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# A JOBS FRAMEWORK FOR REVIVING STATE'S ECONOMY

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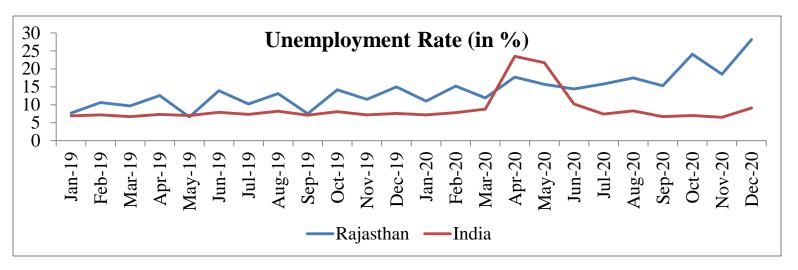
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### Context

- A once-in-a-lifetime budget to deal with the social, health and economic effects of Covid-19 pandemic by achieving socio-economic resilience.
- Thus, need is to cater to the needs of the vulnerable sections through budgetary interventions those seeking but not able to get work in the State.
- Addressing jobs challenge will not only address challenges of unemployment but will also bring in investments, driving economic recovery and growth.
- Given an unexpected situation arising due to the pandemic, the 2021 budget should consider the pressing issues faced by the State's economy in order to address them effectively.

# Issues to be Addressed by State Budget

#### 1. Rising Unemployment Rates



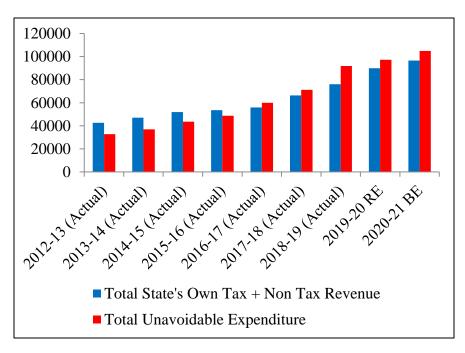
Source: Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy

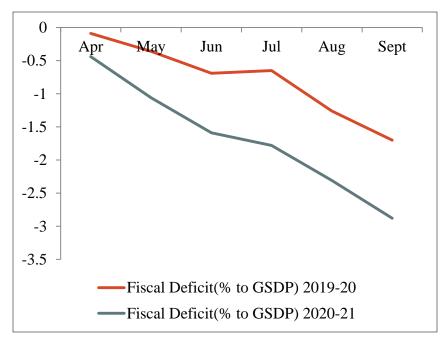
- Monthly unemployment rates in Rajasthan have remained greater than the national average since last two years, except for the lockdown months of April, May and June
- Post the first phase of lockdown, unemployment rates in Rajasthan have been rising continuously at alarming rates, highlighting the seriousness of the issue in the State
- As of December 2020, the unemployment rates of Rajasthan were the second highest in the country, next to Haryana

Thus, the State budget should cater to the financial needs of the sectors that are job-intensive in nature. However, there is another issue which acts as a constraint to budgetary allocations in Rajasthan – constraint financial health of the State.

# Issues to be Addressed by State Budget

#### 2. Constrained Financial Health



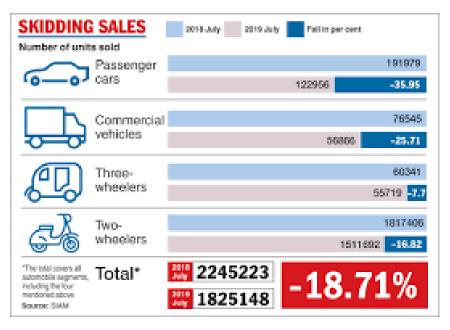


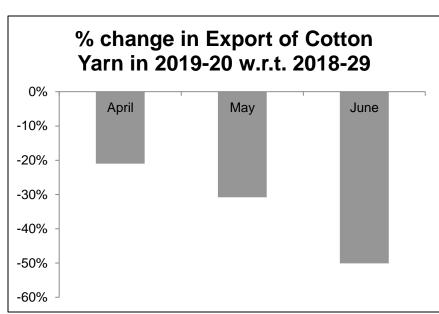
Source: Presentation made in the first meeting of CM-RETAC on 15th October

- The State has been unable to finance even its unavoidable expenditure of salaries, pensions and interest payments from its own sources of revenue.
- These unavoidable expenditures were close to 120% of state's own revenue in 2018-19 (Actuals) and are down to 108% in 2020-21 (BE)
- Fiscal Deficit (as % to GDP) during the pandemic affected months has also grown alarmingly, as compared to previous year
- At a time when Centre's financial assistance is also shrinking, this poses a major challenge for budget 2021-22.

