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In India, markets in agricultural products are regulated under the (a) Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (b) Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act enacted by States (c) Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937 (d) Food Products Order, 1956 and Meat and Food Products Order, 1973 Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) **Essential Commodities Act, 1955**. ECA lets the Centre control production, supply and prices of notified essentials. It is not the statute that creates the mandi/APMC market system.

(b) Official key

(b) **Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act** enacted by States. Farm-produce markets in India have been regulated under **State APMC Acts**, which set up market committees and notified yards. That State-law framework is the official key.

(c)

(c) **Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937**. This **Central Act** is about **AGMARK** quality grades, not market-yard regulation.

(d)

(d) **Food Products Order, 1956 and Meat and Food Products Order, 1973**. These were food-processing quality orders, later folded into FSSAI, not mandi regulation.

Summary

Official key is (b) **Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act** enacted by States. Primary agricultural markets have been a State subject run through **APMC** laws. ECA, **AGMARK** and old food-product orders do other jobs. **Only State APMC Acts** match 'markets in agricultural products are regulated'.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

APMC

Agricultural Produce Market Committee

Model APLM Act

Later Centre model to liberalise trade areas

e-NAM

Electronic National Agriculture Market, 2016

AGMARK

Grading under the 1937 Act

ECA 1955

Stock, price and movement controls on essentials

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