A Policy and Regulatory Analysis of India’s Model Contract Farming Legislation

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“The ….State/UT Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion & Facilitation) Act 2018”, a Model Contract Farming Act, is an important legislative landmark in the context of Indian agricultural policy. The major concerns relating to the adoption of the contract farming system in the Indian context are proposed to be tackled through the enabling legislative measures proposed in the Model Contract Farming Act. The legislative measures range from the formation of an official body namely Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Board to the promotion of smallholder participation, to mandatory registration of contract farming transactions, to setting up of mechanisms for preventing exploitation of farmers and resolving disputes. This article attempts to critically analyse various provisions contained in the Model Contract Farming Act and suggests areas of further improvement. The analysis reveals that, despite some shortcomings, the Act fills the existing legal-gap in regulating contract farming system and provides a practical legislative framework for adopting contract farming system in India by balancing the interests of the two key stakeholders – farmers and firms - involved in the system.
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