

# RURAL OUTREACH

The Narendra Modi government plans to pump around ₹12.61 lakh crore into the economy over seven years. Understanding where this money will be spent provides an insight into the government's thinking and priorities. An analysis by *Business Standard* shows that the rural sector will see the fourth-biggest chunk of this investment. In the fourth of a five-part series on the sector-wise break-up of the investment plan, *Business Standard* takes a look at the government's plan to give a boost to rural India

## INVESTMENT PLAN: ₹75,400 CRORE



### AGRICULTURE

PROJECT: **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)**

OBJECTIVE: Draw together various irrigation schemes under one roof

TARGET: 2019

BUDGET: **₹50,000 cr**

over the next five years

PROJECT: **Krishi Vigyan Kendras (VKVs)**

TARGET: Set up 109 VKVs in the 12th Plan period (2012–17) and continue developing the existing 642 kendras

TARGET: 2017

BUDGET: **₹3,900 cr** for the next two years



### WATER

PROJECT: **Namami Gange**

OBJECTIVE: Integrate efforts for cleaning the Ganga by bringing various programmes under one roof

TARGET: 2019

BUDGET: **₹20,000 cr** for the next five years from 2014



### SKILL DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT: **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)**

OBJECTIVE: Impart skill training to 2.4 million people through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

BUDGET: The scheme provides an outlay of **₹1,500 cr** (time period not specified)

Note: Some of the money in the above-mentioned programmes might have already been spent, as a few of these schemes are being implemented; Sources: Press Information Bureau, ministry websites

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