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Intermediaries are often blamed for driving a big wedge between prices that consumers pay and prices that farmers receive. Evaluate how far such criticism is valid.

BLAMED FOR DRIVING A BIG WEDGE:

- 1) Several layers of Intermediaries Increases the wedge
- 2) Intermediaries earn without any value addition.

VALIDITY OF CRITICISM:

Transport and Marketing require specialised skills, storage. Price wedge comprise transport cost, processing cost and rent.

Farmers have a limited amount of time to cultivate on land and thus marketing their own crop is difficult for farmers. This gives rise to the need for intermediaries.

When viewed from the lens of division of labour intermediaries are simply earning the marginal value of their services and the risk they bear (like Perishability of the goods)

Rise in the price of any goods in a region indicates Increased demand.

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Intermediaries would then move the goods to that region which includes the high transportation cost of the good, which in turn increases the price of the goods.

The Market demands Intermediaries for transport of goods from one region to another. Rather than focusing on Intermediaries the focus should be shifted to Road construction, Storage facilities and Increased efficiency of Mills.