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Press Release

NEWLY PASSED FARM BILLS TO LIBERATE FARMERS FROM TRADING CARTELS: FAIFA

- *The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 empowers farmers by promoting barrier-free inter and intra-state trade and commerce*
- *Farmers can now sell without restrictions which will protect them from middleman induced cost interventions*
- *Farmers will now not be subjected to fall for price regulations dictated by trader cartels*

Hyderabad, 22 September, 2020: Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA), a non-profit organization representing the cause of millions of farmers and farm workers of commercial crops across the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Gujarat etc., on behalf of the entire farming community would like to thank the foresight of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government in formulating and successfully passing pathbreaking Farmer Bills in the Parliament. We at FAIFA believe that the new regime will give farmers the freedom to trade across states. It will also empower farmers to turn into traders of their own produce and be in control of the process. The new set of bills approved by the government will go a long way in ensuring farmer prosperity and doubling of income. These visionary bills will ensure a sustainable and profitable future for the farming community.

FAIFA stands by the pro-farmer bills passed by the government and see them as catalysts to developing an agriculture-based economy for India. **Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020**, is a historic move towards building a **One India, One Agriculture Market** and will help in unlocking the vastly regulated agriculture markets in the country. It will open more choices for the farmers, reduce marketing costs and help them in getting better prices for their produce. With a separate dispute resolution mechanism in place, it will effectively help abolish the cartelization. **Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020** is a boost to attract private sector investment for building supply chains of Indian farm produce to global markets and empower farmers to engage with processors, aggregators, traders, wholesalers, large retailers, exporters.

Commenting on the benefits, **Shri B. V Jaware Gowda, President of Federation of All India farmers' Association [FAIFA]** said, "The new regulation will create an ecosystem where the farmers and traders will enjoy freedom of choice of sale and purchase of agri-produce and promote barrier-free inter and intra-state trade and commerce outside the physical premises of markets notified under State Agricultural Produce Marketing legislations. These timely crucial steps taken by the government will serve as cornerstones for envisioning a fair market for farmers that lets them receive their fair price by letting them be in control of their incomes with freedom to trade. These

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are cohesive decisions that will go a long way in fortifying an Agri-led economic development agenda for India that values its farmers at every step of the way.”

Congratulating the government on these agri-reforms, **Yashwanth Chidipothu, National Spokesperson, FAIFA** said, “The farming community is forever indebted to the visionary farmer-centric policies and reforms announced by the government. We believe that these bills will swiftly and effectively see farmers trade their own farm produce. Farmers’ can sow their crop and act as skillful traders to get the right prices.”

FAIFA believes that the above Agri-based regulations will bring in revolutionary changes in the Indian agriculture sector and encourage future generations to take up agriculture. We wish and hope that, your contribution to our farmer friends will continue and that our bond is strengthened further.

Yours Sincerely,

For Federation of All India Farmers' Association [FAIFA]

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