

2019-2029- FARMERS NATIONAL AGENDA –TO BE PERSUAED WITH POLITICAL PARTIES & OTHERS

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BACKGROUND NOTE:- WHY POLICIES and REFORMS ARE NEEDED IN FARM SECTOR?

Farm sector -agriculture, animal-- husbandry – fishing-is livelihood for 650 Millions. Green, white ,Blue and Poultry growth has limited impact for farmers. 1990's liberalization enabled Service & Industry achieve 8% to 10% growth due to technologies, investments and incentives.. The same are denied to farm sector resulting in 1% to 2% stagnation

OBJECTIVE :-LIBARALISE FARM SECTOR:-

1. Farming be made a economically sustainable profession :- -Reduce yield gaps - Providing Irrigation Facilities to all –Optimizing input and land usages-Reducing cost of production- Curtailing distress sale- Farmers as knowledge personal- Increase value addition.
2. 2019-2029. Agriculture to be Center of National Economy.-Technologies –Investment –Market Reforms
3. Plan 10 years -Commodity Based policies /programs :- Acreage–Production- Processing –Marketing-
4. Agriculture & Irrigation to be included under Concurrent List.
5. Separate Union Agriculture Budget -- Under Deputy Prime Minister.
6. Allow Private Investment:-INFRASTRUCRURE –PROCESSING-REASERCH- GMO- NANO- I.T- REMOTE SENSING-EXTENSION.

BACK GROUND NOTE ON ISSUES.

SR. NO.	SUBJECT - DETAILS	Changes-Suggestions-
1	<p>AGRICULTURE POLICIES :- Like we formulated an Industrial Policy in 1951, can we have an National Agricultural Policy? It is odd that we don't have a formal NAP! Pay commission reports are promptly implemented but not farm reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation of National Commission (Dr. M.S. Swaminathan). The report of 2006 is not implemented by UPA (2004-2014) and NDA (2014-2018). It is highlighted by farmers and others that it has many pro –farmers recommendations and needs study. 2. Key issues. Making C. A. C.P. autonomous. 3. Risk mitigation Fund (1.4). Commodity Boards (1.5) Issues identified during discussions. 	1. Special Parliament session after 2019 Parliament Elections
2	<p>MECHANISATION GIVES DIGNITY TO YOUTH. Total Mechanization of Farming -Reduce Physical drudgery for Women and men. To attract youth into farming-Timely completing the activities – :-Incentivize investments by 50% subsidy and loan @ 4% for 5 years.</p>	i. Scope for investments ii. Create employment/ jobs for semiliterate in rural areas
3	<p>RESKMITIGATION:- 3.1. Payment of Insurance within 30 days by using Remote Sensing for damage assessing and payment directly to farmer's bank account. 3.2. To provide full compensation for natural calamities.</p>	i. Time bound risk mitigation
4	<p>PROPOSED COMMODITY BOARDS:- National Commodity Boards for all Crops –i) Network from District / zone / regional level / National ii) For Limiting crop Area- iii) Production- iv) Processing v) Buffer Stock vi) Exports- vii) Quality- viii) Research.</p>	i) Reduce interference by Government. ii) Allow farmers and industry to work together. iii) Allows Long term planning iv) Ability to with stand WTO challenges.
5	<p>EXISTING COMMODITY BOARDS – REFORMS:- 5.1. Democratization of Farmers Institutions:-Existing Commodity Boards of Tea, Coffee Rubber, Tobacco, Fisheries are not able to with stand Globalization, WTO, Technological advantages etc.</p>	i). Farmers must be involved and entrusted with responsibility to protect local resources

	<p>5.2. They are controlled by Government of India officials.</p> <p>5.3. They must be farmer's membership and management.</p> <p>5.4. Elections will be held for Board of Directors and the President will be elected for 5 years' duration.</p> <p>5.5.A professional (including outsider) will be selected to work as a Managing Director/ CEO under the supervision of the Board.(Selected officials from All India Agriculture Services.)</p>	ii). Stops complaining /Politicalisation of farm issues
6	<p>LINKING MANDREGA WITH FARMING:-</p> <p>Reduce cost of Production-Linking MANREGA with farming 50%: 50% labour sharing cost.</p> <p>6.2. Converting MGNAREGA as a rural assets/ infrastructure building program.</p> <p>6.3. it will resolve labor shortage</p>	
7	<p>DECENTRALIZED AGRICULTURE PLANNING AT DISTRICT LEVEL:-</p> <p>a. As Rajaji said, "India has always been a government-less civilization" and as Gandhiji said, "India lives in its villages." Decentralization and Panchayati Raj are desperate needs for agriculture.</p> <p>b. ZillaParishad /Panchayats-The planning & implementation to be under Panchayats.</p> <p>c. The Chief Executive to the Chairman will be selected for a period of 5 years from All India Agriculture Services or Professional with experience (Agriculture, Marketing Experts-Veterinary, Fisheries-Horticulture-Engineers)</p>	==DO==
8	<p>FARMERS EMPOWERMENT ASSOCIATIONS:-</p> <p>Farmers Management of Co-operatives-Water Users associations -Market Yards- Election for 5 years –limited to 2 terms-selection of Chief Executive from amongst professional.</p>	==DO==
9	<p>RISK MITIGATION – PERISHABLES:-</p> <p>1. RISK MITIGATION FUND for perishables. Purchase of excess arrivals -Vegetables-Fruits-To have a permanent Committee with Chairmen Market Yard and Agriculture/Horticulture Officials to take timely decision-</p> <p>2. One time support by GOI 75% and States. 25%</p> <p>3. Market tax 1% towards permanent fund collected by Market Committees.</p>	

