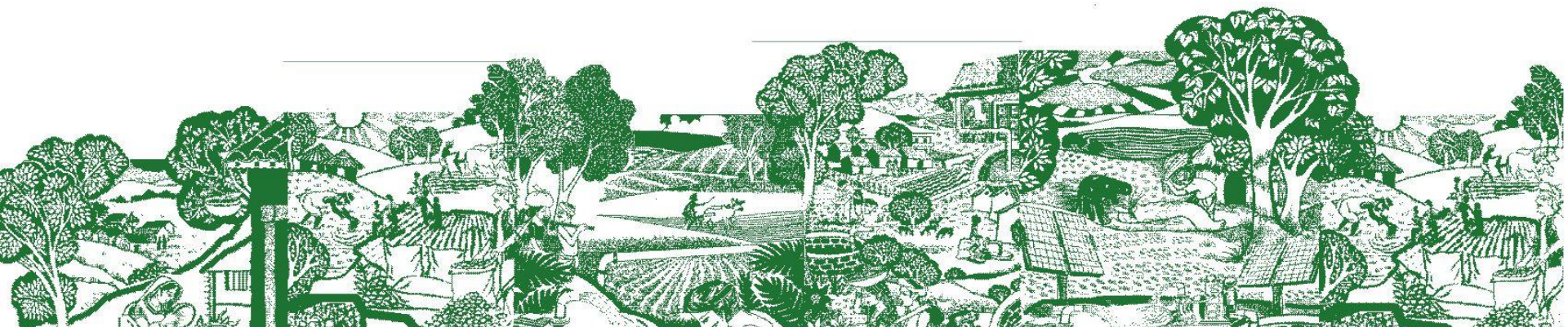


Implementing *PMKSY* in India's Eastern Geography

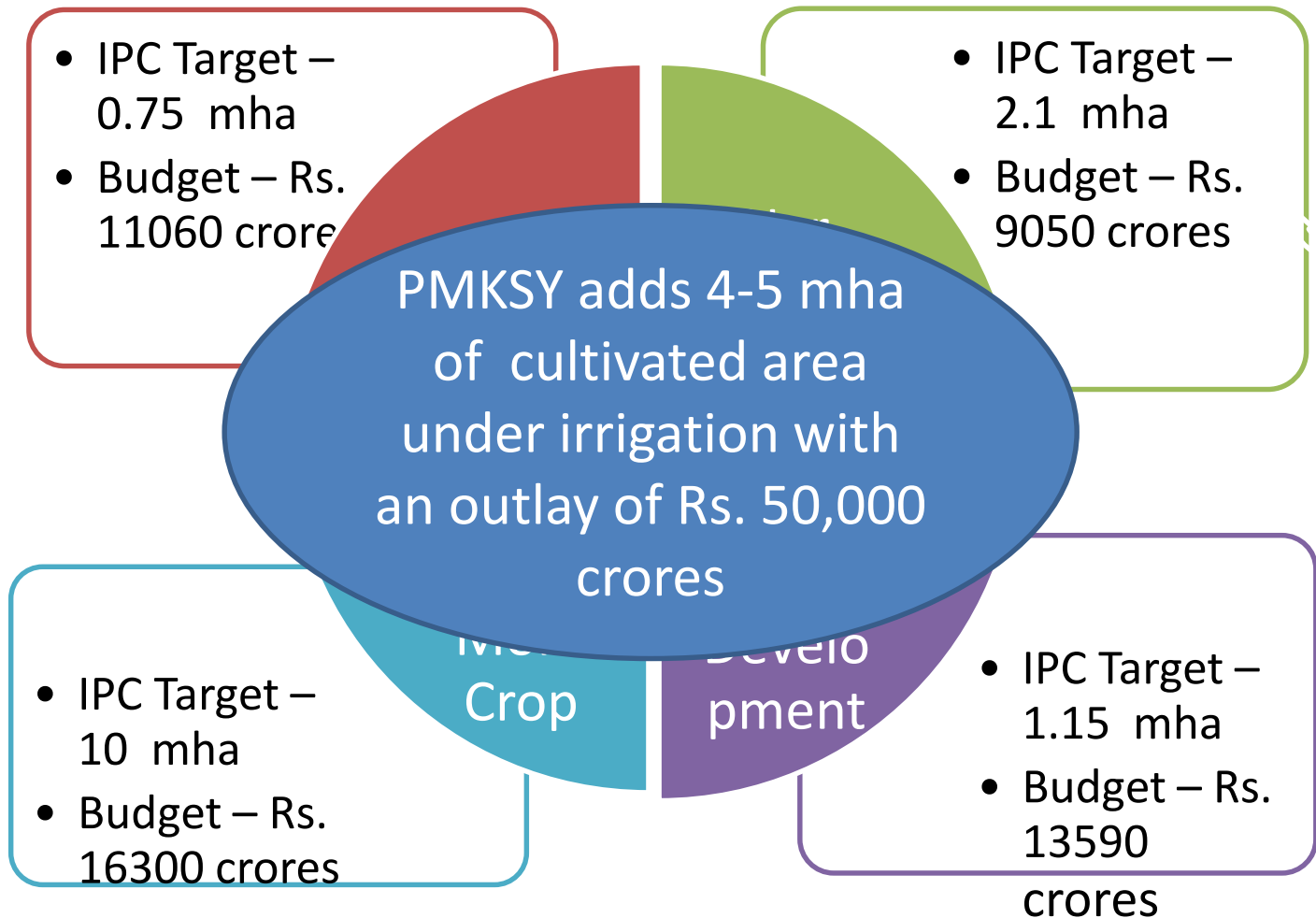