# Issues to be Addressed by State Budget

#### 3. Prevailing Demand Slowdown





Case of Auto-sector in India

 Auto sales plummeted to an all-time low in the 2019, almost 19% reduction is sales as compared to 2018

#### Case of Textile Sector in India

 Textile sector was also reeling under one of the worst demand slowdowns, as represented in the figure of cotton export sales.

# The Catch-22 Situation

- Although, the need of the hour is to focus on job creation and raise standards of living of masses, the financial constraints on State's finances pose a challenge.
- Ripple effects of expansionary fiscal policy in terms of inflationary effects, can be disastrous for a healing economy, especially for vulnerable sections of people.
- Thus, systemic and structural transformations are the need of the hour and the upcoming budget can provide the required impetus to this.
- The State Governments and all other institutions will not be judged on the basis of balance sheets or profit numbers, but on the basis of what they did for addressing the challenges of the pandemic.
- Dr. Rathin Roy, Member Rajasthan Economic Transformation Advisory Council

# The Way Out: A Jobs Framework

- In order to address the challenges of demand slowdown, constrained finances and rising unemployment rates in the State, there is a need for linking fiscal and financial decisions of the State Government to the Jobs Agenda.
- This framework presents a preliminary framework for creating ample number of jobs in order to ensure inclusive and sustained growth by focusing on major job-intensive sectors of Rajasthan.
- **Target**: In order to estimate required number of jobs, data regarding the number of people seeking work from Census 2011 and CMIE rates of unemployment for 2020 have been considered. From this, if jobs are to be created for all the unemployed people of Rajasthan in the next three years, additional 4422133 (44.22 lakhs) jobs per year will be required.

# Sector-wise Existing Employment, Employment Intensity and Required Jobs

Upon analysis of major job-intensive MSMEs and their employment intensity across the 36 districts of Rajasthan, the following results were found.

<sup>\*</sup> Employment Intensity is measured in Jobs per Crore of fixed Investment

		Sector-wise Share in	Annual Jobs Required	Average Investment
	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Existing Employment</b>	through MSMEs (Assuming	Required (Sector-
Sector	Intensity*	of MSMEs (in %)	60% contribution)	wise) in Rs Crore
Textile	358.02	31.46	834836.17	2331.80
Mineral	160.71	36.06	956902.34	5954.14
Leather	1036.22	9.90	262744.02	253.56
Auto and auto				
components	330.40	4.14	109930.64	332.72
Agro Processing	167.96	18.42	488866.63	2910.55

Thus, for achieving the objective of eradicating unemployment by 2024, the main sectors that require focus are: Textiles, Mineral and Mining, Leather, Automobile and Agro-processing (including food processing)

This framework lists out the main issues faced by these sectors and the potential districts that can be developed as clusters for them.

Source: Official Website of Development Commissioner, MSME, Gol

# Sector-wise Strategy

- 1. Textiles and Apparel
- 2. Agro and Food Processing
- 3. Leather
- 4. Auto and Auto-components
- 5. Mines and Minerals