10	PROTECTION TO FARMERS LIVES IN DESERT / FOREST:- Subsidized boots and Rubber gloves to farmers in desert areas/ forests for swamps- Thousands of farmers die every year due to Electric Shock, snake bite, scorpion bite , accidents in night / broken legs etc	1) Safe guards to under privileged people
11	SUPPORTING NOMADS AND TRIBALS:- 11.1. Subsidized 2/ 3 / 4 Wheelers (CARAVANS) to all- Nomads -Tribal -- Shepherds –Fishermen- To have protection against weather –Faster communication- Shifting to Hospitals.	
12	REFORMS IN LAND MARKETS:- 12.1.Increase land value on par with open market.- 12.2 Reduce registration fees. 12.3. Will reduce corruption	
	Agriculture Reforms.	
13	CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS FOR SEPARATE AGRICULTURE BUDGET UNDER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER :- AGRICULTURE PORTFOLIO IS CONSIDERED AS LOW GRADE- -- ENHANCE THE STATUS OF MINISTRY – ANSWARABLITY/FOCUS 1. Separate Union Agriculture Budget 2. Agriculture Minister. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER 3. Ministries. Irrigation - Fertilizer - Co-operative- Animal Husbandry – Fisheries-, NABADAD- Panchayat Raj – Rural Development. 4. Separate Cabinet Meetings.	i).To bring about change of attitude amongst vocal sections. ii). To provide recognition to stake holders of farm sector
14	FOCUS ON RESEARCH BY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE 1. Autonomous -Indian Council of Agriculture Research ISRO- 2. GMO approval under ICAR—this is essential if India is to modernize its agriculture. And, frankly, adopting new technologies is for survival, it is not a luxury.	i) The duality by Governments and organized sectors on Research towards

	<p>3. Permission for Foreign Technologies under ICAR XXX:- (i)India imp[orts GMO foods (ii) NRIs eat GM Foods daily in America (iii) Indians use GM medicines but do not allow GM food.</p> <p>4. Get time bond approval of GMO's</p> <p>5. Encourage MNC GMO's</p>	AGRICULTURE to be stopped /Exposed.
15	<p>SPECLISRD AGRICULTURE SERVICES:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All India Agriculture/Veterinary/Fisheries/Engineering Services. 2. Selection of Secretaries /Directors and Ministries/ Departmental 3. CEO's for Commodity Boards. 4. CEO's for Panchayats. 	
16	<p>PERMANENT SOLUTION TO IRRIGATION ISSUES:- (The existing political/administration/central/state conflicts cannot resolve water issues/Conflicts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing Irrigation to all -GOI one time investments for all the irrigation projects. - 2. Permanently solving 60% rain fed faming. 3. State Governments cannot provide resources for completing the irrigation projects. 4. GOI must establish NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY to provide resources for completion of all irrigation projects in a time bound manner. 5. RIVER VALLEY AUTHORITY -. REGULATORY COMMISSIONS :- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) JUDICIAL POWERS :- Allocation of Water ii) FINANCIAL POWERS :-Fix water rates iii) ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS -Supervise Water usage 6. Equitable distribution/ Allocation of Water- Agriculture -Drinking –Industry. 7. Allotment /Usage :- Value metric basis – Fixing cropping Pattern 8. Curtail wastage, misuse and free water facility. 9. Reduce inter-state- water disputes. 10. Curtail Politicalisation of water. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) To stop WATER WARS. ii) Ending water wastage permanently. iii) Environment protection

