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Government looks to integrate 100 more interstate mandis with e-NAM

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Synopsis

E-NAM, which was launched in April 2016, is being implemented by the Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium, a central government agency, with the support of state governments. Since its inception, the minister said, about Rs 649.87 crore had been released for the integration of mandis with the e-NAM platform, the minister had said.



The government is looking at integrating 100 more interstate mandis with the <u>Electronic National Agriculture Market</u> (e-NAM), to promote trade between the wholesale markets.

"We are focusing more on integrating interstate mandis now," said a senior official.

The trade between interstate mandis on e-NAM increased to 3,929 quintals during April 2022 to January 2023 from just one quintal a year earlier. In the first 10

months of fiscal 2023, the value of interstate trade was Rs 1.87 crore, against the overall trade of Rs 61,257 crore on e-NAM.

As on November 30, 2022, as many as 1,260 mandis in 22 states and three union territories have been integrated with e-NAM platform, agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar had earlier told the Lok Sabha.

These states/UTs are: Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, <u>Himachal Pradesh</u>, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, <u>Madhya Pradesh</u>, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, <u>Tamil Nadu</u>, Telangana, Tripura, <u>Uttar Pradesh</u>, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir and Puducherry.

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Currently, the e-NAM platform is integrating existing physical wholesale mandis or markets of different states and UTs to facilitate online trading of agricultural commodities through transparent price discovery method to help farmers realise better remunerative prices for their produce, he said.

The purpose of e-NAM is to create a network of existing mandis on a common online market platform as 'One Nation, One Market' for agricultural commodities in India.