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Dear Shri Handa,

As you are aware, this Ministry plans to promote establishment of state of art Terminal Market complexes for fruits, vegetables and other perishables. Expression of interest (EOI) was accordingly invited through an open advertisement in the newspapers on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 from corporate/ private sectors/ cooperatives and other entities for construction and operation of such market complexes at important urban centers of the country. The terminal market has been envisaged to operate on a 'Hub and Spoke' format where in terminal market (the hub) would be linked to a number of collection centers (the spoke), located in key production centers to allow easy access to farmers for their produce. The markets would be operated professionally and function independently of the existing regulated markets. In response several enterprises have shown interest in establishing such complexes.

In order to evolve an action plan to go ahead with the implementation of the above projects, a meeting is being convened with the State Ministers and the private enterprises who have shown interest in setting up of the terminal markets. The meeting will be held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister at the Banquet Hall, Hotel Ashok, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi at 1230 hours on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2006. I request you to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting. A concept note on terminal markets for discussion at the meeting is enclosed.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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