Roadmap for Textile and Apparel Sector in Rajasthan

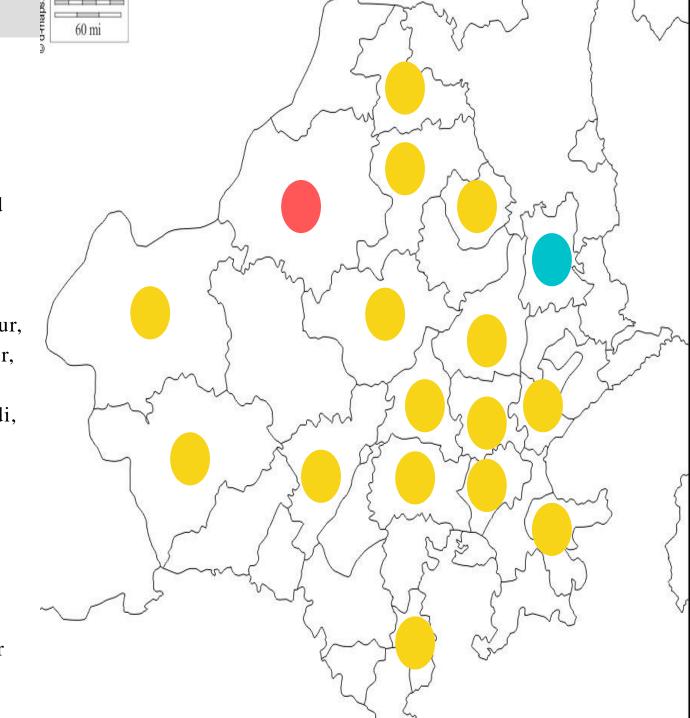


Textile and
Apparel Sector:
Existing Districts

Textiles (Cotton and MMF): Jaisalmer,
Barmer, Pali,
Pratapgarh, Baran,
Tonk, Sawai Madhopur,
Ajmer, Jaipur, Nagaur,
Jhunjhunu, Churu,
Hanumangarh, Bundi,
Bhilwara

Woolen Textiles: Bikaner

Jute Products: Alwar



Textile and Apparel Sector: Potential

**Districts** 

Ready Made Garments:

Banswara, Dholpur, Dungarpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Pratapgarh, Rajsamand, Sawai,

Madhopur

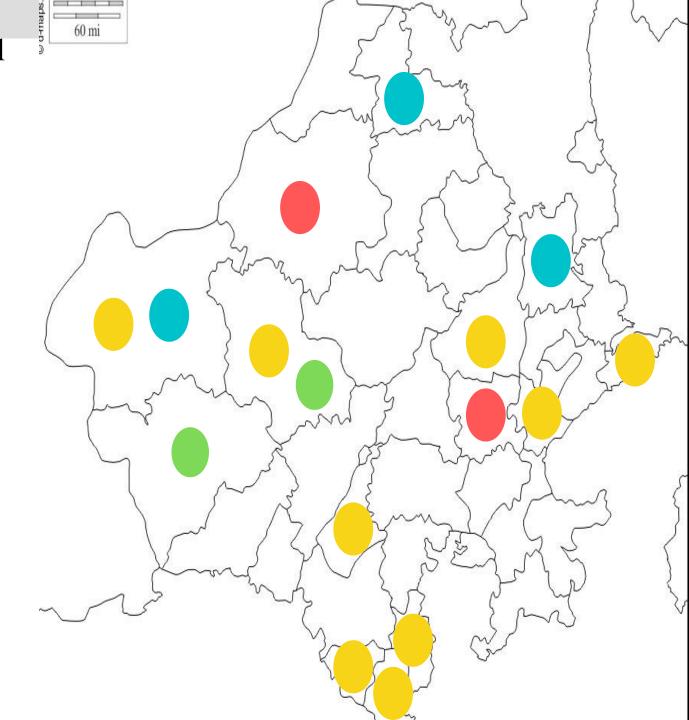
Handlooms and handicraft:

Barmer,

Jaisalmer

Woolen Textiles: Bikaner, Tonk

Cotton Textiles:
Alwar, Jaisalmer,
Hanumangarh



Raw Material: Cost, procurement means and quality

Access to Capital: Fixed and Working Capital Labour: Income, Skills, Availability and Social Security

