

# **Agriculture and Rural Development**

- **Agriculture and rural economy as the key driver.**
- **Develop a broad-based diversified commercial agriculture .**

# CROPS

- Crops sector growth at 4-4.5% annually.
- **Productivity gains**- technology generation and dissemination.
- **Profitability gains**- smooth availability of quality inputs, adequate price incentives and level playing.
- **Diversification to high value crops**- encouraging private sector participation.
- **Pro-market input distribution**- private sector participation, and removal of distortions in input markets.

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- Promote dynamic pond aquaculture
- Develop and use water bodies through collaboration of BWDB, LGED, DoF and DLS.
- Finalize National Fisheries policy and the plan of action
- Strengthen Department of Fishery
- Strengthen fisheries research and extension.

# LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

- **Improve production and marketing of milk, meat and egg.**
- **Develop genetic stock, improve feeding practices, animal health, disease control, etc.**
- **Develop marketing services for livestock and livestock products and support private sector initiatives in developing supply chains for livestock products.**
- **Strengthen DLS with adequate manpower and increased budgetary allocation.**
- **Strengthen livestock research to achieve productivity gains.**

# **CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

- **Strengthen crop, livestock and fisheries research for generating improved technology.**
- **Promote demand-led agricultural extension, allowing the private sector and NGOs as providers of proven effective extension services for men and women.**
- **Improve agricultural marketing and agro-processing, involving the private sector.**
- **Improve land administration, Modernize land records and protect public land.**
- **Mainstream women in agriculture.**
- **Activate rural financial market.**

# **FOOD SECURITY**

- **Ensure a continuous and low-cost food supply.**
- **Ensure affordable food supply through efficiency gains in production, distribution and food trade.**
- **Increase purchasing power of the poor.**

# **RURAL NON-FARM ACTIVITIES**

- **Mainstream RNF sector in rural development programmes and project formulation process.**
- **Strengthen key drivers of RNF growth i.e. agricultural growth and divert rural remittances to productive use and find out new drivers.**
- **Allow the market to function better through removal of barriers and creation of enabling environment.**

# **MICRO-CREDIT**

- **Use micro -credit as development tool-coalition of stakeholders, provision of specialized services, BDS.**
- **Reach the ultra poor-strengthening Go-NGO collaboration, upgrading credit delivery system.**
- **Support the mature clients, new entrepreneurs and tomorrow's poor.**
- **Make micro-credit more effective-reduction of interest rates, flexible repayment rules.**

# **WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

- **Develop both ground and surface water resources taking care of environment and bio-diversity.**
- **Continue to promote minor irrigation largely in the private sector.**
- **Coordinate programmes of all concerned ministries for flood management, drainage provision, irrigation management, erosion protection, land reclamation, river flow augmentation, sharing of transboundary river water, wetland conservation through participation of local people.**