

Government of Gujarat Budget 2015-16.

Press Note-2

Upliftment of Farmers.

Sixty eight percent of the total area of Gujarat face the problems of **salinity, water scarcity, aridity, etc.**, which is a huge challenge. Keeping this in view, Government has always accorded **priority to the development of the irrigation system**. In addition to the Narmada Project, **the network of reservoirs and canals is being strengthened** in every area and long term plans are being taken up to provide irrigation facility to hilly tribal areas and coastal area.

A plan of Rs.9000 crore for Sardar Sarovar Project:

- Construction of **Sardar Sarovar Dam** has been completed upto the height of 121.92 meters and the work to complete the dam upto the final height of 138.68 meter is progressing briskly. For this, provision of **Rs.216.92 crore**.
- The works of **sub-minor** in the **command area of 5 lakh hectare** have been accelerated without acquiring the land of farmers, as per the new policy based on the spirit of **participatory irrigation**. For this, provision of **Rs.2,151.14 crore**.
- To construct **canals upto the minor** of Narmada project, provision of **Rs.430.74 crore** for **Saurashtra** Region, **Rs.397.18 crore** for **North Gujarat** and **Rs.926.29 crore** for **Kutch** region.
- Provision of **Rs. 442.92 crore** for the works of three pumping stations of **Kutch** and five pumping stations on **Saurashtra** branch canal.
- Construction of **Statue of Unity** – the symbol of pride of Gujarat and National integrity – has been started. For this, provision of **Rs.915 crore**.

Per drop more crop

- Every drop of water is precious for the state. Provision of **Rs.465 crore** to bring further **2.5 lakh hectare** area of land under the successful and popular **drip irrigation** program. It has also been decided to give additional **10% subvention on the existing subvention provided to marginal farmers** to procure equipment for drip drop irrigation.

Provision of Rs. 4,300 crore under Plan for Water Resources and Kalpasar Division.

- Provision of **Rs.2,102 crore** for the next year to continue the works of **Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Sinchai Yojana (SAUNI Yojana)** started last year with a provision of **Rs.1294 crore** and designed to **usher in the second green revolution in the villages of Saurashtra**, i.e. the works of four link projects namely, Machu-2 to Sani, Limbdi-Bhogavo-2 to Raydi, DholiDhaja to Venu-1, Limbdi – Bhogavo-2 to Hiran-2 reservoirs and the Goma-Sukhbhadar pipeline.
- The following provisions are proposed under **Sujalam Suflam** Scheme for the farmers of North Gujarat and Central Gujarat:
 - provision of **Rs.50 crore** for laying new pipeline to Dharoi reservoir through Taluka Kalol to Mansa, Vijapur talukas.
 - provision of **Rs.30 crore** for extending Karannagar-Dhandhusan pipeline to Dhandhusan to Red Lakshmpura
 - provision of **Rs.32 crore** for laying new pipeline upto Sametra village of Jotana area from Bhasaria village of Mehsana district
 - provision of **Rs.21.61 crore** for the works of Dantiwada-Sipu of Banaskantha district, Vantrak-Majam-Meshvo of Sabarkantha district and Patan-Dindhrol and Karannagar-Dhandhusan.
 - provision of **Rs.29 crore** to construct a weir on Sabarmati river at Hirapur village in Vijapur taluka for groundwater recharge.

Irrigation and Water conservation works in scheduled tribe area:

- Total provision of **Rs.531 crore** for irrigation in **hilly and tribal area**, wherein,
 - provision of **Rs.31 crore** for the next year for pipeline works to take irrigation and drinking water to Dahod area from Hafeshwar and Narmada canal.
 - provision of **Rs.50 crore** for canal improvement under Ukai, Kadana, Panam, Karjan project.
 - provision of **Rs.103 crore** for expanding the water conservation program through small and big check dams and deepening of ponds.
 - provision of **Rs.43.38 crore** for tubewell and river / canal based lift irrigation schemes.

- provision of **Rs.16.10 crore** for laying new pipeline from Ukai to Gordha and **Rs.3.82 crore** for Chinchai Lift Irrigation Scheme.
- provision of **Rs.25 crore** for payment towards forest land for rehabilitation of the displaced persons of Hadaf, Kabutari and Edalwada.
- Provision of **Rs.20 crore** for Karjan reservoir based new lift irrigations scheme in Valia, Jagadia and Mangrol
- Provision of **Rs.23 crore** for participatory irrigation management in the command area of reservoirs.
- Gujarat has conceptualized the ambitious **Kalpasar project** with the intention of developing assured water resources. Several expert agencies have completed necessary technical and detailed studies. It is planned to commence the work after environment clearance is received. Provision of **Rs.104.08 crore** for Kalpasar Project including provision of **Rs.52.50 crore** for constructing Bhadbhut Weir.
- Provision of **Rs.99.74 crore** for **preventing salinity ingress and coastal erosion** in the coastal area of the state.
- Provision of **Rs.20 crore** for enhancing the irrigation capacity of **Ukai Canal network**.
- Provision of **Rs.20 crore** for creating **lift irrigation** system on the existing canal network of Saurashtra Region.
- Provision of **Rs.167.67 crore** for improvement and strengthening of the existing canal network in the entire state.
- Provision of **Rs.160.02 crore** for **water conservation works** such as construction of check dams, deepening of ponds, removing silt from reservoirs, recharging of wells, etc.
- Fresh provision of **Rs.14.16 crore** for **new tubewells** and river / canal based irrigation schemes for the benefit of **farmers of scheduled tribes**.

