



The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board A PROFILE



The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board (ASAMB), Guwahati was established on 1976, under Section 3 of the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972.

The Regulated Market Scheme of agricultural produce— a mechanism to control the prices of agricultural produce so that the farmers can get a remunerative price in a market set up under the scheme with a provision for open auction and storage coupled with the facilities of grading, standardisation and packaging, prevalent in other parts of the country since before independence was introduced in the state very late.

Objectives:

As per the provision of the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972, the Board shall perform the following functions and shall have power to do such things as may be necessary or expedient for carrying out these functions.

- ❖ To coordinate the functioning of the Market Committees including programmes undertaken by such Market Committees for the development of markets and market areas.
- ❖ To undertake State level planning of the development of agricultural produce markets.
- ❖ To maintain and administer the Marketing Board Fund.
- ❖ To give advise to Market Committees in general or any Market Committee in particular with a view to ensuring improvement in functioning thereof.
- ❖ To supervise and guide the Market Committees in preparation of plans and estimates of construction programme undertaken by them.
- ❖ To make necessary arrangements for propaganda and publicity on matters relating to marketing of agricultural produce.

- ❖ To grant subventions or loans to Market Committees for the purposes of this Act on such terms and conditions as it may determine.
- ❖ To arrange or organise seminars, workshops, exhibitions on subject relating to agricultural marketing.
- ❖ To do such other things as may be of general interest relating to marketing of agricultural produce.
- ❖ To carry out any other function specifically entrusted to it by this Act.
- ❖ To carry out such other functions of like nature as may be entrusted to it by the State Government.

Constitution of the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board:

The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board is committed towards smooth and orderly development of agricultural marketing in the State. The Board is constituted with a Chairman and 17 (seventeen) other members to be nominated by the State Government as follows:

One Chairman	Chairman
Secretary, Agriculture Department, Assam	Member
Director of Agriculture, Assam	Member
Director of Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, Assam	Member
Director of Panchayat, Assam	Member
Director of Municipal Administration, Assam	Member
Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Assam	Member
Representative of the Marketing Adviser, Government of India, posted at Guwahati	Member
One agriculturist member of the Market Committees- to be nominated by the Chairman of the Board	Member
One representative from Agricultural Farming Corporations formed under the Assam Agricultural Farming Corporation Act, 1973	Member
Two progressive producers- to be nominated by the Chairman of the Board	Members
One licensee- to be nominated by the Chairman of the Board	Member
One from amongst the members of the Cooperative Marketing Societies (represented in the Market Committee)- to be nominated by the Chairman of the Board	Member
One trader of Agricultural Produce of a Market Committee to be nominated by the Chairman of the Board	Member
Three nos. of Chairman from the Market Committees to be nominated by the Chairman of the Board	Members
Chief Executive Officer of the Board	Member-Secretary

Functions of the Board:—

- 1) The Board shall subject to the provisions of this Act and without prejudice to the provisions of section 3 (10), perform the following functions and do such things as may be necessary or expedient for carrying out these functions, namely :—

- (i) Coordination of the working of the Market Committees and other affairs thereof including programmes undertaken by such Market Committees for the development of markets and market areas;
 - (ii) Undertake the State level planning of the development of Agricultural produce and Markets;
 - (iii) Administer the Marketing Board Fund;
 - (iv) Giving direction to Market Committees in general or to any Market Committee in particular with a view to ensure improvement thereof;
 - (v) Any other functions specifically entrusted to the Board under this Act;
 - (vi) Any other functions that may be entrusted to the Board by the State Government under this Act.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of the functions of the Board shall be :-
- (i) to approve proposals for selection of new site by the Market Committees for establishment of Principal market yard or sub-market yard;
 - (ii) to approve proposal for constructing infrastructural facilities in the Market area;
 - (iii) to supervise and guide the Market Committees in the preparation of plans and estimates of construction programme undertaken by the Market Committee;
 - (iv) to execute all works chargeable to the Board's fund ;
 - (v) to maintain accounts in such forms as may be formulated and get the same audited;
 - (vi) to set up separate Marketing Extension Cell in the Board for transfer of marketing technology and extension services and also to make necessary arrangement by the Board for propaganda and publicity on matters related to regulated marketing of an Agricultural Produce;
 - (vii) to prepare and adopt annual budget for the ensuing year;
 - (viii) to do such other lawful things as may be considered necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Functions of the Chairman of the Board:—

- (1) The Chairman of the Board shall be responsible for the administration of the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972 as amended from time to time and shall subject to any other provisions as may be prescribed and the bye-laws framed, exercise general control over the employees of the Board and Market Committees.
- (2) The other powers and functions of the Chairman shall be such as may be prescribed.

Organisational Setup:—

Assam State Agricultural Market Board				
↓ Chairman				
↓ Chief Executive Officer				
Development	Engineering	Establishment	Accounts	Publicity
Deputy Secretary	Executive Engineer	Administrative Officer	Chief Accounts Officer	Publicity Officer
Marketing Officer	Asstt. Executive Engineer	Asstt. Administrative Officer	Sr. Audit Officer	Asstt. Liaison Officer / Asstt. Publicity Officer
Asstt. Marketing Officer	Asstt. Engineer		Accounts Officer / Audit Officer	
Other Assistants	Other Assistants	Other Assistants	Other Assistants	Other Assistants

Source of Income of the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board:—

As per Section 3D of the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972 (as amended up to 2000), every Market Committee shall pay to the Board 50% of its annual gross income derived from licence fee and cess as contribution to meet the expenses of establishment of the Board and execution of works as may be directed by the Government from time to time for carrying out the purposes of this Act and for execution of other functions assigned to the Board under this Act including the maintenance of pool of officers common to Board and Market Committee. 50% of this amount shall be transferred from the Marketing Board Fund to a separate account known as **Agricultural Development Fund** to meet the expenditure for such schemes or items for the development of Agricultural Produce and Markets as may be approved by a Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board as Chairman; Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Agriculture Department, Director of Agriculture, Assam, Chief Engineer, Agriculture, Assam as Members and the Chief Executive Officer of the Board as Member-Secretary.

Regulation:—

Agricultural Produce means all produce (whether processed or not) of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, pisciculture, sericulture and forest. Following agricultural commodities have been specified by notification by the Govt. under Sec 4(1) of the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972.