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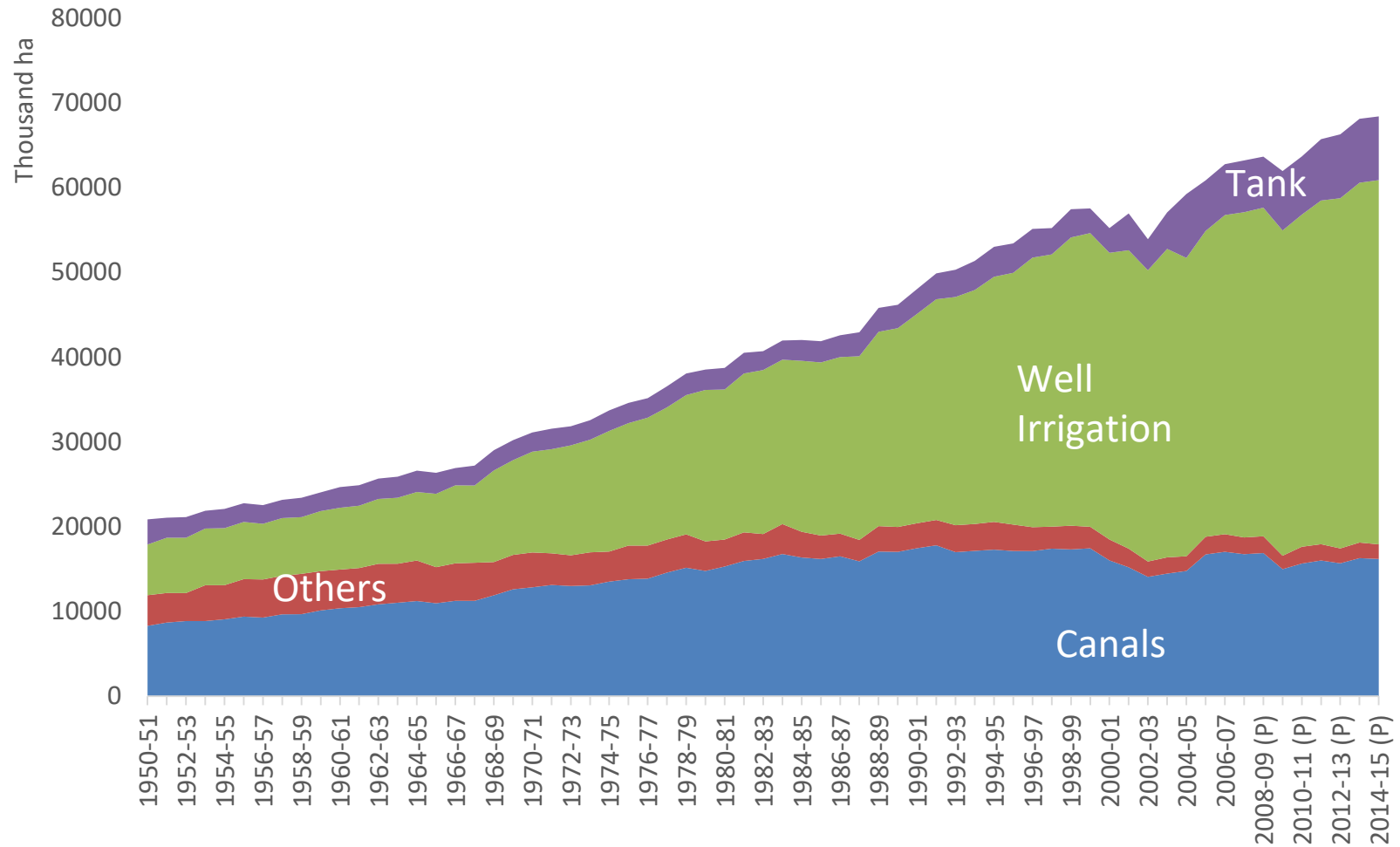
Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana (PMKSY)

