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To  
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

### **Thaipattam Small Onion Price will be Stable**

India is the major producers of small onion in the world. Around 90 per cent of country's multiplier onion is produced from Tamil Nadu alone. India, exports small onion to United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Small onion is mainly cultivated in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. In Tamil Nadu, Perambalur (7948 ha), Trichy (3500 ha), Dindigul (2990 ha), Tirunelveli (1828 ha), Triuppur (1036 ha), Thoothukudi (1300 ha), Namakkal (1988 ha), Virudhunagar (1242 ha), Coimbatore (1131.5 ha) and Erode (860 ha) are the major small onion growing districts in 2014-15. These districts accounted for 88 per cent of total small onion cultivated area and 89 per cent of production in Tamil Nadu. In 2014-15, small onion cultivated area was increased by 12.7 per cent when compared to 2012-13, due to good rainfall and better price prevailed in 2013-14.

Currently, Small onion from Namakkal, Karur, Trichy and Dindigul districts of Tamil Nadu started arriving to market and arrivals from Karnataka were ended in December, 2014. At present, good quality small onion price is ruling between Rs. 15 - 20 per kg in Dindigul market.

Under these circumstances, Back office of Agro Marketing Intelligence and Business Promotion Centre (AMI & BPC) in the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies (CARDS), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has analyzed the farm gate prices of small onion that prevailed during the last 17 years prices in Dindigul market.

The back office of AMI & BPC analysis revealed that the price for the good quality small onion will prevail around Rs. 22 - 24 per kg during April- May, 2015. Hence, farmers are recommended to take-up sowing based on the above price. In Tamil nadu, Co - 5 variety is round shape, pink in colour and a diameter of 27 mm above, which is of an export quality and a fetching better price.

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