# POLICY INTERVENTIONS FOR AGRICULTURE



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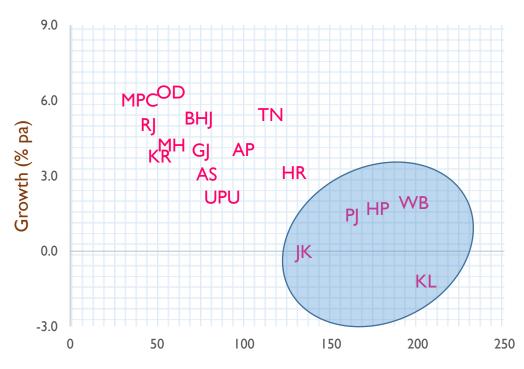
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### INDIAN AGRICULTURE

- Primarily smallholder agriculture with average size of holding 1.1 ha
- A large proportion of agricultural lands (>50%) rainfed
- Interdependence of social, economic and ecological systems
- Modernization of farm support services and markets
- Major policy shift from crop production to farm income, double by 2022
- 5 trillion dollar economy, economic growth needed nearly 11%, higher investment 36%
  - agriculture share in GDP16.5%, presently 14.5%

### Targeting & Sustaining Growth

### 2005-06 to 2014-15 Land Productivity Convergence



Land Productivity @ 2005-06 (Rs. '000/ha)

#### Sources of growth

Sector to Promote	State
Crops	Madhya Pradesh Andhra Pradesh
Livestock	Madhya Pradesh Tamil Nadu Rajasthan Andhra Pradesh
Fisheries	Andhra Pradesh Odisha

#### **Approach**

- System diversification for higher income, inclusiveness and sustainable systems
- Revisit and align agricultural planning with agro-climatic zones

Source: Based on CSO/DES Base: 2011-12 = 100

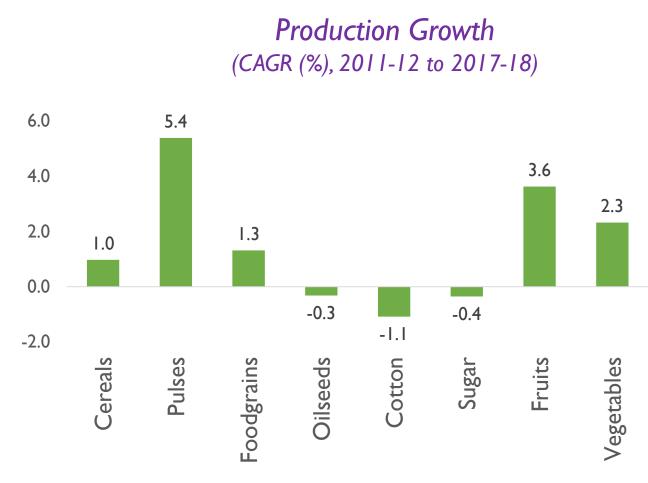
### Promoting High-Value Agriculture

### Output Growth in Agriculture (2011-12 to 2017-18)

Sector	CAGR (%)
Crops	0.8
Livestock	7.3
Forestry & Logging	2.3
Fishing & Aquaculture	8.5
Agriculture & Allied	2.9

Source: CSO

Base: 2011-12 = 100



Source: MoAFW

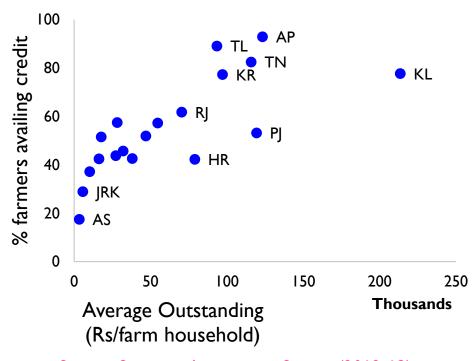
### Investment & Credit Interventions

#### **Investment Orientation**

Annual Growth (%)	Investment in States	
	Public (2001-02 to 2015-16)	Private (2002-03 to 2012-13)
>10%	MP(+C), Karnataka Bihar(+J), Kerala Himachal Pradesh Andhra Pradesh(+T) Maharashtra Gujarat	Assam, West Bengal J&K, Gujarat Andhra Pradesh(+T)
5-10%	Assam, Punjab West Bengal, Rajasthan, J&K	Odisha, Tamil Nadu, MP(+C), Himachal Pradesh, Bihar(+J) Andhra Pradesh Kerala