- India's flagship Irrigation Scheme
- Overarching vision is to ensure irrigation access to every farm in the country- *Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP)*
- Scheme has multiple objectives which includes
 - *Physical access to water on every farm*
 - *Improve on-farm water use efficiency*
 - *Enhance aquifer recharge*
 - *Convergence of investments at field level*

Components of PMKSY



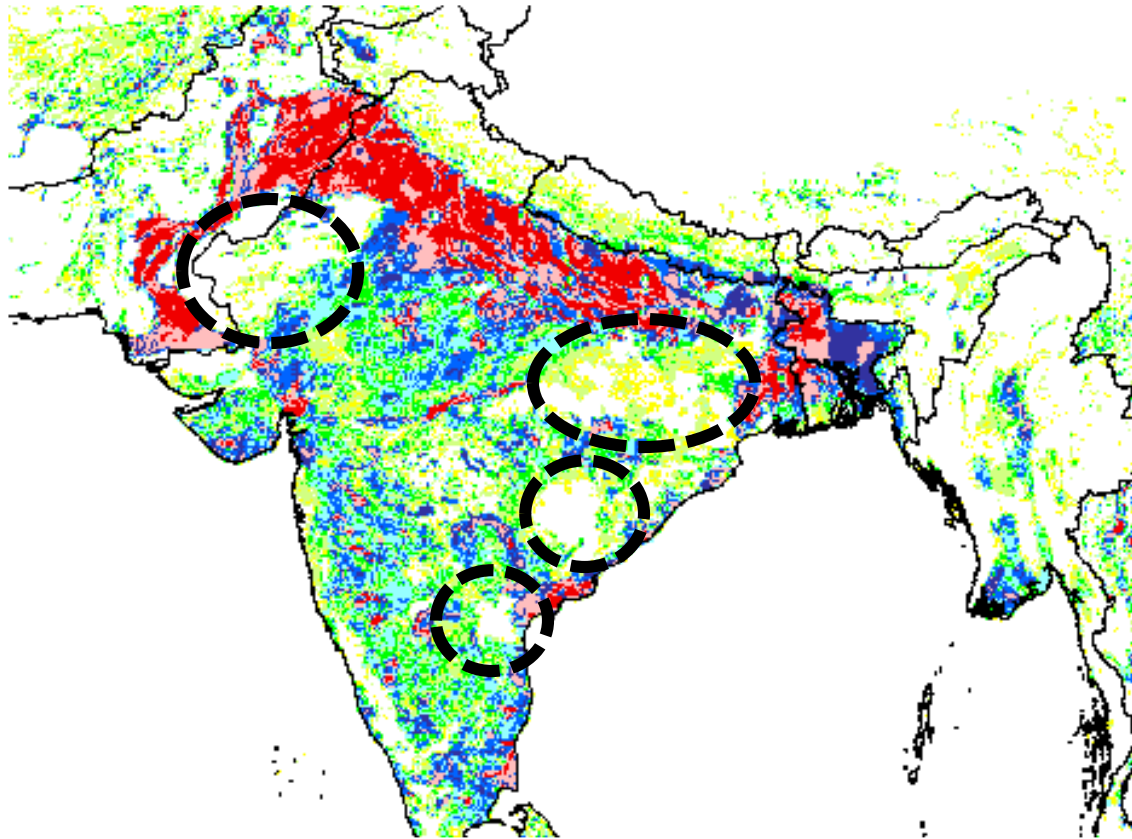
PMKSY and Irrigation Realities of India



Type I vs Type II Irrigation

Type I	Type II
Government/Community	Individual/group
Canals/Tanks/Watersheds	Wells/Tubewells/Surface Lift
Low year-round, on-farm water control	High year-round, on-farm water control
Farming system adapts to the irrigation regime	Irrigation regime adapts to farming systems
Unsuited for micro-irrigation	Suited for micro-irrigation