17	<p>LONG TERM MOU BETWEEN RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY FARMERS AND INDUSTRY.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">XXXX</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raw material supply Farmers to be registered with processing industries-Sugar, Milk, Oils Seeds, Jute, Vegetables, Fruits etc. 2. The Members elected be made as Directors in the industry. 3. The profits of the industry to shared with raw material supplier farmers as bonus/ dividend. 4. Liberalize contract farming 	<p>i). Farmers be made part of man agent, similar to labour unions.</p> <p>ii). Give farmers feeling of PART OF GROWTH.</p>
18.	<p>FARMERS UNIONS TO BE RECOGNIZED BY GOVERNMENT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be a National/State Ministry similar to labour Ministry to Conduct Farmers Union Elections for each Commodity. 2. Elected Farmers unions will be registered/given recognition by the State/union Ministry. 3. Arbitration/ negotiations will be done by the recognized Farmers Union. 	==DO==
19	<p>IMPLEMENTATION OF FARMERS REPORTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement Dr. Ranga Rajan Committees report on Sugar in a time bound manner. 2. Farmers Unions in each Sugar Factory will be recognized by 2019-2020. 3. Sugar cane Production – Sugar Consumption – Exports – Molasses- Ethanol Mixing /usages will be decide by the National Co-ordination Committee. i)Sugar Farmers National Committee – ii) ISMA –iii)Exporters –iv Chemical Industry v)Ministry officials. 	
20	<p>AWARDS TO FARMER’S LEADERS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CHARAN SINGH-DEVILAL- ACHARYA. N.G.RANGA- SHARAD JOSHI, Narayanaswamy Naidu and Prof. NanjundaSwamy. 	
21	<p>CULLING OF WILD ANIMALS – EMPOWERING OF PANCHAYATS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gram Sabha to empowered for implement culling of wild Animals-Wild Boar- Blue Bull Monkeys, Neel Guy and others are causing huge losses to millions of farmers. 2. The existing Wild Animal Act is not acceptable to the farmers. 3. Law to be changed to empower Panchayats in consultation with officials to control/ culling of wild animals. 	

22	<p>INDIVIDUAL FARMER BENEFICIARY SCHEMES.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Every farmer family will be given medical insurance of Rs 3 lakhs on permanent basis.—(Now it is not necessary) 2. Every farmer’s family will be provided with 3-5 Lakhs (Agriculture, Veterinary, MBA, Marketing, Nursing, Polytechnic, Engineering, Medical, IT etc..) Educational loan at 1% interest for higher education. 3. Every farmer family (Husband and Wife) will be provided Rs. 5000/- Per Month pension after 60 years age. 4. Farmers contributory enhanced pension beyond Rs.5,000/ (i) 25% By Farmer. (ii)25% by State (iii) 50% by GOI. 5. Pension to continue to spouse after death. 6. Special care for Suicides farmers families. 	
23	<p>LEGAL REFORMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adulteration of inputs including pesticides and sub standard equipment will made stringent crime. 2. Minimum of 10 years’ imprisonment and confiscation of property. 3. Special courts for fixing compensation for land acquisition. Special courts for FARMERS for LAND DAMAGE and compensation for construction of Electric Towers, Lines and underground Water / Oil/ Gas /chemical pipelines. 4. The Supreme Court to have regional courts to deal with issues other than Constitutional provisions 5. It enables decentralized judicial decisions for common man/farmers. 6. Only Constitutional matters to be dealt at Supreme Court of India, New Delhi. 7. Decentralized / localized Legal decisions :-1) Nyaya Panchayats. 8. For Land Acquisition Compensation Must be paid before acquiring 9. Total compensation for Land Damage Under Electric High Tension Transmission towers and lines, before commencing the project. <p>Total compensation for damage to Land Under Water, Gas and other Products to be paid before commencing the project.</p>	

24	ENCOURAGING CONTRACT FARMING <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liberalize Contract farming as agreement between farmers / Land owner and Tenant– 2. Governments State or Center should not interfere in contract farming. 3. Banks/Financial institution to provide financial assistance for long term contract farming. 	
25	ECONOMIC EQUALITY TO WOMEN FARMERS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women name will be entered in to properties of the husband. It includes landed property, houses, pension, insurance, shares and others. 	
26	ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application made by farmers to Government/ Banks to be replied within 30 Days (4weeks). 2. Failure to respond will considered as an approved (Example: Farmers applying to get permission for cutting trees) 3. Time limit has to be fixed by institutions for response. Banks/ Insurance Companies / Electricity Department /water board to respond to farmers applications/ representations / letters. 4. Fix responsibility for delays 5. Administrative reforms as suggested by Rustomjee Commission. 6. Reforms as recommended by Pay Commissions. 7. LIMITING RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS - 5days --INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCE - 	
27	FARMERS PREFERENCE FOR EDUCATION <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Option to farmers to get education in Government or private. 2. If opted for private education cash transfer to school /family. 	
28	REFERENDUM/ MOBILIZATION OF FARMERS OPENION ON IMPORTANT FARMERS ISSUES <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constituting committee at National/State/District/Commodity 2. Details of the Issue 3. Publication of the issue 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Mobilizing farmers opinion 5. Results to be publicized in press conference 6. Results should be kept on the Websites 7. CIFA Co-Ordination 8. Partners in Organizing the events:-Educational / Trusts / Associations. 9. Submitting result of the Referendum to the political parties 10. Referendum on STATUS of Food Corporation, Cotton Corporation of India. 11. REFARANDUM:-Direct Agriculture Subsidies - Fertilizer –Seed, Pesticides—Tractor –Drip—To Bank account. 12. REFARANDUM: Food subsidy through coupons / cash transfer. 	
29	<p>Electoral reforms.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MPs not attending 80% sessions to be debarred automatically. 2. Right to Recall. 20% voters signatures 	