

PM for scientific farming and processing to double farm income

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday pitched for value addition and use of scientific methods in agriculture to double income of farmers and making the country self sufficient.

Speaking at the launch of National Agriculture Market portal (eNAM) to integrate 21 mandis in eight states for online trading of commodities, Modi said agriculture sector needs to be seen in a holistic manner to provide maximum benefit to the farmers.

The Prime Minister said e-agri market is a “turning point” in the farm sector which will benefit not only farmers but also traders and consumers.

Modi asked states, where APMC law is not there, to come up with new mandi law to facilitate online trading. In those states where APMC law is in place, the Prime Minister urged them to make necessary amendments to ensure that the benefit of e-agri market reaches to farmers. “Agriculture sector should not be seen in isolation,” the PM said.