crops and no cess, marketing fees on trading (2.2)

THE FARMERS' PRODUCE TRADE AND COMMERCE BILL, 2020

SECTION 5-6-7

Electronic platform, no tax or cess

- Anyone can start electronic trading platform with specified norms. Central govt may provide rules for this.
- No cess, market fee should be applied on trades.
- Central govt may develop price intelligence system and can collect information about price when required.

NO ADDITIONAL STATE TAX.

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The dispute in trading will be easily resolved (2.3)

THE FARMERS' PRODUCE TRADE AND COMMERCE BILL, 2020

SECTION 8-9

Dispute resolution

- In case of dispute settlement board will be made by SDM, every party will have equal representation.
- If dispute settled all should sign settlement document.
- SDM can pass order for penalty, recovery or trader's suspension. Option of appeal is also available.
- Govt agency can suspend the license of trader.
- All the orders have same effect as Civil Court.

QUICK DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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Huge penalties for bad practices (2.4)

THE FARMERS' PRODUCE TRADE AND COMMERCE BILL, 2020

SECTION 11

Penalties

- For Trader : 25,000/- to 5,00,000/-
- For electronic platform holder : 50,000/- to 10,00,000/-

PENALTIES TO TRADERS

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3. THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

Now the price of farm products can't be controlled by the government. (3.1) by @_Shahharsh

The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020

BEFORE

**Central Government
can control production,
supply, distribution
of any essential
commodity.**

AFTER

**Central Government
can control production,
supply, distribution
of any essential
commodity.**

**Only in war, famine,
natural calamity, huge
price rise. That too
with conditions.**

SO PRICE OF COMMODITIES WILL NOT BE CONTROLLED BY GOVT