Jute (baled and un-baled), Cotton (ginned and un-ginned); Cereals like— Paddy, Rice, Muri, Chira, Khai, Wheat and wheat products, Maize, other Millets, Paddy husk, Rice brand and polished, Wheat brand and polished; Pulses— like Matikalai or Matimah, Mug, Arhar, Peas, Gram, Musur; Oil seed like— Sesamum or Till, Mustard, Linseed, Castor seed, Cotton seed, Coconut, Tisi; Narcotics— Tobacco; Fruits like— Mandarin, Lime, Lemon, Mussambi, Valencia, Grape fruits, other Citrus, Banana, Papaya, Guava, Jackfruits, Mango, Plum,

Peaches, Pears, Apples, Pineapples, Bel, Blackberry, Rose apple, Sapeta, Melon, Tamarind; Vegetables like— Potato, Sweet potato, Onion, Tomato, Leafy and fresh vegetables, Yam; Animal husbandry products like— Eggs, Poultry, Cattle, Sheep, Horse, Goat, Buffaloes, Milk, Butter and Cream, Ghee, Wool, Hide and Skin; Condiments and Spices like— Turmeric (whole and powdered), Ginger, Garlic, Coriander, Chillies (Dry and Green), Cardamoms and Black pepper, Betel nuts, Betel leaves, Cashew nuts, Methi, Jira, Dhania, Gur; All types of Fish (excluding canned fish); Forest products like— Lac, Gum, Timber, Sugarcane, Bamboo, Cane; Sericultural products like— Eri, Muga and Pat.

The Regulated Market Committees are established for regulating the marketing of specified agricultural produces and to establish Regulated Market in the notified market areas or any part thereof. Within a notified market area, no Local Authority or other person shall set up, establish or continue, or allow to be set up, established, or continue, any place for the purpose of sale of any specified agricultural produce except the produce of such producer who himself is its seller and the purchaser is a person, who purchases such produce for his own private consumption or if such agricultural produce is sold by retail sale to a person for own private consumption.

Licensing of Market functionaries:—

Under Section 13(2) of the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972, licence is issued to the market functionaries like Traders, Commission Agents, Brokers, Weighmen, Measurers, Surveyors, Warehousemen etc., for doing their business in a market area, by the concerned Regulated Market Committee on payment of such fees as prescribed.

Summarised Receipt & Expenditure Statement of ASAMB for the year 2004-05:—

RECEIPT			EXPENDITURE		
Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1	Opening Balance	11,82,10,496.38	1	Maintenance & Administration	2,92,77,640.00
2	Collection of Cess	10,88,07,387.00	2	Refund of Cess	12,84,49,842.00
3	Contribution	7,75,55,180.00	3	Loan and advances	1,32,83,610.00
4	Misc. Receipt	1,60,68,169.00	4	C.P.F. Contribution	80,41,424.00
5	Other receipt	18,62,253.00	5	Infrastructure facilities	2,42,19,308.00
6	Recovery of Loan & Advances	15,05,056.70	6	Grants in aid	53,58,072.00
7	Central Assistance	14,25,000.00	7	Disaster management/Relief fund	19,66,058.00
8	N.E.C.	1,50,00,000.00	8	Other Expenditure	77,45,955.10
9	Spices Board	30,00,000.00	9	Closing Balance	12,50,91,632.98
Total =		34,34,33,542.08	Total =		34,34,33,542.08

Bank Loans, Central Assistance, Grants in Aid etc. received by the ASAMB from 2002-2003 to 2004-2005:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Remarks
1	Grants in Aid received from the NEC	3,21,49,000.00	Amount received against the Singimari Wholesale Market (with 2000 MT capacity Cold Storage) Project.
2	Bank Loans	1,56,98,712.00	Bank loan availed for the construction of Rural Godowns.
3	Central Assistance received from DMI	1,48,75,000.00	Amount received against the Scheme of Technology Mission (MM- III) and MRIN Schemes.
4	Grants in Aid received from the Spices Board	30,00,000.00	Amount received against the Cold Storage cum Warehouse Project at Byrnihat.
Total =		6,57,22,712.00	

Market Extension Services towards the Farming Community of Assam

A. Agricultural Marketing Information Network:

Lack of proper market information is another hurdle to the poor farmers to get the better return of their produces. Complete knowledge of market and marketing information has not only help the farmers to arrive at a decision for selling of his produce but it plays a key role in future planning of marketing of produces both at personal level and State level. Recent advancement of Information Technology has brought the world to us expanding the field of trade and commerce.

(i) AGMARKNET:

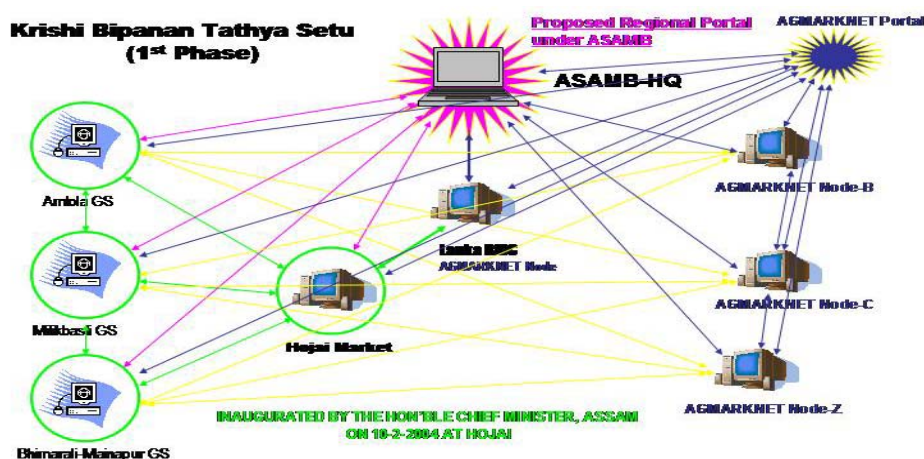
The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has participated in AGMARKNET scheme of the Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Govt. of India. The DMI is establishing a comprehensive Market Information Network in the country. This network is used to upload daily arrival and price information of Regulated Markets to the national portal developed by DMI. The daily arrival and price information at major markets of various States is made available through this portal. Under this scheme DMI is provided one Computer, Modem, UPS, necessary software and one Dot Matrix Printer to 13 nos. of Market Committees and the Board in two phases. Almost all the computers have been made functional and data exchange has been started on regular basis. Another 10 nos RMCS have been selected for the purpose in third phase.

Sl. No.	Computer Nodes	Phase	Status
1.	Market Board's Head Office at Guwahati	First Phase	Monitoring
2.	Guwahati Sub-divisional Market Committee	First Phase	Functioning
3.	Darrang Dist. Regulated Market Committee	First Phase	functioning
4.	Dhubri Dist. Regulated Market Committee	First Phase	Functioning
5.	Baharihat Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
6.	Cachar Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
7.	Dhing Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
8.	Golaghat Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
9.	Howly Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
10.	Jorhat Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
11.	Lanka Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
12.	Dhemaji Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
13.	Srirampur Check Gate	Second Phase	Functioning to be started shortly
14.	Tinsukia Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Second Phase	Functioning
15.	Bongaigaon Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
16.	Goalpara Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
17.	Rangia Sub-div. Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
18.	Sonitpur Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
19.	Hailakandi Dist Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
20.	Karimganj Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
21.	Nalbari Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
22.	North Lakhimpur Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
23.	Dibrugarh Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
24.	Sivasagar Dist. Regulated Market Committee	Fourth Phase	Hardware received
Regulated Market Committee(s) to be covered in Fifth Phase			
25	Morigaon District Regulated Market Committee	Fifth Phase	Proposal sent to Govt. of India

(ii) Krishi Bipanan Tathya Setu (KBTS) :

The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board further has felt that the expansion of IT network to the grass-root level, i.e. producers' level will give boost to the farmers in getting market related information at their doorstep and thus the farmers will be well benefited in the IT scheme. In view of the above, the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has launched a scheme 'Krishi Bipanan Tathya Setu' in 2004 of its own, apart from 'Agmarknet' scheme of the Govt. of India. It is aimed to link major agricultural producing areas of the State and the market-yards with its proposed own Website for providing the farmers with the market trend and demand of their produces. The scheme has already been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam Shri Tarun Gogoi on February 10, 2004 at Hojai under Lanka

Regulated Market Committee. In the first phase, 3 Growers' Societies of Hojai area under Lanka RMC are connected with Hojai market. There is a plan for extension of the Scheme to cover more Regulated Market Committees during the Five-Year Plan Period (2002-2007) as adopted by the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board and set up its own portal for the benefit of all concerned in this line.



