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**3 ordinances to
help farmers
earn more**

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday decided to promulgate three ordinances to ease farmers' access to markets across the country to sell their produce, help them enter contracts to get assured returns and exempt farm products from the Essential Commodities Act (ECA).

According to the amendments approved to the 65-year-old ECA, farm produces such as cereals, pulses, oilseeds, onions and potatoes will be exempt from the law that allowed the government to impose stock limits in case of sharp rise in prices.

Besides enabling better price realisation for farmers, the ECA amendment will also ensure that no stock limits shall apply to processors or value chain participants, subject to their installed capacity.

The Centre decided to enact a new law to declare places beyond the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee area as market places. The Farming Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020 will promote barrier-free inter-state, intra-state trade