Unirrigated Geography of India

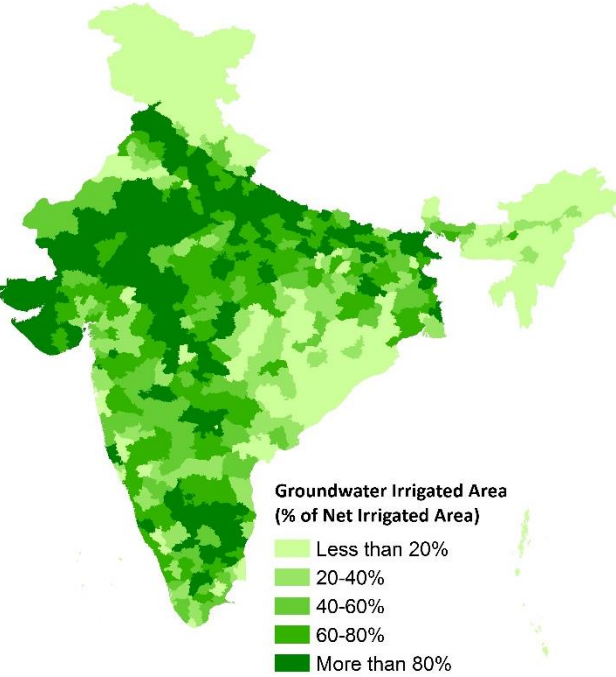


- Half of the cultivated area around 68 million farm holdings remains totally rain-fed
- Major chunk of unirrigated area are concentrated in the eastern geography