(iii) Launching of the Website of the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board:

Market information is needed by farmers in planning production and marketing, and equally needed by other market participants in arriving at optimal trading decisions. The existence and dissemination of complete and accurate marketing information is the key to achieve both operational and pricing efficiency in the marketing system. Advancement in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has made the world a smaller place and a larger market at one go. To fully utilise the new emerging trade opportunities for the benefit of farming community, there is a felt need to establish an ICT based 'Agricultural Marketing Information Network' in the country.

The scenario of agricultural marketing of Assam as well as the North-East region is different from other developed states of the Country. Our agricultural markets are scattered and not well organised yet. In Assam, AGMARKNET scheme, launched under the ICT based Central Sector Scheme of Agricultural Marketing Information Network by the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, has covered only the Market Committee offices. All the major portion of agricultural marketing, the actual markets and the grass-root level of the agricultural marketing i.e. the real growers of the agricultural produces, remained beyond the reach of this scheme. There is no scope for sending market information of more than one market from an Agmarknet node i.e. from a Regulated Market Committee office to the Agmarknet portal. But in Assam under a Regulated Market Committee there are more than one agricultural produce markets. So, under Agmarknet scheme the scope for disseminating/reflecting actual market information is very little.

In view of the above fact, the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has launched a scheme called 'Krishi Bipanan Tathya Setu' (KBTS), in December, 2003, in addition to the central sector scheme AGMARKNET, to link the agricultural producing areas of the State with local markets and the markets outside the State covered under AGMARKNET. Under this scheme a bi-lingual (English and Assamese) Website with the Domain Name 'www.asamb.com' is being setup by the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board through Assam Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (AMTRON), a State Government undertaking organisation, which will reflect all the activities of the Board and the Regulated Market Committees there under, including daily market prices of the specified agricultural produces at the markets covered under Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972. The Web site will contain detail information (including map) of the markets- e.g. information on road link, railway-linkage, major mode of transportation, banking, hotel facilities and all other facilities available in the markets etc. The Web site, proposed to be launched by August, 2005, will also publish various Sections of the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972- related to the Traders, Growers and other market functionaries.

(iv) Publication of 'Bipanan Vartaa', the in-house journal of Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board:

The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board starts publishing a monthly in-house journal in the name of 'Bipanan Vartaa', for dissemination of market-related information for the benefit of the market functionaries and all concerned from the month of April, 2005.

B. Formation of Growers' Society:

The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has drawn up a policy to form Growers' Society in all parts of the State through the Regulated Market Committees and to register them under the Market Board to streamline the unorganised manner of Agricultural Marketing and reap out the benefits of Regulated Market scheme. There are 80 nos. of registered Growers' Societies till now under the Regulated Market Committees. As a measure to provide marketing support to the farming community, the Board evolved the schemes of providing transport subsidies and Packaging devices through the registered Growers' Societies.

(a) Transport Subsidy:

To bear the share of transportation cost of the farmers in carrying the specified Agricultural produces from farm gate to market yards, the Board has taken steps for releasing 30% Transport Subsidy to the Growers' Societies through the Regulated Market Committees on standard rate of transportation both for road and river ways. In the meanwhile another scheme of transport subsidy is in operation at Hojai under Lanka Regulated Market

Committee. A Mini Truck received by Lanka Regulated Market Committee from Nagaon district administration out of untied fund is provided to 4 nos. of registered Growers' Societies of Hojai area for transportation of Agricultural Produces to the markets of their choice for getting higher remunerative prices. At present the vehicle is under the disposal of the following Growers' Societies for transporting Ginger and Turmeric from Hojai area to Kharupetia Market and Vegetables to Hojai Market in return journey.

- (i) Amtola Growers' Society,
- (ii) Milikbasti Growers' Society,
- (iii) Bhimarali-Mainapur Growers' Society ,
- (iv) Singaribasti Growers' Society.

(b) Market intervention by the Regulated Market Committees:

The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has recently proposed to intervene in the marketing of vegetables as a measure to safeguard the very interest of the Vegetables Growers for getting a good share of consumers' rupee by eliminating the involvement of middleman. Initially in this scheme Darrang and Morigaon District Regulated Market Committees will organise the Growers' Societies for pulling out the produces of the members of the Societies and arrange to despatch to selected locations as follows by implementing the scheme of transport subsidy and supply of packaging devices.

- (i) Kharupetia under Darrang DRMC to Jorhat market under Jorhat DRMC.
- (ii) Mairabari under Morigaon DRMC to Duliajan market under Dibrugarh DRMC.

The Jorhat and Dibrugarh District Regulated Market Committees will arrange accommodation and organise Vegetable Traders so that despatched produces from Kharupetia and Moirabari can be disposed properly.

The scheme may be extended to other areas if the experiment is found successful.

(c) Introduction of Auction Method of Sale:

The method of Sale of Agricultural Produces prevailed in the existing Markets of Assam is of mutual negotiation. It creates no competitive environment in the markets in favour of the farmers to cater higher prices of their produce. Hence, to have a competitive market environment, the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has planned to introduce the system of Auction Method of Sale in Markets of Notified Agricultural Produces. In this regard, Farmers' Awareness Programmes are organising by different Regulated Market Committees in different market places. It is felt that the extended support from District Administration in this regard is of utmost necessity to fulfil the objective of the Board for providing financial benefit to the farming community of the State.

Measures adopted for betterment of the Organisation

(i) Adoption of Five Year Plan of the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board:

The increasing trend of Agricultural Production, specially in case of food grains being the most important component of Indian Agrarian Economy, has drawn the attention level marketing system of marketable surplus at both State and National level. The new challenges as emerged one owing to liberalization and globalization has also prescribed in the need of strengthening the Agricultural Marketing System of the States of the entire country.

The Agricultural Marketing System of Assam is some extent different from other States due to deficit production as well as less market arrivals in the markets. Moreover, the total marketable surplus is also found not transacted through the markets. About 70% of the commercial crops like Jute, Mesta etc. out of almost 99% of marketable surplus, 40% of Paddy out of almost 40% of marketable surplus, 50% of Pulses etc. out of 60% of marketable surplus are being transacted either at Farm Gate or at Trader's premises directly.

