

# HISTORY

## GUJARAT NIYANTRIT BAZAR SANGH

Gujarat Niyantrit Bazar Sangh, Ahmedabad which is a state level federal body of The Agricultural Produce Market Committees of Gujarat state was established in the year 1950 ie. 5th August 1950 in the Name of "Gujarat Niyantrit Bazar Central Advisory Committee" under the chairmanship of Shri Arjunbhai Lala the then Chairman of A.P.M.C Ahmedabad. The first meeting was inaugurated by Shri Vaikunthbhai Mehta, the then Minister for Finance, Bombay State with the words "Agriculturists shall be trained to bring clean and graded Agricultural Produce". At the initial stage there were 18 committees which were established under "The Bombay Agricultural Produce Market Act 1939".

### The aims to establish their institution as under:

- (1) To Procure land for A.P.M.C
- (2) To Train the staff members of A.P.M.C
- (3) To publish the literatures for regularly administrative work of A.P.M.C
- (4) To make suggestion for the improvement of provisions of the Bombay Agricultural Produce Market Act 1939, Rules and byelaws.
- (5) To prepare model plan of the Markets etc.

### The first executive committee of 20 member as under 1950.

NO	NAME	POST	NAME OF APMCS	EMAIL	PHONE
1	Shri Arjunbhai Lala	Chairman	Ahmedabad		
2	Shri Yasvantrav Rajaram Joshi	Vice Chairman	Bharuch		
3	Shri Bhurabhai Khodidas Patel	Member	Dehgam		
4	Shri Mohanbhai Bhavjibhai Patel	Member	Bavla		
5	Shri Bhalchandra Gopalrav Tambekar	Member	Thasra		
6	Shri Shankarlal Jivallal Vyas	Member	Mahemdavad		
7	Shri Ambubhai Desaibhai Patel	Member	Talod		
8	Shri Vinodchandra J. Patel	Member	Deesa		

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9	Shri Indubhai Umiyashankar Lakhiya	Member	Patan		
10	Shri Dahyabhai Jivanlal Nayak	Member	Dahod		
11	Shri Mukundlal Chhaganlal Desai	Member	Derol		
12	Shri Lallubhai H.Patel	Member	Surat		
13	Shri Pragjibhai Muljibhai Patel	Member	Bharuch		
14	Shri Bhagwandas Ranchhodbhai Patel	Member	Bodeli		
15	Shri Madhavlal Nathalal Patel	Member	kapadvanj		
16	Shri Nagindas Umedchand Gandhi	Member	Mandal		
17	Shri B.C.Vohra	Member	Govt.		
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In the next year there were 30 market committees in existence and there were 17 members in the executive committee.

Meanwhile this institution started to train and educate the A.P.M.C staff since June 1953 with 30 staff members in the first training class and the second training class was started on 2nd June-1954 at Premchand Raichand Training College, which was inaugurated by Shri P.M.D Rajpal(IAS) the then Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad.

Thereafter the development in establishing of A.P.M.CS started rapidly and in the fifth year i.e 1955-1956,45 APMCS were established.

During the year 1955-1956 there was a sad demise of our Promoter chairman, Shri Arjunbhai Bhogilal Lala and Shri Madhavlal Shah (Vice Chairman) took over the charge as a chairman and led the A.P.M.CS of the state towards the progress at large.

Then there was a Division of Brihad Bombay state and Gujarat state was established on 1st May,1960 Then all the Market Committees which were running under **"The Bombay Agricultural Produce Markets Act 1939"** and **"Saurashtra Agricultural Produce Markets Act 1955"** merged under the Gujarat Agricultural Produce Markets Act 1963.

Our Institution changed the Name as "**Gujarat Niyantrit Bazar Sangh,Ahmedabad**" and the new constitution was implemented and District level " Jilla Mandal" came in to existence.

**The details of A.P.M.CS as on 1st May,1960 is as under.**

<b>NO</b>	<b>Market Year</b>	<b>No of APMCS</b>
1	1951-52	18
2	1952-53	30
3	1954-55	37
4	1955-56	45
5	1956-57	54
6	1957-58	68
7	1958-59	75
8	1959-60	85

<b>NO</b>	<b>Market Year</b>	<b>No of APMCS</b>
1	1970	117
2	1980	144
3	1990	155
4	2000	172
5	2010	186
6	2015	209
7	2016	209

**Role In Regulated Market.**

G.N.B.S Ahmadabad was established with a bonafide intention to protect the interest of APMCs of the state and through APMCs to protect the interest of Agriculturists at large. It is a federal body of APMCs at state level and through this institution representation are made to Gujarat State Government and Central Governments to make necessary changes in the state Act or Model Act. The institution does not compromise in protection of interest of APMCs or Agriculturists. It has also established fair and Transparent rule-based procedures and demonstrated total commitment towards eliminating mal practices played by the traders/middlemen.

It is also to be noted that in the year 1998, when state government decided to shift over the market charges i.e. Commission, Market fee, Labour charges from Agriculturist/Seller to the purchaser, there was a big strike of the traders for a week but GNBS called the meeting of APMCs office bearers like Chairmen/Vice Chairmen/Secretaries and forced and inspired them to be with the Agriculturist and ultimately the traders withdrew the strike and obeyed the notification of the state government and crores of rupees per year were saved of agriculturist. This was a grand success of all the APMCs through this federal body.

