

Who are Arhtiyas?

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About Arhtiyas:

“Arhtiyas” refers to **commission agents or middlemen in the agricultural sector.**

Primary Functions:

- **Procurement:** Arhtiyas **procure agricultural produce from farmers either directly from the farm or at local agricultural markets (mandis).**
- **Financial Services:** They often **provide credit to farmers** to meet their immediate financial needs, including inputs for the next cropping season or personal expenses.
- **Storage:** Arhtiyas may **offer warehousing facilities** for the storage of agricultural commodities.
- **Marketing:** They **facilitate the sale of agricultural produce to wholesale buyers**, such as government agencies or private traders, on behalf of the farmers.

Commission:

- Arhtiyas **charge a commission for their services**, usually a **percentage of the transaction value**. The commission rates can **vary depending on the region, crop, and prevailing market conditions**.
- They play a **significant role in the traditional agricultural marketing system**, particularly in states like Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Arhtiyas are an **integral part of the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC)** system in India.

Q) What is the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC)?

Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) is a statutory market committee constituted by a State Government in respect of trade in certain notified agricultural or horticultural or livestock products, under the Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act issued by that state government.

Source: [Bitter Tussle in Himachal over Govt Decision to Sell Apples by Weight in Mandis as Arhtiyas Announce Strike](#)

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