On the other hand, malpractices are found in the Present System or traditional markets in method of sale, weighing, delivery, payment etc. and a wide difference of Producer's rupee and consumer's rupee is also found in the existing system of Agricultural Marketing. All these bottlenecks and constraints are the major factor of non-receiving the better price by the Producers. Hence, after due consideration of all these factors adverting the interest of Producers the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972 is enforced in the State of Assam for providing better regulation of buying and selling of Agricultural Produces and establishment of Regulated Market in Assam. But due to some hindrances the aims and objects of the said Act has not achieved to that extract. The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has now therefore reviewed the entire progress of works under the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972 and considers the present condition of Agricultural Marketing System in Assam it is decided to develop the marketing system under the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1972 by formulating a Five-Year Plan and through its execution within the stipulated period.

B. Computerisation of the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board:

In present day context, computerisation of an organisation is a felt necessity. Computerisation will not only boost the performance of the employees in speedy disposal of the affairs of the organisation but also facilitate in keeping various data and information in a most scientific manner. After computerisation, all records will remain updated every day and will be readily available for all purposes.

For efficient and better functioning of the organisation, the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has decided to fully computerise the organisation. The ASAMB has already entrusted the job to M/S Powershift, Guwahati for developing a package of computer software, suitable for the activities of the organisation and the software is in the process of finalisation.

Regulated Market Committee Profile

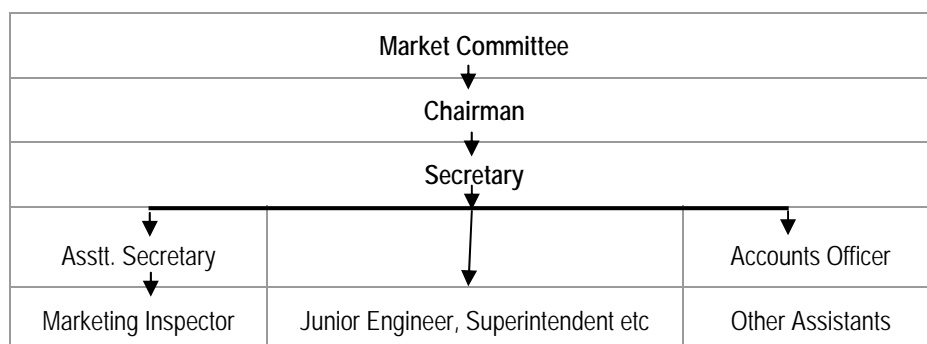
In 1972 the Assam Agricultural Produce Market Act was passed by the State Legislative Assembly and from 1976 the Regulated Market Scheme was introduced in the State with the formation of State Agricultural Marketing Board and the Regulated Market Committees (known as APMCs in other States) at different places in the State with the objective of regulation of buying and selling of agricultural produces to eradicate malpractices prevailing in the trade in urban, semi-urban and rural markets and also to establish an efficient marketing system, where the growers may obtain reasonable and competitive price and the traders receive a fair deal in trading. The purpose is also to establish a modern market yard, where scientific godowns for storage, platforms for auction of agricultural commodities, display yards, traders shop, banks and post offices, are provided with. The scheme has been implemented by the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board through Market Committees established in different areas of the State.

Constitution of Regulated Market Committee:—

A Market Committee is consists of the following members:-

7 nos.	Agriculturists, who are voters of Gaon Panchayat. Elected by the members of the Gaon Panchayat in the concerned market area.
3 nos.	Elected by the traders, holding valid licence under this Act from amongst them.
1 no.	Elected by the members of the Managing Committee or Board of Directors of the Cooperative Marketing Societies in the market area holding a licence under this Act from amongst them.
1 no.	Nominated by the Assam Cooperative Apex Bank.
1 no.	Nominated by the State Government.
1 no.	Elected by the members of the Municipal Board, Town Committee or Gaon Panchayat within which jurisdiction the PMY is situated.
1 no.	Nominated by the Warehousing Corporation, if a warehouse has been established by such Corporation within the market area and where no such warehouse has been established then two persons shall be elected by the Cooperative Marketing Societies instead of 1 no.
15 nos.	

Organisational set up of a Market Committee:



Functions of a Market Committee:

- To maintain and manage the market yard and to control, regulate and run the market in the interest of the agriculturists and traders holding licence from the Market Committee.
- To regulate and control transactions in the market and to deal with licence holders who default to open, close and suspend trade in any specified agricultural produce, to settle disputes, levy and recover market charges fees on and agricultural produce, licence and other fees, to impose fines and penalties.
- To act as a mediator, arbitrator or surveyor in all matters of differences, disputes, claims etc., between licensees or between them and agriculturists making use of the market as sellers of agricultural produce.
- To purchase, hire or acquire any land for construction any house thereon or other movable and immovable property and other equipment for the purpose of its business, to raise fund from the Government or otherwise with the approval of the Director for the said purpose and to enter into arrangements with the Government, local authority or otherwise and to comply with such arrangements.
- To do such other things as may be required for the purpose of achieving the objects and requirements of the Act and the Rules and Bye-laws framed there under.

At present there are 24 nos. of Regulated Market Committees all over the State except in Sixth Scheduled areas. There are Principal Market Yard (PMY) and Sub-Market Yard (SMY) under a Regulated Market Committee. All total there are 20 nos. of Principal Market Yards and 204 nos. of Sub-Market Yards in the State at present.

Existing PMY and SMY under different Regulated Market Committees:

	RMC	Address	PMY	SMY
1	Baharihat Regulated Market Committee	Baharihat, Dist- Barpeta	Baharihat	Mandia
2	Bongaigaon District Regulated Market Committee	Tulungia, P.O. North Salmara, Dist- Bongaigaon	Bijni	
3	Cachar District Regulated Market Committee	Ghungur, Silchar, Dist- Cachar Pin-788014		
4	Darrang District Regulated Market Committee	Kharupetia, Dist- Darrang	Kharupetia	Banglagarh Lalpool Bhakatpara Udalguri
5	Dhemaji District Regulated Market Committee	Silapathar, Dist- Dhemaji	Silapathar	
6	Dhing Regulated Market Committee	Dhing, Dist- Nagaon	Dhing	Rupahi Ambagan Roha
7	Dibrugarh District Regulated Market Committee	Seujpur (Opp. Jyotish Memorial Hospital), Dibrugarh-786 001.		
8	Dhubri District Regulated Market Committee	Gauripur, Dist- Dhubri Pin-783331	Gauripur	Bilasipara Chapar Mancachar
9	Goalpara District Regulated Market Committee	J.N. Road, P.O. & Dist- Goalpara Pin-783101	Goalpara	
10	Golaghat Regulated Market Committee	Furkating, Dist- Golaghat	Furkating	Dergaon Dakhinhengera Borpathar Sarupathar
11	Guwahati Sub-div. Regulated Market Committee	Uparhali (Bijaynagar), Dist- Kamrup Pin-781122	Uparhali	
12	Hailakandi District Regulated Market Committee	N.S. Road, P.O. & Dist- Hailakandi	Hailakandi	
13	Howly Regulated Market Committee	Howly, Dist- Barpeta	Howly	Barpeta Road Kalgachia Sorbhog
14	Jorhat District Regulated Market Committee	P.O. & Dist- Jorhat	Titabor	
15	Karimganj District Regulated Market Committee	Bipin Paul Road, P.O. & Dist- Karimganj		
16	Kokrajhar District Regulated Market Committee	Gosaigaon, Dist- Kokrajhar	Gossaigaon	
17	Lanka Regulated Market Committee	Nilbagan, Lanka, Dist- Nagaon	Lanka	
18	Morigaon District Regulated Market Committee	P.O. & Dist- Morigaon	Morigaon	
19	Nalbari District Regulated Market Committee	Banekuchi, Dist- Nalbari	Nalbari	