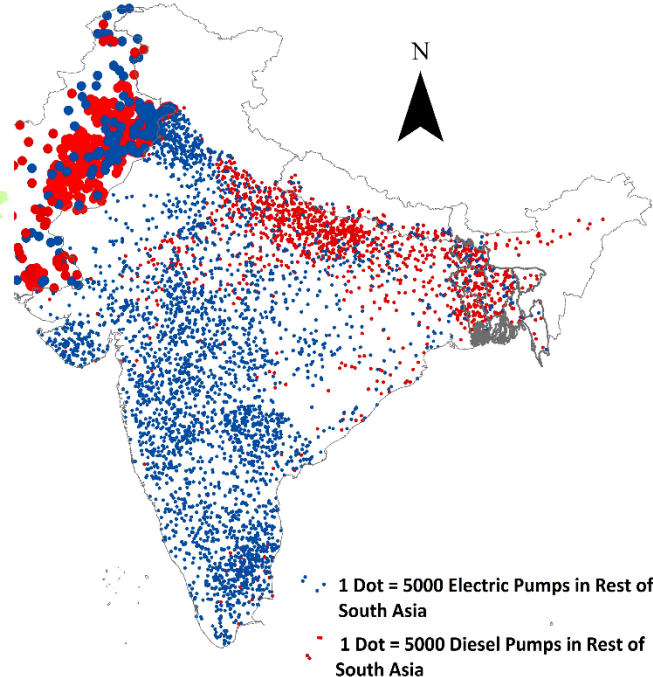
Percentage of land irrigated



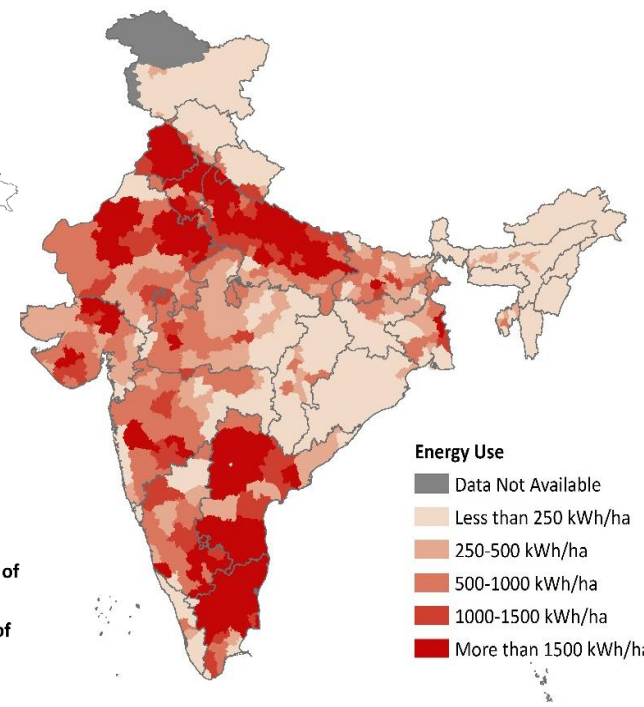
%GW Irrigated Area



Well Distribution



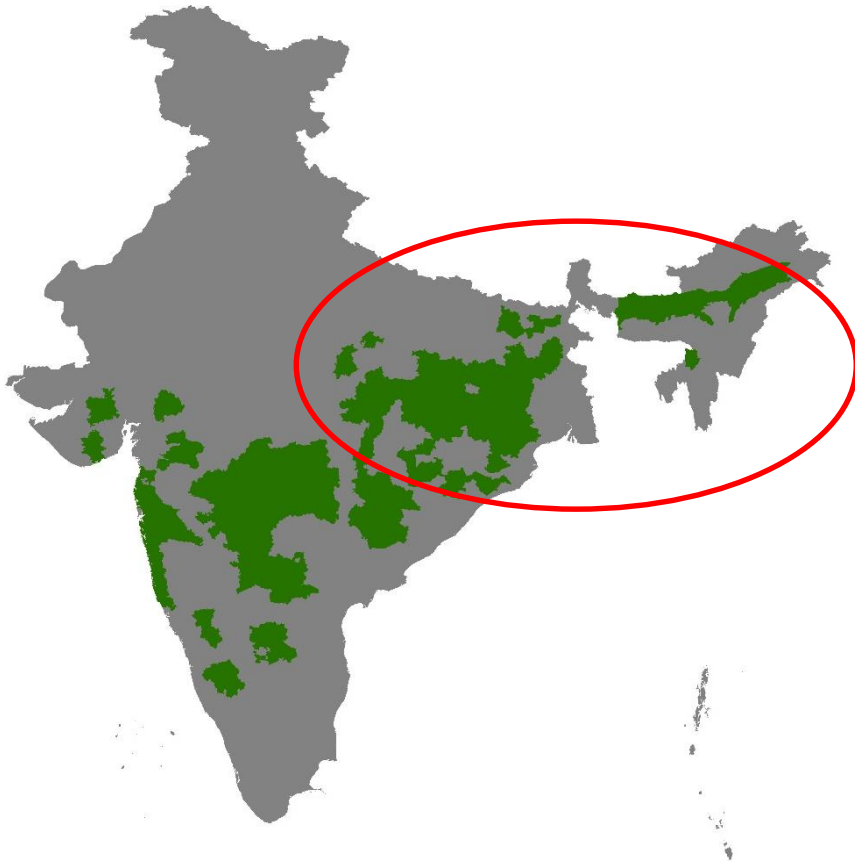
**Energy Use in Irrigation
(kWh/ha)**



Can PMKSY achieve *HKKP*?

- Current design of PMKSY looks insufficient to achieve *Har Khet Ko Pani*
 - *Against 68 m ha of rainfed area, PMKSY offers to provide irrigation to only 5 million ha*
 - *Relies on Type I irrigation for irrigation expansion*
 - *Only 0.25 m ha through groundwater irrigation*
 - *Overlooks the irrigation-deprived geography*