### **Income Tax Act 1961**

It would be necessary to quote that earlier since beginning all the Market committees and State Agricultural Marketing Board (SAMBS) were exempted from paying Income Tax. But in finance Bill 2009, Honorable Finance Minister P.Chidambaram covered the income of APMCs and SAMBS within the purview of Income Tax Act 1961. Gujarat Niyantrit Bazar Sangh Ahmedabad, agitated the movement and represented to Honorable Prime Minister Shri Manmohansingh, Hon. Finance Minister Shri P. Chidambaram, Hon. Leader for Opposition Shri L.K.Advani (BJP), Hon. Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi(Gujarat), Hon.Ex.Finance Minister Shri Jashwantsingh, Hon.Shri Ahmedbhai Patel(M.P.) and Hon.Shri Jivabhai Patel(M.P.) Hon. Shri Virjibhai Thumar(M.P.) and requested them that Agricultural Produce Market Committees are the mother institutions of Agriculturists and their income is utilized for the betterment of health, education, hygienic facilities of farmers and their families by making financial contribution. Hon. Prime Minister and Shri P.Chidambaram considered the reality and then exempted the income of Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) and State Agricultural Marketing Board (SAMBS) by introducing a new section 10(26AAB).

### **SECTION 10 (26AAB)**

"Any income of an Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) and State Agricultural Marketing Board (SAMBS) constituted under any law for the time being in force for the purpose of regulating of agricultural produce". Gujarat Niyantrit Bazar Sangh(G.N.B.S.) is very much thankful for the UPA 1st Govt. and all the above political celebrities. Again the same provision has been introduced in the schedule in the DRAFT DIRECT TAX BILL 2009. Persons, entity or funds not liable to Income Tax:-

### **Item 38:-**

Any Agricultural Produce Market Committees or Board Constituted under any law for the time being in force for the purpose of the regulating the marketing of Agricultural Produce. We are very much Thankful to Hon.Prime Minister Shri Manmohansingh and Hon. Finance Minister Shri Pranav Mukherjee and U.P.A-2 Government.

### **Aims of GNBS**

- (1) To advise and guide the APMCs regarding the provisions of Gujarat State Agricultural Produce Market Act- 1963 Rules-1965 and model byelaws made there under.
- (2) To try to eliminate the difficulties of APMCs through representations to State Government and Central Government.
- (3) To prepare the plan of model market through expert engineers.
- (4) To prepare the specimen books of accounts and statements as model.
- (5) To guide the APMCs to observe model byelaws and to keep the standard rates of Market fees, Licence fees etc.

(6) To call the conferences and to discuss regarding the improvement of Act, Rules or byelaws and to convey to State Govt./Central Government.

(7) To be helpful for Market Intelligence and to see the inter-act between the APMCs.

(8) To be helpful for implementation/explanation of provision of Act, Rules and byelaws.

(9) If any APMCs does not obey the rules/regulation/byelaws, then to advise/to force to obey such provision compulsory.

(10) To represent the dept. officers for any type of hardship to APMCs and to try to eliminate such hardship by improving the Act/Rules and byelaws for other correlated Act.

(11) To see that the all the Markets of the state should work uniformly and Act/Rules and byelaws should be observed properly.

(12) To train the staff members and also to see that protection of interest of staff members should be observed.

(13) To make research regarding modernization of marketing activities and to implement it throughout state.

**Membership Criteria:**

(A)

(A.1) All A.P.M.Cs of Gujarat state established under the Bombay Agricultural Produce Market Act 1939/Saurashtra Agricultural Produce Market Act 1955/Gujarat Agricultural Produce Market Act 1963 can be a member of this institution.

(A.2) District Association (Jilla Mandal) of concerned A.P.M.C of the District.

(B) Any such committee or Jilla Mandal can apply for membership of G.N.B.S with the resolution to obey provisions of constitution of G.N.B.S and with the payment of entry fee and annual lavajam.

(C) After receiving membership, application form along with entry fee and annual subscription, the executive committee of G.N.B.S, will permit the institution to be a member and then it will gain the official membership.

(D) Year: - The account year will be from 1st April to 31st March.

**Fund:**

The Fund will be created as under:-

(1) Entry fee

(2) Annual/Lifetime subscription

(3) Gifts and Volunteer donation

(4) Government Grant

(5) Loan

**Entry Fee:**

For every A.P.M.C entry fee will be Rs.101/- (one hundred one) and for Jilla Mandal Rs.151/- (One hundred fifty one).

**Annual Subscription:**

(B.1) Each A.P.M.C will have to pay annual subscription as per its income as under (Licenses Fees + Market Fees of Previous year) before 30th June.

<b>SR No</b>	<b>License Fee + Market Fee</b>	<b>Annual Subscription</b>
1	Above Rs.15 Lakhs	Rs.15,000/-
2	Up to Rs.10 Lakhs To 15 Lakhs	Rs.10,000/-
3	Up to Rs.5 Lakhs To 10 Lakhs	Rs.6,000/-
4	Bellows Rs.5 Lakhs	Rs.3,000/-

(B.2) Each Jilla Mandal will have to pay Rs.1000/- as annual subscription before 30th June.

**Life Time Membership Fees:**

Any A.P.M.C is entitled to be a life time member of this institution by paying life time membership fee as under.

(1) Income having more than Rs.25 lakhs/year Rs.2 lakhs.

(2) Income having Less then Rs.25 lakhs/year Rs.1 lakhs. (Note:- For this purpose income will be considered only license fee + Market fee)

**( FOR DETAILS PLEASE REFER THE CONSTITUTION OF G.N.B.S)**