Transportation: Cost and Means

Textiles & Apparel

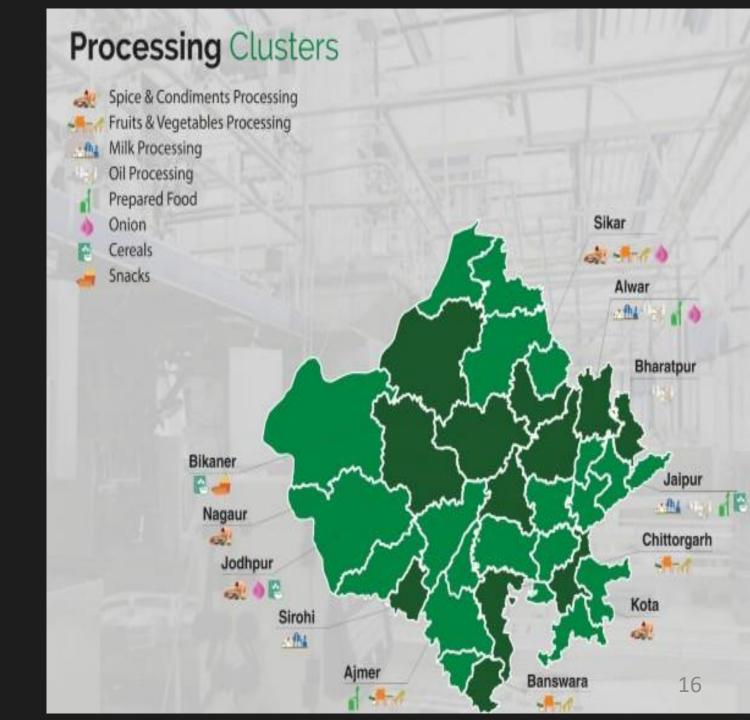
**Enabling Conditions** 

Market: Domestic and Exports

Niche products: Innovation and Technology Power: Cost, Source of Supply, Reliability Roadmap for Agro Processing Sector in Rajasthan

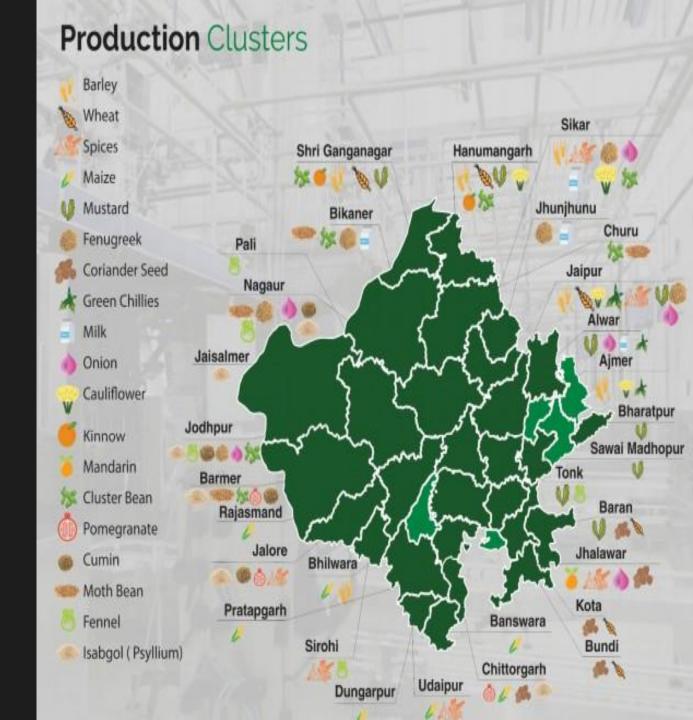


Agro
Processing
Sector:
Existing
Districts in
Rajasthan



Potential
Districts in
Agro
Processing
Sector:

"Taking
Processing
Units to the
Farms"



Raw Material: Proximity,
Quality (Processeable
quality), Cost, Procurement,
Means

Access to Capital: Fixed and Working Capital Labour: Income,
Skills, Availability and
Social Security