Agricultural Power Connections.

- It is planned to **Rs. 1158.13 crore** to provide more than one lakh new
- A provision of **Rs. 150 crore** under **Kisan Hit Urja Shakti Yojana (KHUSHI)**.
- A provision of **Rs.60 crore** for providing the facility of irrigation by solar pumps to the farmers in the interior areas.

Development of Agriculture, Co-operation and Animal Husbandry.

A total provision of **Rs. 4,878.20 crore** for **Agriculture and Co-operation Department** under plan and non-plan schemes.

- A total provision of **Rs. 601 crore** under **Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana**.
- A total provision of **Rs. 270 crore** for improving the sustainability of agriculture productivity, conservation and maintenance of the natural water resources etc. under the National mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).
- Under the NFSM Scheme, a total provision of **Rs. 39.54 crore** for assisting the farmers for various crops such as food-grains, pulses, cotton and sugarcane.
- A provision of **Rs.120 crore** towards assistance to the farmers to **purchase new tractors**.
- A provision of **Rs. 55 crore** for Krushi Mahotsav and for providing seeds, fertilizers and pesticides to the farmers at subsidized rate in the exhibition-cum-sales events.
- A provision of **Rs. 346.59 crore** for the **Agriculture Universities** under agriculture research and education.
- A provision of **Rs. 254.68 crore** for the work of land and **water conservation**.
- A provision of **Rs.15 crore** to organise International Agricultural Fair / Exhibition to expose and educate the farmers of Gujarat with global farming techniques.
- To contain the possible side effects of wide spread use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on soil fertility, human health and environment, the State Government has made a provision of **Rs. 10 crore** to implement the New Organic Farming policy so as to encourage the organic sustainable farming system under the inspiration of Hon. Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel.
- An area of about 16 lakh hectare in the Gujarat State is under the horticulture crops. A total provision of **Rs. 358 crore** is made to provide assistance and technical guidance for sapling nursery, seeds and fertilizers, to enhance the **area and productivity of horticultural crops**.

Support to the Cooperative sector

- The State Government has launched a systematic program to enhance the storage capacity at Farm sector so as to enable farmers to avail of sustainable prices of the farm products and also to prevent the wastage of agri-produce.
 - ✓ A total provision of **Rs. 23.72 crore** is made to **construct the godowns** on the land of the Agriculture Production Marketing Committee not having the facility of go-down.
 - ✓ A provision of **Rs.50 crore** is made for **construction of new godown** in about 500 primary agriculture credit cooperatives to enhance the storage capacity of agro products.
- A provision of **Rs. 18.27 crore** is made to provide assistance to five Marketing Committees to establish **satellite centre** in distant areas to expand the coverage of agriculture produce marketing management as well as to provide the basic facilities to **newly-formed 26 APMCs**.
- A provision of **Rs. 267 crore** is made towards **crop insurance**, farmer accident insurance, price stabilization to protect the farmers against risks. A provision of **Rs. 100 crore** for **Crop Insurance Fund**.
- Our Government, which has always supported the farmers in times of difficulty, had declared the relief package of **Rs.1,100 crore** for the farmers, out of which, it was decided to offer the relief of **special interest at the rate of two percentage** on the crop finance taken by the farmers during the year 2014-15, for which, a provision of **Rs. 350 crore** is made for the current year and **Rs.225 crore** for the next year respectively.

Animal Husbandry

- A provision of **Rs. 440.15 crore** for animal husbandry and dairy development under Plan .
- A provision of **Rs. 18.10 crore** for the **Chief Minister free animal treatment scheme**.
- Gujarat having become the front runner at the animal husbandry sector, our Government has taken a **historical decision in the field of cattle-health** in the State. In partnership with the Dairy Unions, it is proposed to facilitate the establishment of **one veterinary dispensary centre per group of ten villages** in a phased manner. A provision of **Rs.15 crore** is made.

- A provision of **Rs. 25 crore** is made to **strengthen infrastructures of dairy in the State**, for automatic milk collection and installation of the bulk milk cooler.
- Since taking over as Chief Minister of Gujarat, Hon. Smt. Anandiben Patel has taken several decisions for **economic empowerment of the rural women**. A provision of **Rs. 33.43 crore** towards the assistance upto 50% to the **milk producing cooperative societies run by the women** for construction of the building and also towards **the assistance on purchase of automatic milk collection system and bulk milk cooler**.
- **A provision of Rs. 10 crore** for giving assistance to establish the **cattle feed factory** through the dairy unions of the state.
- A provision of **Rs. 8.03 crore** for establishment of bull shed and grass godown at the **frozen semen station**, Patan.
- A provision of **Rs.16.50 crore** for the construction of **Bull mother farms** for both Kankrej breeding cow as well as Banni buffalo at Bhuj.
- A provision of **Rs.11.35 crore** for **Kamdhenu University**.