20	North Lakhimpur Regulated Market Committee	Bongalmara, Dist-North Lakhimpur	Bongalmara	
21	Rangia Sub-div. Regulated Market Committee	Goreswar, Dist- Kamrup	Goreswar	Rangia
22	Sivasagar District Regulated Market Committee	Dubari Path, Ranghar Chariali, P.O. & Dist-Sivasagar. Pin-785640		
23	Sonitpur District Regulated Market Committee	P.O. Dhekiajuli, Dist- Sonitpur Pin-784110	Dhekiajuli	
24	Tinsukia District Regulated Market Committee	P.O. & Dist- Tinsukia	Tinsukia	

Newly declared Sub Market Yards under different Regulated Market Committees:

District	Sl. No.	Name of the Market	Name of the Market Committee
Barpeta	1	Alupatichar	Baharihat Regulated Market Committee
	2	Balikuri	
	3	Kachumari	
	4	Kadong	
	5	Kayakuchi	
	6	Langla	
	7	Moinbari	
	8	Sarupeta	
	9	Simila	
Kokrajhar	1	Basugaon	Kokrajhar District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Fakiragram	
Bongaigaon	1	Kabaitari	Bongaigaon District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Patiladaha	
Cachar	1	Barjatrapur	Cachar District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Bhaga	
	3	Kumbhiragram	
	4	Lailapur	
	5	Lakhipur	
	6	Phulartal	
	7	Sonabarighat	
	8	Udarbond	
Darrang	1	Balugaon	
	2	Besimari	
	3	Dimakuchi	
	4	Dumunichowki	
	5	Harisinga	
	6	Kalaigaon	
	7	Khairabari	
	8	Kopati	

	9	Majbat	Darrang District Regulated Market Committee
	10	Mangaldoi Town Market (Prafullanagar)	
	11	Namkhola	
	12	Patharighat	
	13	Tongla	
Dhemaji	1	Dhemaji	Dhemaji District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Gilamara	
	3	Gogamukh	
	4	Jonai	
	5	Simenchapori	
Dhubri	1	Dharmasala	Dhubri District Regulated Market Committee
	32	Dhubri	
	3	Fulkatary	
	4	Gauripur Jute/ Pine apple Market	
	5	Golakganj	
	6	Halakura Bazar	
	7	Kaldoba	
	8	Kathalipara Milan Bazar	
	9	Kharuabandha (Hatsingmari)	
	10	Ranpagli	
	11	Salbari	
	12	Salkata Bazar	
Dibrugarh	1	Barbarua	Dibrugarh District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Chabua	
	3	Dibrugarh	
	4	Dikam	
	5	Duliajan	
	6	Ghoramara	
	7	Jokai (Checha)	
	8	Khowang	
	9	Lahowal	
	10	Moran	
	11	Naharkatia	
	12	Namrup	
	13	Raigarh	
	14	Tangakhat	
	15	Tingkhong	
Goalpara	1	Chataimari	Goalpara District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Dalgoma	
	3	Darangiri	
	4	Dhanubhanga	

	5	Dhupdhara	Goalpara District Regulated Market Committee
	6	Dudhnai	
	7	Jaleswar	
	8	Krishnai	
	9	Lakhipur	
	10	Rangjuli	
	11	Simlitola	
	12	Taranga	
Golaghat	1	Athkhelia	Golaghat Regulated Market Committee
	2	Behora	
	3	Bokakhat	
	4	Gomariguri	
	5	Kachamari	
	6	Naojan	
	7	Negheriting	
	8	Numaligarh	
	9	Rangajan	
	10	Sewaguri	
	11	Telihat	
Hailakandi	1	Algapur	Hailakandi District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Aynakhal	
	3	Katlichera	
	4	Lalabazar	
Jorhat	1	Alengmara	Jorhat District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Barhola	
	3	Daflating	
	4	Garmur	
	35	Jorhat	
	6	Kamalabari (SMY instead of PMY)	
	7	Lichibari	
	8	Madhupur	
	9	Nagabat	
	10	Na-Kachari	
	11	Teok	
	12	Thengalgaon	
Kamrup	1	Amranga	
	2	Boko	
	3	Dhekiabari	
	4	Dhopatari	
	5	Hahim	
	6	Maloibari	

	7	Nagarbera	Guwahati Sub-Divisional Market Committee
	8	Singimari	
Karimganj	1	Bhanga	Karimganj District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Durlavcherra	
	3	Hatikhira	
	4	Ichaguri Fish Market	
	5	Karimganj	
	6	Lowerpowa	
	7	Nilambazar	
	8	Patharkandi	
Lakhimpur	1	Baginadi	North Lakhimpur Regulated Market Committee
	2	Dhakuakhana	
	3	Harmoti	
	4	North Lakhimpur Sadar Market	
Nagaon	1	Bhurbandha	Dhing Regulated Market Committee
	2	Chaparmukh	
	3	Chulung	
	4	Dewgalu	
	5	Doomdumia	
	6	Hojai	
	7	Jagiroad	
	8	Jakhalabandha	
	9	Jamunamukh	
	10	Kaki No 1	
	11	Kampur	
	12	Kathiatoli	
	13	Kharikhana	
	14	Laharighat	
	15	Lumding	
	16	Magurmari	
	17	Maurajhar	
	18	Mayangi	
	19	Moirabar	
	20	Santijan	
	21	Singari	
	22	Sonaibali	
	23	Udali	
Nalbari	1	Banekuchi	Nalbari District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Barama	
	3	Barnadi	
	4	Bongaon	

	5	Dhamdhama	Nalbari District Regulated Market Committee
	6	Doulasal	
	7	Kaithalkuchi	
	8	Kaplabari	
	9	Kumrikata	
	10	Mukalmua	
	11	Nadla	
	12	Rampur	
	13	Tamulpur	
	14	Tihu	
Sivasagar	1	Amguri	Sivasagar District Regulated Market Committee
	2	Banfera (Sonari)	
	3	Borsala Cattle Market	
	4	Moranhat	
	5	Rajmai Cattle Market	
	6	Sapekhati	
	7	Simaluguri	
Sonitpur	1	Barsala	
	2	Binduguri	
	3	Biswanath Chariali	
	4	Gingia	
	5	Gohpur	
	6	Lokra	
	7	Pachmile	
	8	Singri	
	9	Thelamara	
Tinsukia	1	Bardhumsa	
	2	Chapakhowa	
	3	Danguri	
	4	Doomdoma	
	5	Jagun	
	6	Kakopothar	
	7	Makum	
Total =	185 nos		

Source of Income of a Market Committee:—

Every Market Committee shall levy and collect a cess on the agricultural produce bought or sold in the market area at a rate not exceeding two rupees (presently collecting at the rate of one rupee) for every one hundred rupees of the aggregate amount for which a

notified agricultural produce is bought or sold, whether for cash or for deferred payment or other valuable considerations.