Transportation: Cost and Means

Agro-Processing

**Enabling Conditions** 

Market: Domestic,
Inter-state and
Exports

Niche products: Innovation and Technology

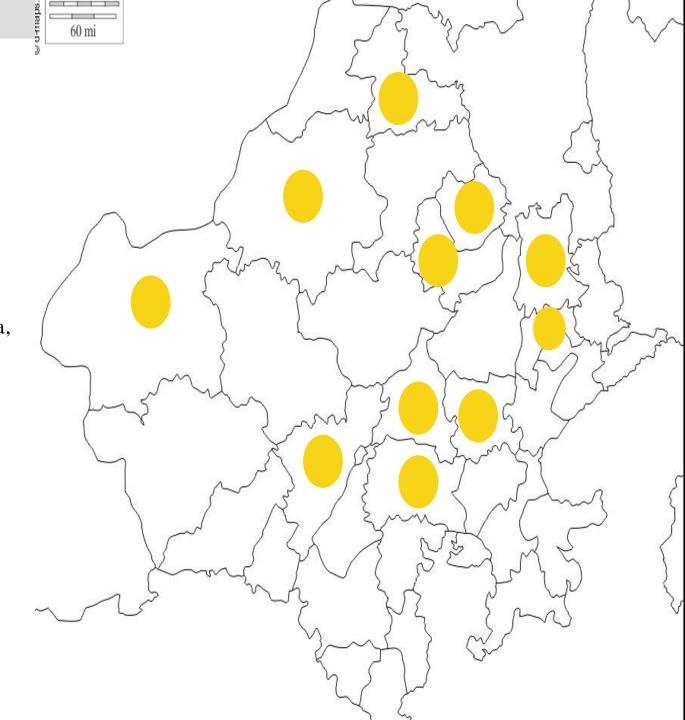
Cold Storage and Warehouses

Fuel and Power: Cost, Supply and reliability Roadmap for Leather Industries Rajasthan



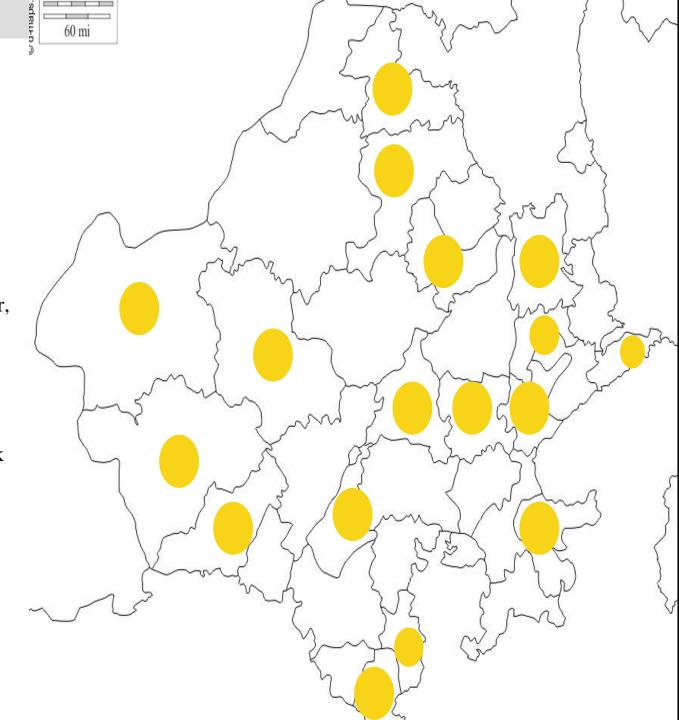
Leather: Existing Districts

Ajmer, Alwar, Bhilwara,
Bikaner, Dausa,
Jaisalmer,
Hanumangarh,
Jhunjhunu,
Pali, Sikar, Tonk



Leather: Potential Districts

Ajmer, Alwar, Baran,
Barmer, Banswara,
Dausa, Churu, Dholpur,
Hanumangarh,
Jaisalmer, Jalore,
Jodhpur, Pratapgarh,
Rajsamand, Sawai
Madhopur, Sikar, Tonk



Linkage with
Global Value
Chains

Domestic Tanning & Other Value Addition Processes

Labour: Income, Skills, Availability and Social Security

Availability of Raw Material in Proximity

Leather Industry

**Enabling Conditions** 

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Quality Control and Manufacturing as per Global Standards

Designing, Technology and Research
Development

Modernisation, value addition and Manufacturing Finished Products Domestically Roadmap for Auto and Auto Components Industries in Rajasthan

