

E-portal to be launched by 2018 for farmers

A pan-India electronic trading portal (e-NAM) will be deployed in 585 regulated wholesale markets across the country by March 2018 for the benefit of farmers, agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh said on Tuesday. Singh said in the Lok Sabha that the government has approved a central sector scheme, 'Promotion of National Agriculture Market' (NAM), through Agri-Tech Infrastructure Fund on July 1 last year with a budget allocation of ₹200 crore. Singh said the portal was launched on April 14 on a pilot basis integrating 21 mandis in eight states. Eligible states wishing to integrate their APMC markets to the NAM platform could send their proposals for consideration, Singh said.

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Alwar to Cuttack	3,450
Khairthal to Cuttack	3,450
Jaipur to Kolkata	3,300
Kandla to Delhi	2,750



Truck (₹ per 9 tonne)

Delhi-Lucknow	20,000
Delhi-Jaipur	12,000
Delhi-Ahmedabad	22,000
Delhi-Indore	30,500
Delhi-Patna	46,000
Delhi-Ranchi	47,500
Delhi-Panipat	9,000
Delhi-Chandigarh	17,500
Delhi-Jalandhar	18,500
Delhi-Ludhiana	17,500
Delhi-Mumbai	42,000
Delhi-Hyderabad	57,500
Delhi-Bengaluru	61,000
Delhi-Kolkata	51,500
Delhi-Chennai	78,000

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