Provided that no cess will be levied on goods manufactured from the agricultural produce on which cess is proposed to be levied and which are ultimately exported out of the country.

Explanation — 1. For the purpose of this section all notified agricultural produce taken out or proposed to be taken out of market area shall unless the contrary is provided, be presumed to be bought or sold within such area.

Explanation —2. The cess referred to in Section 21 shall be paid by the purchaser of the notified agricultural produce concerned.

Infrastructural development in Markets:—

Scientific storage facility under Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board

GODOWNS:

Name of Market Committee	Location	No. of Unit	Size (L x B x H)	Capacity
Baharihat Regulated Market Committee	Baharihat (PMY)	1	30M x 10M x 4M	500 MT
Dhing Regulated Market Committee	Dhing (PMY)	1	50M x 25M x 4M	2,000 MT
	Roha (SMY)	1	30M x 10M x 4M	500 MT
Dhubri District Regulated Market Committee	Bilashipara (SMY)	1	30M x 10M x 4M	500 MT
	Gauripur (PMY)	1	25M x 25M x 4M	1,000 MT
	Halakura	1	12M x 9M x 4M	170 MT
	Mancachar (SMY)	1	30M x 10M x 4M	500 MT
Golaghat Regulated Market Committee	Furkating (PMY)	1	50M x 25M x 4M	2,000 MT
Guwahati Sub-divisional Regulated Market Committee	Uparhali (PMY)	1	35M x 12M x 4M	625 MT
Howly Regulated Market Committee	Barpeta Road (SMY)	1	30M x 10M x 4M	500 MT
	Howly (PMY)	1	25M x 25M x 4M	1,000 MT
Darrang District Regulated Market Committee	Kharupetia (PMY)	1	50M x 25M x 4M	2,000 MT
	Lalpool (SMY)	1	30M x 10M x 4M	500 MT
North Lakhimpur Regulated Market Committee	Bongalmara (PMY)	1	50M x 12M x 4M	1,000 MT
Dhemaji District Regulated Market Committee	Silapathar (PMY)	1	35M x 12M x 4.5M	700 MT
Total =		15		13,495 MT

Rural Godowns (under Gramin Bhandaran Yajona) :—

The Rural Godown Scheme was launched by the Govt of India in 2001-02. The entire Scheme has three components— Promoters' (Board) Share 20%, Back-Ended Subsidy from Govt of India 33.33% and 46.67% as Bank loan. The target for the State was creation of 50,000 MT of storage capacity. The Market Board tentatively selected 40 locations in February, 2002 subject to proper scrutiny at the field level, for execution in 2002-03. Works in 16 locations were started in March, 2002. Later on, at field level scrutiny some of the sites were not found



feasible for the Scheme. There was also the question of sanctioning the loan by the Banks. Hence, a total of 24 (inclusive of 16 already mentioned) locations were taken up for execution in 2002-03, for creation of a capacity of 15,000 MT.

SI No	Location of work	Capacity	Estimated Amount	District	Regulated Market Committee
1	Dharamshala	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Dhubri	Dhubri District
2	Bagaribari	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Dhubri	Dhubri District
3	Kathalipara	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Dhubri	Dhubri District
4	Hatsingimari	1,000 MT	Rs. 20,00,000.00	Dhubri	Dhubri District
5	Kaldova	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Dhubri	Dhubri District
6	Krishnai	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Goalpara	Goalpara District
7	Jaleswar	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Goalpara	Goalpara District
8	Mandia	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Barpeta	Baharihat
9	Rampur (Kaplajari)	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Nalbari	Nalbari District
10	Maloybari	1,000 MT	Rs. 20,00,000.00	Kamrup	Guwahati Sub-divisional
11	Singimari (Pacharia)	1,000 MT	Rs. 20,00,000.00	Kamrup	Guwahati Sub-divisional
12	Madhopur	1,000 MT	Rs. 20,00,000.00	Jorhat	Jorhat District
13	Dohotia	1,000 MT	Rs. 20,00,000.00	Jorhat	Jorhat District
14	Jengrai (Majuli)	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Jorhat	Jorhat District
15	Chenijan	1,000 MT	Rs. 20,00,000.00	Jorhat	Jorhat District
16	Naojan	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Golaghat	Golaghat
17	Gamariguri	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Golaghat	Golaghat
18	Kharikhana	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Nagaon	Lanka

19	Tingrai	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Tinsukia	Tinsukia District
20	Kawaimari	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Nagaon	Dhing
21	Kharupetia	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Darrang	Darrang District
22	Athgaon	500 MT	Rs. 10,00,000.00	Kamrup	Rangia Sub-divisional
23	Nagarbera	1,000 MT	Rs. 20,00,000.00	Kamrup	Guwahati Sub-divisional
Total =		15,000 MT	Rs. 3,00,00,000.00		

Development of Rural Markets (under MM-III of Technology Mission) :—

In the year 2002-03, the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board had taken up 2 nos. of Wholesale Markets and 25 nos. of Rural Markets for development under Mini Mission III of the Technology Mission for development of Horticulture in North-East Region. An amount of Rs. 575.00 lakhs were sanctioned and works started for execution in March, 2003. The funding pattern is 50:50 between the Govt of India and this Board. The position in respect of above is as follows.



SI No	Location	Facilities provided	Unit(s)	Estimated Amount	District	Name of RMC
1	Alengmora Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Jorhat	Jorhat District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
2	Titabor Market	Auction Platform	1	Rs. 4,80,000.00		
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 4,80,000.00		
		Drying Platform	2	Rs. 5,40,000.00		
3	Nagabat Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00		
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
4	Tinsukia Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 11,52,000.00	Tinsukia	Tinsukia District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 3,48,000.00		
5	Silapathar Market	Auction Platform	1	Rs. 4,80,000.00	Dhemaji	Dhemaji District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 4,80,000.00		
		Drying Platform	2	Rs. 5,40,000.00		
6	Harmoti Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Lakhimpur	North Lakhimpur RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 5,40,000.00		

