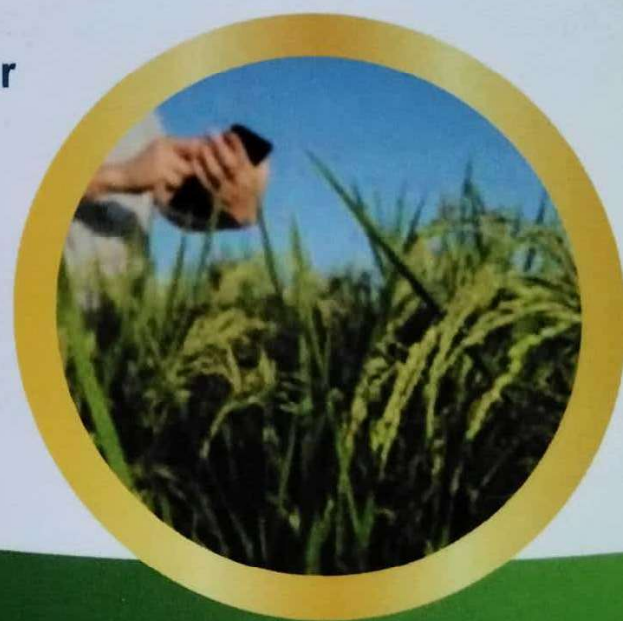
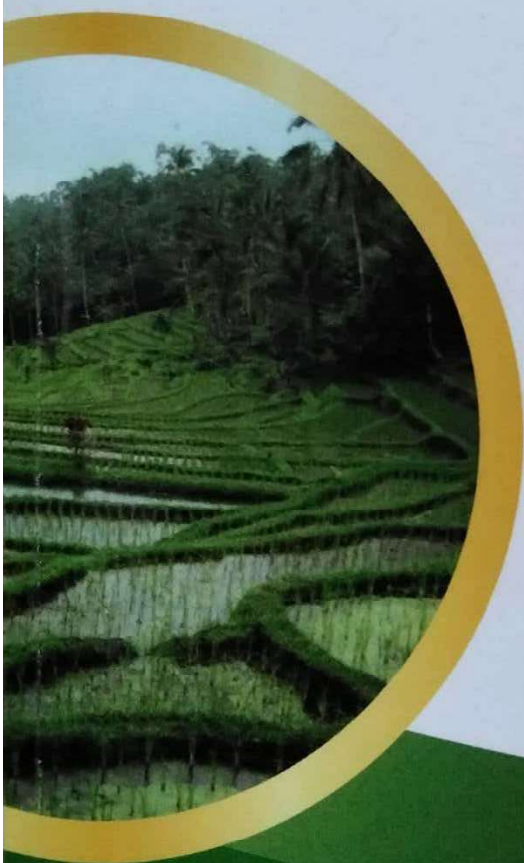




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### **Introduction**

To protect the farmers' interests and to ensure adequate availability of food grains for official procurement from the unfair practices by private grain traders, a large number of restrictions were imposed by the central and state government. However, excessive regulations of domestic marketing had resulted in increased marketing costs, risks and uncertainty, which impacted the performance of agriculture sector. Excessive regulations dampen growth through suppressing competition in the market. Further, India has achieved food security at the national level through its interventionist policies in input and output markets. However, it is not sustainable to continue with controlled markets for long time. To achieve higher growth and move the sector in long term sustainable growth trajectory, market reforms in agriculture need to be undertaken. As a result a broad consensus has emerged about the need for reforms in agricultural market policies and quite significant reforms have been implemented in recent years, as part of the ongoing policy reform process in India. In a liberalised trade regime for both domestic and foreign trade, prices stabilise across the states and there are welfare gains to producers, consumers and wholesale traders at the national level. Deregulating domestic trade results in steep decline in government costs of procurement and storage of cereals. Decentralised procurement at market prices for safety net programme can be used in a cost effective manner. Efficient markets encourage efficient allocation of land resources across crops. Better and hindrance-free transportation infrastructure reduces transaction costs of private traders and hence adds to welfare gains.

### **1. National Food Security Mission (NFSM)**

National Food Security Mission (NFSM) was launched in 2007-08 to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> Plan through area expansion and productivity enhancement; restoring soil fertility and productivity; creating employment opportunities; and enhancing farm level



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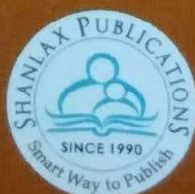
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