This study presents a detailed investigation of the origin and development of regulations in agricultural marketing in Tamil Nadu. It evaluates the method and process of regulation practised through the organisation of a chain of regulated markets in the State. The study also examines in detail the conceptual framework behind state intervention and show the original concept has been modified subsequently to suit the changed conditions during the post-independence era of planning for economic development.

Specific objectives explained in the present study include the following: viz,

a) The historical aspects that necessitated state intervention in agricultural marketing in the form of organising regulated markets and their evolution.

b) The conceptual and organisational bases of regulated markets in Tamil Nadu.

c) The impact of such regulations on the existing trade channels or systems.
d) The performance and efficiency of regulated markets and their achievements. The study also has suggested some remedial measures to reorganise the present organisational pattern of regulated marketing in Tamil Nadu.