Source: Based on CSO/AIDIS Base: 2011-12 = 100

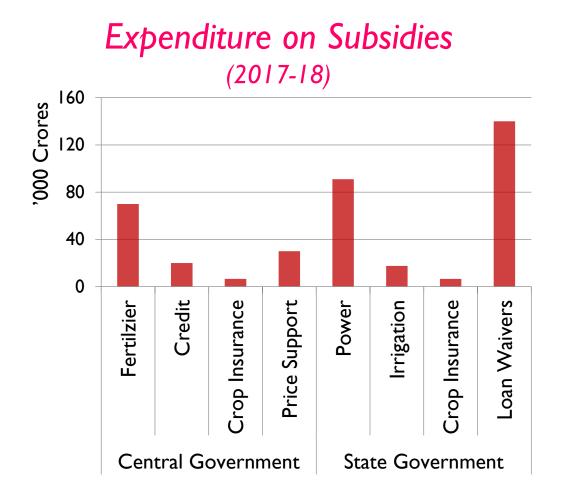
### **Equity in Credit Access**



Source: Situation Assessment Survey (2012-13)

- Capital adequacy and investment linked with infrastructure for livestock, horticulture, processing and associated infrastructure
- Focus on investment credit, small farmers and regional balance

### Rationalizing Agricultural Subsidies



#### Issues

- 1. Targeting (benefit large farmers)
- 2. Effectiveness
- 3. Environmental Externalities
- 4. Regional dimensions
- 5. Promote water-intensive crops

### Policy Options

- DBT (backend, fertilizers)
- 2. Back-end Subsidy (Power)
- 3. <u>Minimum Income: Replace loan waiver</u> <u>& all other subsidy forms</u>

### Policy and Regulations

- Inter-departmental convergence, as most of the matters are outside MoA&FW
- Investment for quality data: collection, management and use
- Stability and consistency of regulatory policy, e.g. trade, market operations
- Partnership with business sector for different activities, particularly post-production activities
- Ensure protection of land rights and land market for access to land and increasing size of operation

### Markets & Value Chain Promotion

- I. Market infrastructure and price discovery
- 2. Greater participation of states in market operations
- 3. Production aggregation
  - Promote farmer producer organization with adequate capital and professional management support

#### 4. Value chains

- Sensitize and train farmers and SMEs on food-safety standards and compliance
- Promote business investment in value chains, contract farming and processing clusters
- Mapping and strengthen global value chains
- Contract enforcement for partnerships and inclusiveness

### Risk Management

### Risk Management Tools

- Crop Insurance
- 2. Price risk for perishables, forecasting and compensation
- 3. Weather mapping and forecasting
- 4. Remote sensing and AI for risk assessment and targeting regions

### Scope

- 1. Address operational issues in crop insurance
- 2. Fisheries sector: Expanding risk components, i.e. craft & gear, household assets
- 3. Regional differentiated strategy for insurance, addressing critical risk

### Science & Technology for Better Future

#### **Action Points**

- I. R&D Investment
  - TE 2017-18: 13,786 crores
  - Investment intensity = 0.56%, research even less, target investment to 1% of AgGDP
  - Balancing fund between basic and applied research
  - Strengthening SAUs and regional research capacity
- 2. IPRs
  - Technology access and cost effective enforcement of IPRs
- 3. Need for Competitive Input Markets
  - To promote competition among input industry, quality assurance, farmers compensation

### Science & Technology

#### 4. Innovation & Extension

- Creation of a Board for outscaling innovations
- Promote interaction among stakeholders for knowledge creation, sharing and use
- Partnership and multiplicity for technology dissemination and imparting skills

#### 5. Internet of Things & Artificial Intelligence

- Precision farming and smart irrigation (to improve microcontroller based irrigation system controller, to control irrigation system through mobile phone)
- 'Image processing' in plant disease management and market intelligence
- Early warning of pest outbreaks, weather forewarning

### Doubling Farmers' Income

Targeted income by 2022-23: Rs. 1.9 lakhs/year Targeted farm-nonfarm income composition: 70:30

#### Major sources

- Crop planning and diversification, cropping intensity, livestock productivity
- Resource use efficiency and precision farming for cost reduction
- Secondary agriculture and nonfarm income
- Prices, export policy and export infrastructure

Price stability: Vegetables — Tomato, Onion, Potato — processing and product clusters linked with markets

### Ecosystem Services

Incentivizing efforts to generate eco-services, i.e. ecological foundations of agriculture and natural systems

#### Focus Areas

- Micro-irrigation: Water conservation Arid and semi-arid agriculture
- Afforestation programs: Barren lands
- Nutrient fixing crops: Higher support prices
- Residue burning: Composting/Ethanol production, co-power generation
- Watershed management and tank irrigation

#### Mechanism

- Valuation of services
- Incentives and transfer mechanism

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