7	Sarupathar Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Golaghat	Golaghat RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
8	Rangajan	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00		
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
9	Gohpur Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Sonitpur	Sonitpur District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
10	Daulashal Market	Auction Platform	1	Rs. 4,80,000.00	Nalbari	Nalbari District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 4,80,000.00		
		Drying Platform	2	Rs. 5,40,000.00		
11	Mandia Market	Auction Platform	1	Rs. 4,80,000.00	Barpeta	Baharihat RMC
		Drainage System		Rs. 4,80,000.00		
		Drying Platform	2	Rs. 5,40,000.00		
12	Singimari Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 11,52,000.00	Kamrup	Guwahati Sub-Div RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 3,48,000.00		
13	Maloibari Market	Auction Platform	1	Rs. 4,80,000.00		
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 4,80,000.00		
		Drying Platform	2	Rs. 5,40,000.00		
14	Dumuni-chowki Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Darrang	Darrang District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
15	Laharighat Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Nagaon	Dhing RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
16	Hojai Market	Auction Platform	1	Rs. 4,80,000.00	Nagaon	Lanka RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Traders Shop	1	Rs. 7,50,000.00		
17	Lahowal (Jokai)	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
18	Sapekhati Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Sivasagar	Sivasagar District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
19	Sonabarighat Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 11,52,000.00	Cachar	Cachar District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 3,48,000.00		
20	Darrangiri Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 11,52,000.00	Goalpara	Goalpara District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 3,48,000.00		

21	Bijni (Patiladoha) Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Bongaigaon	Bongaigaon District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
22	Dhubri Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Dhubri	Dhubri District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
23	Bhanga Market	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Karimganj	Karimganj District RMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
24	Katluchera	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Hailakandi	Hailakandi DRMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
25	Fakiragram	Auction Platform	2	Rs. 9,60,000.00	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar DRMC
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 2,70,000.00		
		Drying Platform	1	Rs. 2,70,000.00		
				Rs. 3,75,00,000.00		

Wholesale Markets.

	Location	Facilities provided	Unit(s)	Estimated Amount	District	Name of RMC
1	Gauripur PMY	Godown (756 MT)	1	Rs. 25,00,000.00	Dhubri	Dhubri District RMC
		Auction Platform	4	Rs. 23,04,000.00		
		Drying Platform	3	Rs. 8,10,000.00		
		Weighbridge	1	Rs. 4,50,000.00		
		Bank	1	Rs. 6,78,000.00		
		Farmers' Rest House	1	Rs. 8,14,000.00		
		Canteen	1	Rs. 6,06,000.00		
		Internal Roads		Rs. 10,82,000.00		
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 7,56,000.00		
2	Uparhali PMY	Godown (756 MT)	1	Rs. 25,00,000.00	Kamrup	Guwahati Sub-div. RMC
		Auction Platform	3	Rs. 23,04,000.00		
		Drying Platform	3	Rs. 8,10,000.00		
		Weighbridge	1	Rs. 4,50,000.00		
		Bank	1	Rs. 6,78,000.00		
		Farmers' Rest House	1	Rs. 8,14,000.00		
		Canteen	1	Rs. 6,06,000.00		
		Internal Roads		Rs. 11,40,000.00		
		Boundary Wall		Rs. 6,98,000.00		
Total Estimated Amount =				Rs. 2,00,00,000.00		

Financial Assistance received from Directorate of Marketing & Inspection, Govt. of India through Assam SFAC till date is given bellow:

Sl. No.	Month & year of release	Amount	Remarks
1	12 th March, 2003	Rs. 37.50 lacs	The Govt. of India released only 50% of the financial grant approved for the schemes.
2	7 th August, 2003	Rs. 97.00 lacs	
3	23 rd March, 2005	Rs. 9.25 lacs	
Total =		Rs.143.75 lacs	

Development of Singimari Wholesale Market (from NEC funding):-



As a measure to the development of marketing infrastructures and marketing systems, the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board submitted proposals to the NEC through the Department of Agriculture, Assam for “Development of Singimari Wholesale Market (Vegetable) under Guwahati Sub-divisional Market Committee”. The NEC pleased to accord administrative approval of the scheme vide letter No. NEC/HORT/ASS/3/02 dated 20-02-03 at a total cost of Rs. 403.00 Lacs only as 90% grant and 10% loan under the scheme “Expansion of Turmeric Cultivation in NER”.

Project Components:

For the purpose of creating facilities for scientific marketing as well as holding stock of fruits and vegetables, the following components have been included in the project:

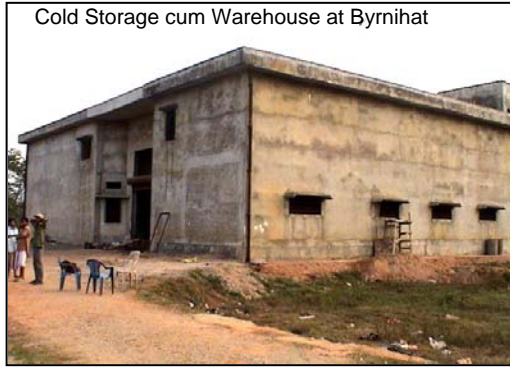
- (a) An open Auction Yard to facilitate buying and selling through open auction.
- (b) A multi chamber Cold Store of 2000 MT capacity with screening and pre-cooling unit. Out of available capacity of 2000 MT, there will be two chambers. One chamber of 1500 MT capacity will be exclusively for storing potatoes and the other chamber of 500 MT capacity will be used for storing fruits and green vegetables.
- (c) A Weigh Bridge for providing weighing facilities.
- (d) Internal Roads, Parking and Drainage system.

- (e) Compound Wall with Gate & Gate House for safety and security of the complex.

Total Cost of the project is Rs. 4,03,00,000.00 (Rupees four Crores three lacs).

Construction of Cold Storage cum Warehouse at Byrnihat, ASSAM

(under assistance from Spices Board):-



The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board had submitted the proposal to the Spices Board (under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) for the project “Construction of Cold Storage cum Warehouse at Byrnihat, Assam” in the year 1999. The task of preparation of DPR, design & drawing was entrusted to the Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd., Guwahati. The estimated cost of the project was Rs. 124.00 lacs which was technically sanctioned by the Chief Engineer, PWD (Building), Assam.

The Spices Board sanctioned Rs. 125.00 lacs as grants in aid out of which Rs. 100.00 lacs was meant for construction of Cold Storage cum Warehouse and Rs. 25.00 lacs for purchase of one refrigerated truck.

Project Components:

The horticultural produces being perishable in nature, undergo rapid deterioration at post-harvest level. As such, appropriate post-harvest handling is necessary. Spices, which are a major group of horticultural produce, have two distinct marketable forms. Produces like ginger, green chilli, garlic, etc. are marketed in fresh form and are having short shelf life. Other items like dry chilli, turmeric, seed spices etc. are marketed in dry form and have longer shelf life. Spices like ginger, green chilli, garlic etc. needs hygienic cold storing, while other spices require airy, dehumidified warehousing. In view of the above needs, the following components have been included in the original project:

- (a) A Ware House of 500 MT holding capacity for storage of dry spices.
- (b) A Cold Store unit of 500 MT holding capacity with two chambers having independent temperature and humidity control systems along with pre-screening and pre-cooling unit.
- (c) Two nos. Staff Quarters for the operating/management personnel.
- (d) Approach Road, Boundary Wall with Gate & Gate House, Water Supply & Drainage facilities.

