

Agrarian Economy



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India's Global Leadership

India's agrarian economy revolves around 60% of the population. To reform and to reorient the growth, Amendment of Companies Act 2013 was introduced under Section 465 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013 with the provision for farmer producer company. This act was hybrid produced by crossing of merits of corporate working and cooperative working and named as "Farmer Producer Organization", which can be registered under Companies Act as well as Societies Act.

The SWOT analysis clearly explains that we are moving towards global leadership, and we will reach our destination if we move with the right approach and carry in the direction with all the intents and contents. We have rich biodiversity with plenty of young human resource having skilled, semi-skilled as well as unskilled. But their energy needs to be channeled by being generous and transparent in our approach and mindset to treat them as our partners in growth.

If we compare with our close competitor China, which has 11,94,73,200 hectares arable land with approximately 1.4124 billion population, India has 15,53,69,076 hectare arable land with 1.417 billion as of end 2022. This indicates that we have the strength to feed our people very well in comparison to China, because China consumes about 25 million MT grains for raising meat and about 15 million MT grains for fisheries. So, there is a defect as far as the food security is concerned.

Indicators For Growth

Happiness Index: As per sustainable development solutions network of the UN's report, India ranks at 126th position with reference to Finland, which has been maintaining first position.

Hunger Index: The hunger life of Europe has evaluated India at 126th position, while China, Kuwait and Brazil are having less than five.

What Will Make People Happy: If I understand correctly, there are following type of satisfaction which normally an individual requires:

Professional satisfaction

Emotional satisfaction

Financial satisfaction

Social satisfaction

Need For Money: So, to make people happy, we need money. It is the prime component. If managed intelligently agriculture livelihood can play a major role, as it commands approximately 60-62% of the population.

Vehicles Of Growth

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Suggested Interventions

All the scientific organizations, funded by the government departments should be monitored and made responsible and accountable to adhere to the project schedules.

SAU should be made free of the clutches of corruption and a creature called "COMPTROLLER" should be removed, as it is a big inhibitor in the system and precursor of corruption in the system.

Young scientists should be given clear mandates and monitored. The non-productive people should be given premature retirements.

KVKS, especially in the northern states, have stopped going to the fields except for the little compulsive targets to be submitted to ICAR. They are working at 10% of their efficiencies.

The appointments should be clean, transparent and procedure should be well defined.

The politicians should be kept away from appointments, as these days it is a big interest for politicians to hang around the Vice Chancellors and influence them for favours in selections and award of work.

The line department heads as well as the senior administrative officers are busy in fulfilling their appetites at the cost of development and they are depending upon their subordinate channels for the entire family management.

The schemes should be circulated for feedback from the beneficiaries and regular reviews should be done for the continuous changes and upgradation and impact assessment should be done periodically.

Outsourcing pattern at the government level should be stopped as it is a good option for siphoning huge money and making departmental officers non-productive. We should trust our people and upgrade their skills and make them accountable.

Removal from job should be made transparent and effective in case of non-performance.

Govt schemes should be revised annually for their norms with reference to costing norms and technologies. To understand, the NHB's schemes and modus operandi can be studied.

All the agriculture promotion boards should be merged with Department of Agriculture and it should be centralized because as on today, they are just to facilitate the senior officers.

Technocrats with strong credentials with past track record should be involved in the functioning rather clerks in handling critical policy issues.

Private university's higher studies programs should be critically monitored.

No farmers' unions, political associations should be encouraged and strict enforcement policies should be implemented without considering them as VOTE BANKS.

The caste indicating second name should not be allowed to use if we are serious about our country. Otherwise, we will be at the mercy of nature to correct us.

We are the country to lead the world and guide the world for better life and happy living. But we need to understand and correct our own mindset rather than trying to correct others. India is a blessed country, and it is destined to lead the world.

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