PREFACE

Agriculture being the major sector of the Indian Economy the agricultural marketing plays a key role in the economic development. In our country, due to various imperfections in the agricultural marketing system the farmers face many odds and difficulties in the marketing of their produce and are subjected to exploitation. Therefore, regulated markets are established in the country to ensure efficiency in the marketing of produce which may safeguard the interest of the producers on the one hand and that of consumers on the other. It is a widely debated question as to whether these regulated markets are efficient or not.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the economic efficiency of these regulated markets and their problems. Such an study is necessary because it may throw light on the extent and nature of imperfections in the marketing system. As the goal of increase in the production can't be attained till the farmers are ensured remunerative prices by eliminating imperfections in the agricultural marketing system.

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