

Sixteen Action Points for Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development

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Source: *PIB & Union Budget -2020-21*

- The Union Budget mentions that Rs. 2.83 lakh crore to be allocated for the **following 16 Action Points:**
 - Rs. 1.60 lakh crore for Agriculture, Irrigation & allied activities.
 - Rs. 1.23 lakh crore for Rural development & Panchayati Raj.
- **Agriculture credit:**
 - Rs. 15 lakh crore target set for the year 2020-21.
 - **PM-KISAN beneficiaries to be covered under the KCC scheme.**
 - NABARD Re-finance Scheme to be further expanded.
- Comprehensive measures for 100 water-stressed districts proposed.



- **Blue Economy:**
 - Rs. 1 lakh crore fisheries' exports to be achieved by 2024-25.
 - 200 lakh tonnes of fish production targeted by 2022-23.
 - 3477 Sagar Mitras and 500 Fish Farmer Producer Organisations to involve youth in fisheries extension.
 - Growing of algae, sea-weed and cage culture to be promoted.
 - Framework for development, management and conservation of marine fishery resources.



- **Kisan Rail to be set up by Indian Railways through PPP:**
 - To build a seamless national cold supply chain for perishables (milk, meat, fish, etc).
 - Express and Freight trains to have refrigerated coaches.
- **Krishi Udaan to be launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation:**
 - **Both international and national routes to be covered.**
 - North-East and tribal districts to realize the Improved value of agri-products.
 - **One-Product One-District** for better marketing and export in the Horticulture sector.
 - Balanced use of all kinds of fertilizers – traditional organic and innovative fertilizers.
- **Measures for organic, natural, and integrated farming:**
 - **Jaivik Kheti Portal** – online national organic products market to be strengthened.
 - Zero-Budget Natural Farming (mentioned in July 2019 Budget) to be included.
 - Integrated Farming Systems in rain-fed areas to be expanded.
 - Multi-tier cropping, bee-keeping, solar pumps, solar energy production in the non-cropping season to be added.
- **PM-KUSUM to be expanded:**
 - 20 lakh farmers to be provided for setting up stand-alone solar pumps.
 - Another 15 lakh farmers to be helped to solarise their grid-connected pump sets.
 - Scheme to enable farmers to set up solar power generation capacity on their fallow/barren lands

and to sell it to the grid.

- **Village Storage Scheme:**

- To be run by the SHGs to provide farmers a good holding capacity and reduce their logistics cost.
- Women, SHGs to regain their position as Dhaanya Lakshmi.
- NABARD to map and geo-tag agri-warehouses, cold storages, reefer van facilities, etc.

- **Warehousing in line with Warehouse Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) norms:**

- Viability Gap Funding for setting up such efficient warehouses at the block/taluk level.
- Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) to undertake such warehouse building.

- **Financing on Negotiable Warehousing Receipts (e-NWR) to be integrated with e-NAM.**

- State governments who undertake the implementation of model laws (issued by the Central government) to be encouraged.

- **Livestock:**

- **Doubling of milk processing capacity** to 108 million MT from 53.5 million MT **by 2025.**
- Artificial insemination to be increased to 70% from the present 30%.
- MNREGS to be dovetailed to develop fodder farms.
- **Foot and Mouth Disease, Brucellosis in cattle and Peste Des Petits ruminants (PPR) in sheep and goat to be eliminated by 2025.**
- Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – 0.5 crore households mobilized with 58 lakh SHGs for poverty alleviation.