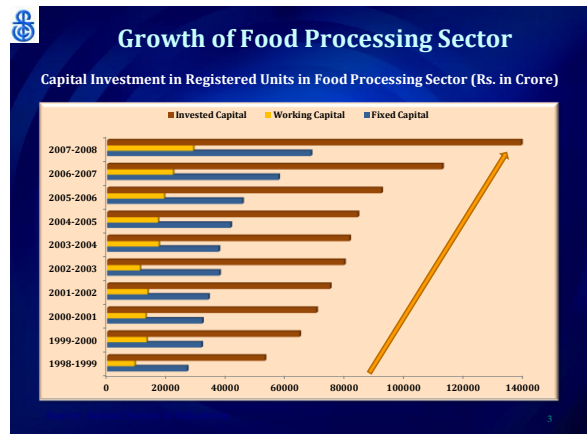
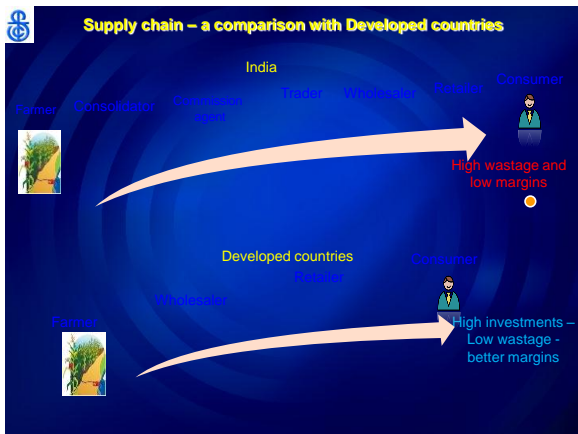


### Wastage of Agriculture Produce

- A nation wide study on quantitative assessment of harvest and post harvest losses for 46 agricultural produces in 106 randomly selected districts was carried out by CIPHET.
- Percentage of losses estimated for major produces.

Crop	Cumulative Wastage (%)
Cereals	3.9-6.0
Pulses	4.3-6.1
Oil Seeds	6.0
Fruits & Vegetables	5.8-18.0
Milk	0.8
Fisheries	2.9
Meat	2.3
Poultry	3.7



- ### Govt. of India Policy
- (+)
- ✓ **Dedicated Ministry** : We have a dedicated ministry which has contributed.
  - ✓ **Subsidy** : Subsidy is available from MoFPI for setting up of Food Processing Plants / Infrastructure projects.
- (-)
- ✓ **Approvals** : The gestation period for approval of subsidy application is significant. Should be Maximum of 3 months from date of application and within 2 months of receipt of request
  - ✓ **Subsidy** : Subsidy cap for last decade has remained the same while the cost of establishing Food processing plants has significantly increased.
  - ✓ **Prioritizing Priorities** : Govt. priority has narrowed down to Infrastructure. Need to rejuvenate Small and Medium enterprises / entrepreneurship within Food Processing sector.

- ### Govt. of India Policy
- (-)
- ✓ **Import Duty** : The import duty for imported plant & machinery is approx 30%. China, on the other hand, gives incentive / subsidy of 30% for importing plant & machinery. Import duty needs to be reduced to enhance the competitive edge of Indian Food Processing Industry.
  - ✓ **Plant & Machinery suppliers** : No incentives to the backbone of the Industry.



**How do we conclude this Dilemma ?**



### **Suggestions**

- ✓ **Farm Size** : Increase farm size by involving private sector. Put reasonable production & productivity goals.
- ✓ **Variety Data** : Appoint Multi agency Multi State agencies to track and collect variety data of Fruits and Vegetables.
- ✓ **Encourage Small & Medium Enterprises** : Subsidy should be 25% of Technical Infrastructure. Cap on subsidy should be increased to at least Rs. 1 Cr, if not more.
- ✓ **Plant & Machinery suppliers** : Incentives to enterprenuer in case he sources Indian manufactured goods. "Buy Indian" policy will lead to number of Foreign companies set up their "Fabrication Units" in India. No incentives to the backbone of the Industry. Encourage R & D.
- ✓ **Import Duty** : Import duty of Food Processing machinery needs to be reduced to a minimum of 5%.
- ✓ **APMC Act** : Amend APMC act to enable direct procurement from Farmers. Should encourage private sector participation.



**Thank You**

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