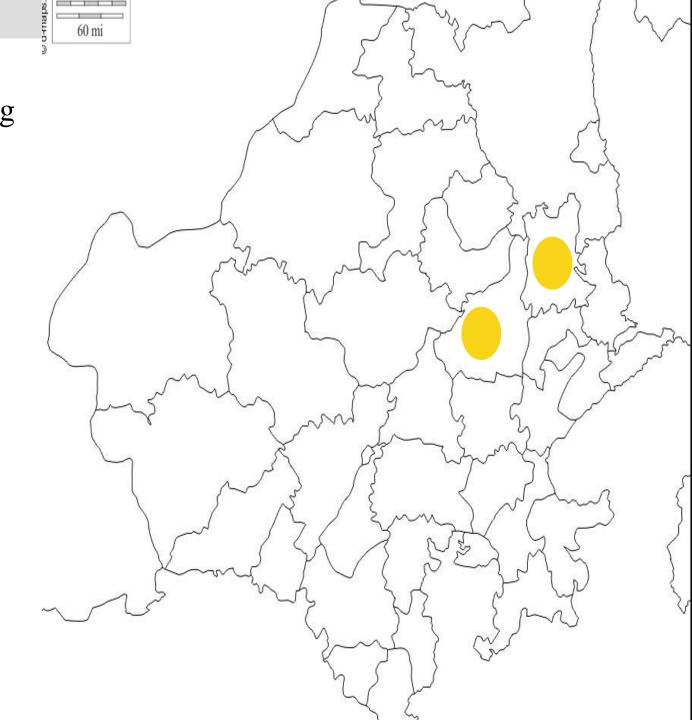


Auto and Auto
Components: F

Components: Existing

MSMEs Districts

Jaipur, Alwar (Close to Manesar, an auto hub)

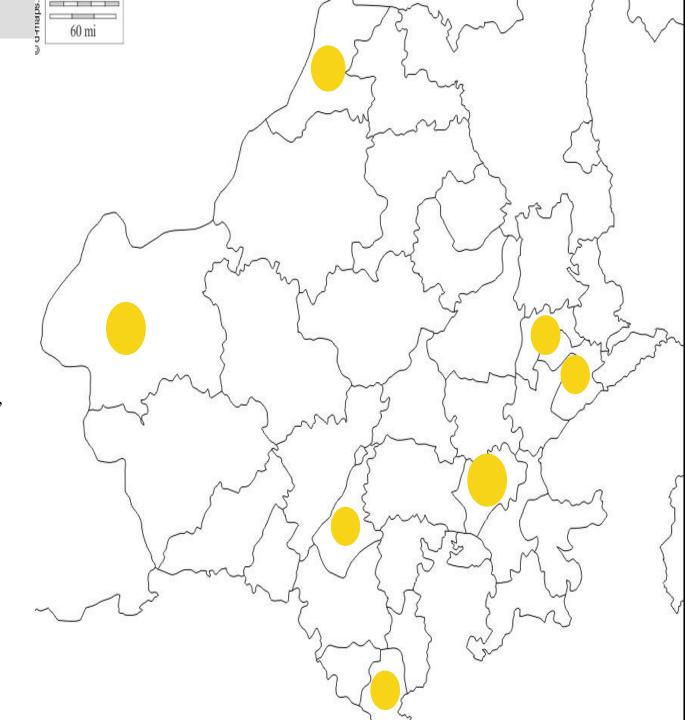


Auto and Auto

Components:

Potential Districts

Banswara, Bundi, Dausa, Jaisalmer, Karauli, Rajasamand, Sri Ganganagar



Labour: Income, Skills, Availability, Retention, Social Security

Insurance Costs and
Ease of Regulatory
Approvals

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Fuel Price and Taxation Regime on Automobile