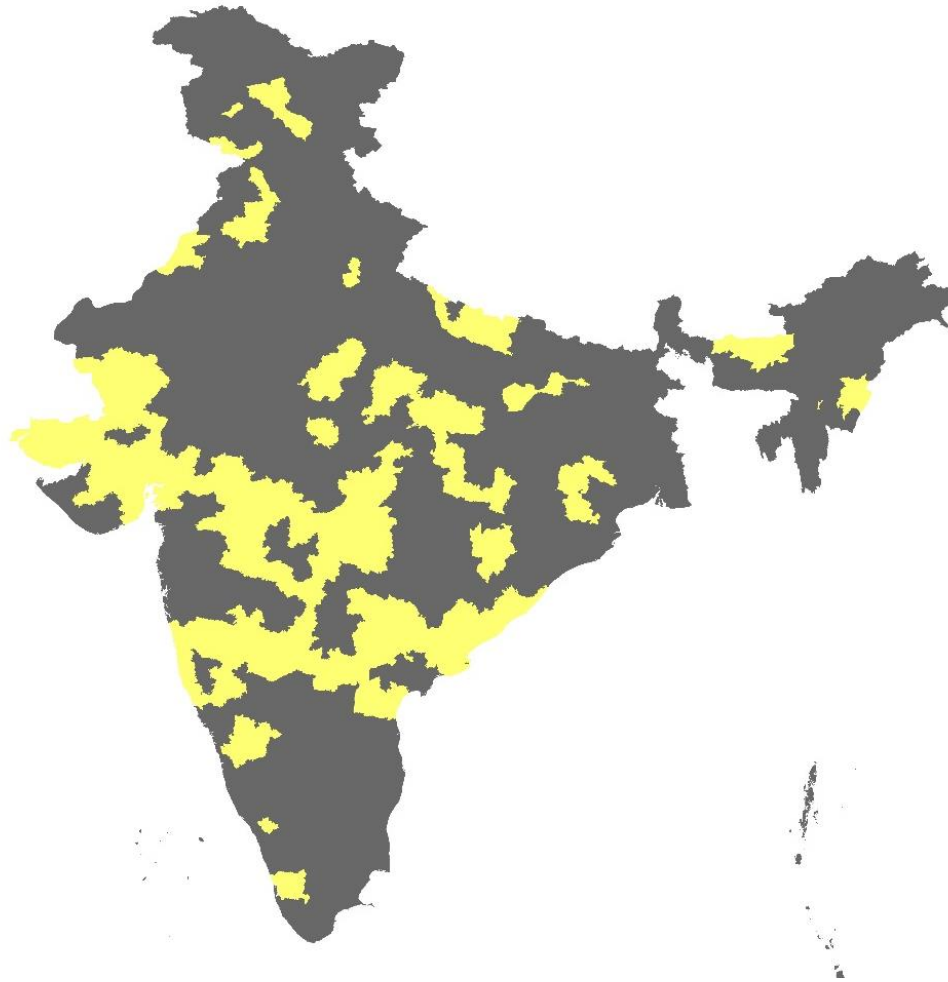
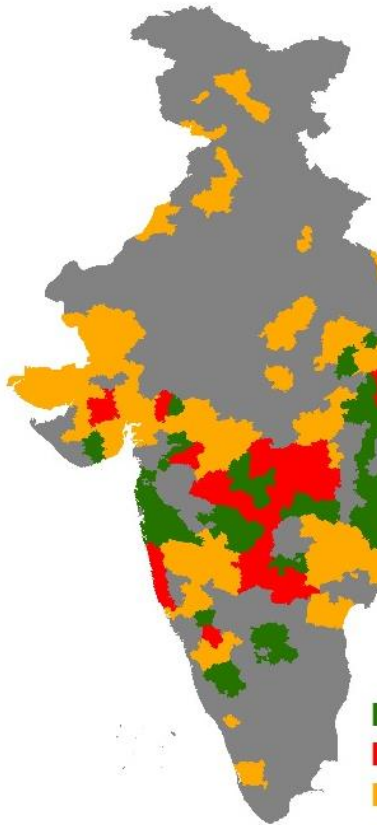
Spatial and Social Dimension of Irrigation Deprivation



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- 112 most irrigation-deprived districts which have unutilized GW potential for future irrigation development
- Districts have less than 30% irrigated holdings and less than 70% GW development
- Half of India's unirrigated holdings concentrated in these districts
- 68 out of 112 districts are located in eastern geography
- This geography also represents social dimension of irrigation-deprivation

AIBP overlooks Most Irrigation-Deprived Districts



Projects will
of irrigated area

gation-deprived
2 benefit from
und 0.2 m ha of

Re-visioning PMKSY

- Quickest and most cost-effective way of expanding irrigation access through Type II irrigation
- PMKSY should focus on 112 districts which have unutilized groundwater resource
- PMKSY should design a loan-subsidy scheme to enable farmers to own a dug well, a 3.5-5 kWp solar pump and 500 meters of flexible distribution pipe.
- PMKSY should aim at 1-1.5 million solarized irrigation wells in target 112 districts by 2020. These will add 5-7.5 mha of gross irrigated area in the country's most 'irrigation deprived' districts.

Uptake of ITP's Recommendation

- Central Groundwater Board (CGWB) and Government of India

“Groundwater irrigation scheme under Prime Minister Krishi Sinchai Yojna – Har Khet ko Pani will be taken up in 96 deprived irrigation districts where less than 30 per cent of the land holdings gets assured irrigation presently. I have allocated ₹2,600 crore for this purpose.”