Total cost of the project is Rs. 1,64,87,000.00 (Rupees one Crore Sixty four lacs Eighty seven thousand).

Construction of an Annex Building to H.Q. Building at Guwahati

The Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board has taken up construction of an Annex Building to its H.Q. Building at Guwahati with its own resource of fund.

Project Component:

An amount of Rs. 1.30 Crore has been estimated for the cost of the Annex Building. It will consist of Guest House with VIP rooms in the First floor and a well furnished Conference Hall in the Second floor with parking facilities and a Canteen in the basement. The building will be equipped with best modern fittings and amenities. It is almost completed and proposed to be inaugurated in the month of June, 2005 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam.

Existing Facilities in the Principal Market Yards:

Name of RMC	Adm. Buildg.	Staff Qtr.	Auction Platform	Guest House	Intl. roads/ Tube wells/ Comm. Toilets	Buying & Selling Complex
Baharihat RMC	1	1	1	-	Provided	-
Sonitpur District RMC	1	1	-	-	Provided	-
Dhing RMC	1	3	3	-	provided	1
Howly RMC	1	2	1	-	provided	1
Dhubri District RMC	1	2	1	1	provided	1
Darrang District RMC	1	4	1	-	provided	1
Golaghat RMC	1	-	1	-	provided	-
Rangia Sub-div. RMC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guwahati Sub-div. RMC	1	1	2	1	provided	1
N. Lakhimpur RMC	1	1	1	-	Provided	-
Dhemaji District RMC	1	-	-	-	-	-



Other existing infrastructure facilities in different Regulated Market Committees:

District	Name of RMC	Place of facilities provided	Nature of Facilities provided	Nos.
Kamrup	Guwahati Sub-div. RMC	Dharapur	Retailers' Shed	1
			Fish-cum-Vegetable Shed	1
		Rani	Retailers' Shed	1
			Retailers' Shops	2
			Ring Well	1
		Pub Maloibari	Retailers' Shed	2
		Fatasil Ambari	Retailers' Shop	1
			Tube Well	1
		Boko	Retailers' Shed	1
		Kahikuchi	Retailers' Shed	1
Chaygaon	Market Complex	1		
Dhubri	Dhubri District RMC	Bagaribari (Salbari)	Auction Platform	2
		Satrasal	Auction Platform	1
		Sahebganj	Auction Platform	1
		Kaldova	Auction Platform	1
		Halakura	Auction Platform	3
		Hatsingimari (Kharuabandha)	Auction Platform	2
		Materjhar	Auction Platform	1
Darrang	Darrang District RMC	Kuwaripukhuri	Retailers' Shed	1
		Lalpool	Retailers' Shed	1
Nalbari	Nalbari District RMC	Daulasal	Retailers' Shed	1

Infrastructure facilities provided in different Markets during 02-03 and 03-04

A. Under purview of Governor's address in Assembly:

District	Name of the Market	Location	Nature of Facilities provided	Nos.
Goalpara	Goalpara DRMC.	Krishnai	Auction Platform (160m ²)	2
	Goalpara DRMC.	Rangjuli	Auction Platform (160m ²)	1
	Goalpara DRMC.	Dhanubhanga	Auction Platform (160m ²)	2
	Goalpara DRMC.	Tarrangpur	Auction Platform (160m ²)	2
	Goalpara DRMC.	Nabagata Simlitola	Auction Platform (160m ²)	1
Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar DRMC.	Patgaon	Auction Platform (160m ²)	2
Kamrup	Guwahati Sub-divisional M.C.	Dhekiabori	Auction Platform (160m ²)	2
Darrang	Darrang DRMC.	Balugaon	Auction Platform (160m ²)	4

Cachar	Cachar DRMC.	Chandighat	Auction Platform (160m ²)	1
	Cachar DRMC.	Kumbhir	Auction Platform (160m ²)	1
Sonitpur	Sonitpur DRMC.	Lokra	Construction of Auction Platform (160m ²)	3
Lakhimpur	North Lakhimpur RMC.	Ghilamora	Auction Platform (160m ²)	2



B. Other Infrastructure facilities:

District	Name of RMC	Location	Nature of Facilities provided	Nos.
Dhubri	Dhubri DRMC	Mancachar	Auction Platform (94.5m ²)	2
		Patakata	Auction Platform (94.5m ²)	1
		Rongpagli	Auction Platform (94.5m ²)	2
		Halakura	Approach Road (121.0 m)	
Nalbari	Nalbari DRMC	Rampur	Auction Platform (94.5m ²)	1
		Barnaddi	Auction Platform (94.5m ²)	2
		Kaplabari	Cattle Shed (210.0 m ²)	1
			Approach Road to Rural Godown	
Goalpara	Goalpara DRMC	Dudhnoi	Auction Platform (94.5m ²)	1
		Dhupdhara	Site development by Earth filling at Cattle Market (2533.0 m ³)	
Nagaon	Lanka RMC	Gandhi Maidan Market (Hojai)	Site development by Earth filling	
			Construction of Traders' Shop	1
		Boundary Wall		
		Hojai	indoor attached to Hojai FRU Hospital	1
Golaghat	Golaghat RMC	Gamariguri	Auction Platform	2
		Bihora	Cattle Shed	1
			Cattle Shed	2
			Site development by earth filling.	
		Rangajan	Site development by earth filling.	
		Sarupather	Market shed	

		Bokakhat	Auction Platform	1
		Athkhelia	Auction Platform	2
		Golaghat	Farmers waiting shed cum toilet block at Civil Hospital campus	
Jorhat	Jorhat DRMC.	Borhola	Auction Platform	2
			Auction Platform	3
		Nagabat	Construction of Auction Platform	2
		Thengalbari	Construction of Auction Platform	9
		Dafalating	Construction of Auction Platform	5
		Teok	Construction of Auction Platform	1
			Modification of Krishak Bhawan to Auction Platform	1
			Site development by earth filling	
		Titabor	Construction of Auction Platform	2
			Farmers health care centre attached to Titabor PHC	
Sivasagar	Sivasagar DRMC.	Banfera	Construction of Auction Platform	2
		Rajmai	Construction of Auction Platform	2
Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh DRMC.	Rajgarh	Construction of Auction Platform	2
Tinsukia	Tinsukia DRMC.	Lekhapani	Construction of Auction Platform	2
		Tinsukia	Construction of godown	1
		Tingrai	Approach road to 500 MT capacity rural godown	
			Construction of boundary wall around 500 MT capacity rural godown	
Panitola	Construction of Auction Platform	1		
Lakhimpur	North Lakhimpur RMC.	Dhakuakhana	Construction of Auction Platform	1
		Baginadi	Construction of Auction Platform	1
Dhemaji	Dhemaji DRMC.	Jonai	Construction of Auction Platform	1
		Gogamukh	Construction of Cattle Shed	1
Barpeta	Baharihat RMC	Kasumara	Auction Platform	1
Bongaigaon	Bongaigaon DRMC	Patiladoha	Auction Platform	1

