

# Agriculture Sector of Pakistan

## 1. Introduction:

- Importance of Agriculture in any country's economy
- The greatest wealth of Pakistan-vast plains.
- Crops of winter and summer

## 2. Overview of Agricultural sector of Pakistan:

- Agriculture contributes 30% to GDP
- Employment to 55%
- 70% of export earning
- Livelihood to 70% of rural population
- Pakistan is not self sufficient in agricultural commodities.

## 3. Problems of Agriculture:

### a)Financial problems

- Inadequate Allocations- Gov is continuously decreasing allocations e.g. 51.8%in 5th plan but 8.2% in 7th
- Pricing Policy—Lower support price for wheat, rice, cotton and sugar cane.
- Rural Credit—Goes to big farmers.

### b)Resource development problem

- Water Problem
- Floods
- Salinity
- Erosion of soil

### c)Agricultural Input Problem

- Fertilizers
- Seeds
- Plant Protection

### d)Mechanization Problems

- Sowing Harvesting machinews
- ADBP loans

- High cost of technology

### **Social Problems**

- Illiteracy
- Health
- Transport
- Exploitation by middle man
- Few agricultural universities
- No funds for research
- Pressure of Population

### **4. Recommendations:**

- Educational Facilities
- Land Reforms
- Construction of Dams
- Agricultural Research
- To protect water logging/ salinity-- SCARP+ lining of canals
- Agric technology—genetic engineering
- Agric Education
- Plant protection
- Credit/ subsidies---loan facilities
- Fertilizers
- Seeds
- Better social condition
- Reduce population pressure
- Role of media for amelioration
- Agric Education

### **5. Prospects Of Agricultural Development**

- What government is doing for the betterment of the sector
- Five year plans
- Other measurements by the Government

### **6. Conclusion**