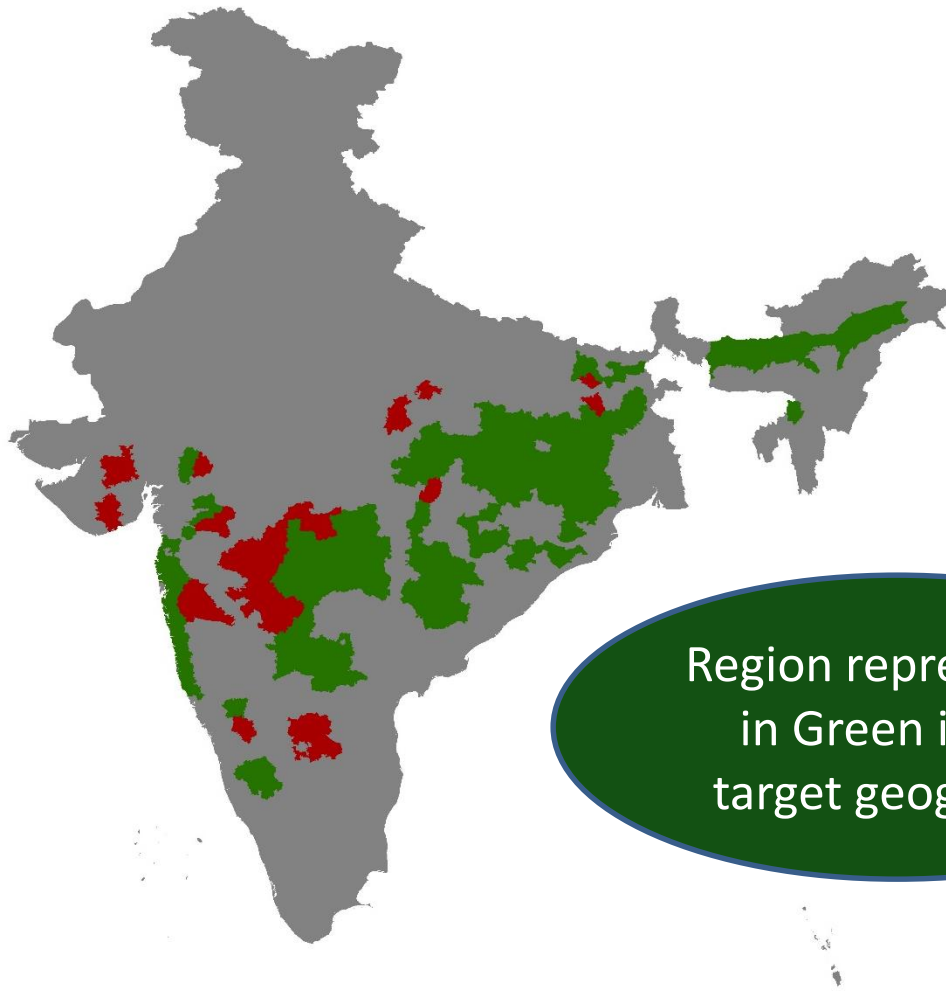
– Excerpt from Union Budget 2018 Speech

- In its 2018 Budget, the Finance Minister allocated Rs. 2600 crores for 2018-19 to kick start the scheme.

Target Geography of PMKSY-HKGP-GROUNDWATER

- Selection criteria
 - Less than 1000000
 - Less than 1000000
 - More than 1000000
 - GW occurrence

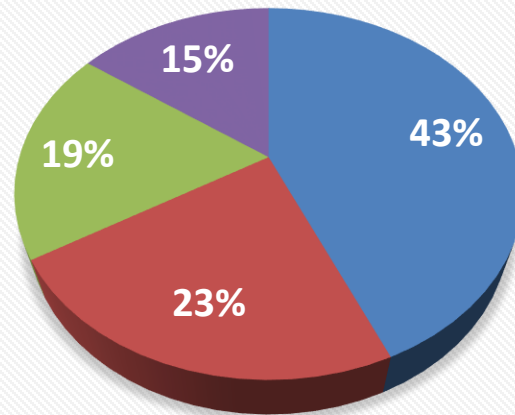
districts



Region represented
in Green is the
target geography

From District to Block level Implementation

- Block should be the unit of planning and implementation of the scheme
- Around 800 blocks in 96 districts are targeted by the scheme

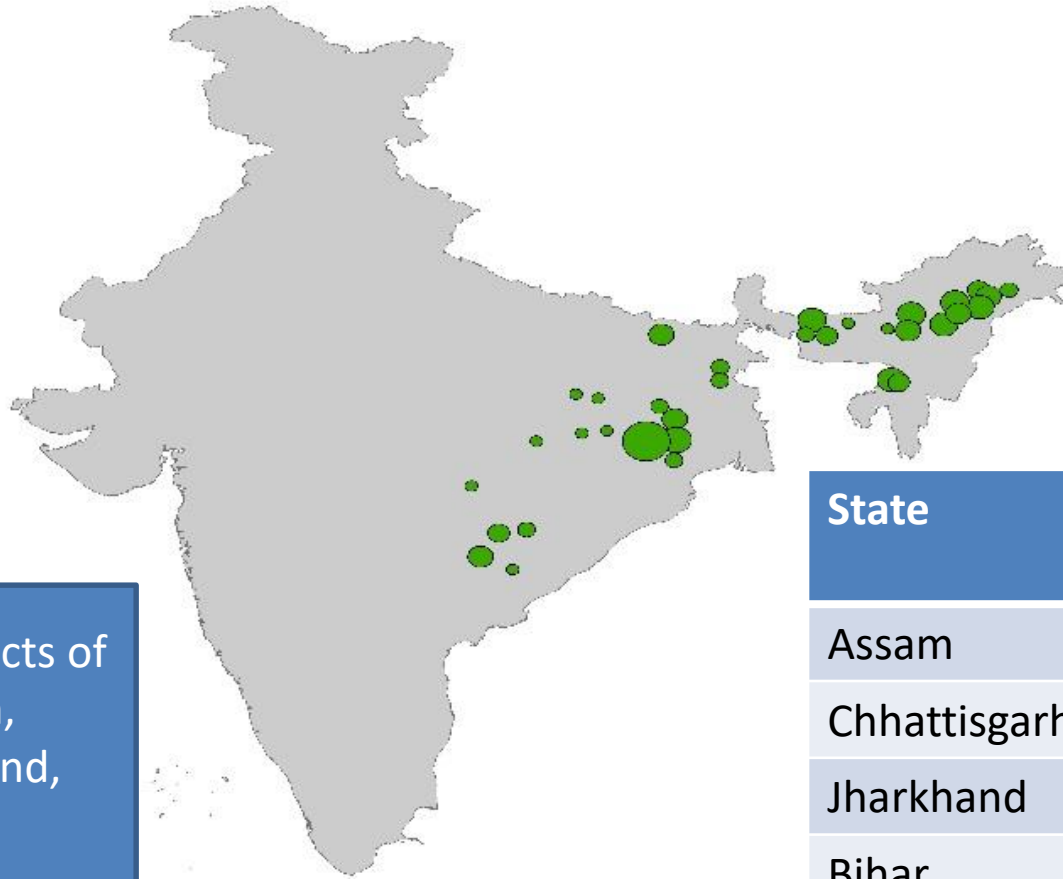


Within unirrigated geography, around 347 blocks have <5% irrigated holdings

■ <5% ■ 5-15% ■ 15-30% ■ >=30%

Implementation Roadmap for PMKSY-HKKP-GW

- Within irrigated areas which have the least groundwater – Less than 10% of blocks
- Less than 10% of blocks



of blocks
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110 blocks in 34 districts of eastern states- Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, WB and Odisha

State	Target Blocks
Assam	57
Chhattisgarh	10
Jharkhand	29
Bihar	4
WB	4
Odisha	6

How many new wells in 110 Blocks?

- Quantum of GW Available in 110 blocks
 - 0.5-0.6 million ham of additional GW available for utilisation in without posing any threat to GW utilisation (*CGWB 2013*)
- Potential of creating 0.25-0.3 million groundwater wells using available GW
- With the allocated amount of Rs. 2600 crores, the scheme can construct 0.1-0.12 million groundwater wells
 - *Cost of constructing dugwell/borewell/shallow tubewell*
 - *Cost of mechanised pumps (25% are solar pumps)*
 - *Cost of 200 m of water delivery pipe*

Way Forward....

- Impacts of prioritizing investments in these 0.1-0.12 million groundwater wells
 - *Increase the irrigated area from 7% to 24%*
 - *enhance the gross value of crop-milk output by more than Rs. 20-25 billion annually*
- Convergence of the scheme with other govt. schemes like KUSUM and Aspirational District Program
- PMKSY-HKKP-GW scheme should involve the participation of grassroots NGOs and CSOs for its effective implementation