Product Diversification as per Domestic Demand and Competition

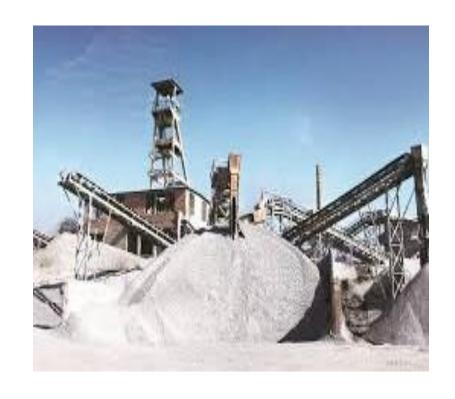
# Automobile and Components Industry

Raw Material
Requirement and
Assembly

**Enabling Conditions** 

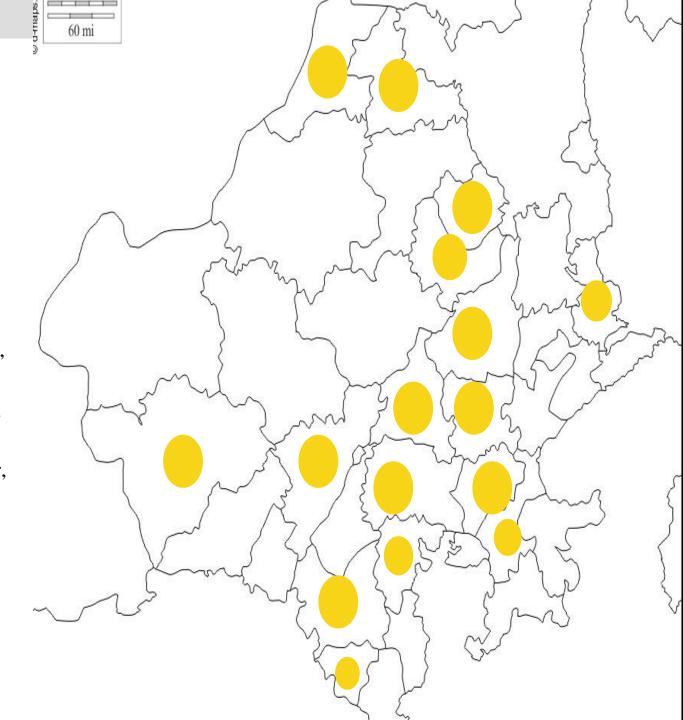
Regulatory Standards and their Implementation: BS
Norms, EVs

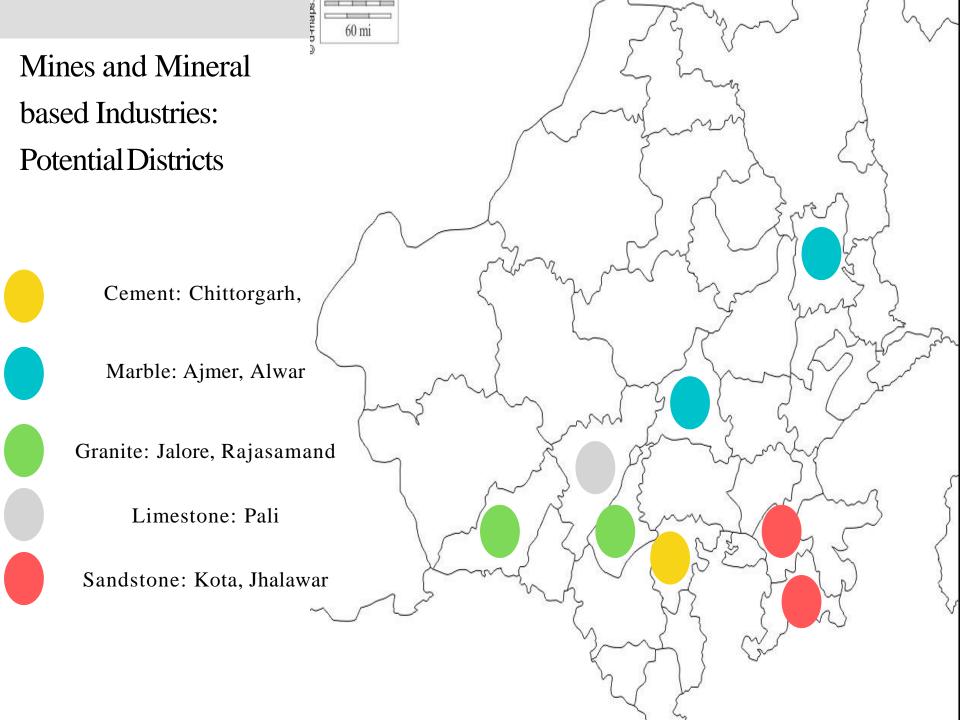
Cost of Capital: Interest on Loan and Working Capital Cost and Availability of Land Roadmap for Mines and Minerals Industries 1n Rajasthan



Mines and Mineral based Industries:
Districts

Ajmer, Barmer,
Bharatpur, Bundi,
Bhilwara, Chittorgarh,
Dungarpur,
Hanumangarh, Jaipur,
Jhunjhunu, Kota, Pali,
Sikar, Sri Ganganagar,
Tonk, Udaipur





Domestic and Global Competition and Scale

Labour: Income, Skills, Availability, Retention, Social Security

Cost of Capital: Fixed and Working Capital

Cost of Land

Mineralbased Industries

**Enabling Conditions** 

Raw Material Proximity, Quality and Procurement

Inspections, Regulatory and Administrative Approvals and Processes

Power: Cost, Source and Reliability

Other Fuels Required

# **Key Recommendations**

- Budgetary allocations and schemes should be aligned to address structural issues faced by focus sectors of the state.
- Common issues requiring attention related to ease of running a business including raw material procurement, operational costs, regulatory costs, fuel costs, environmental costs, logistics, labour, etc.
- Demand-side assessment is extremely crucial before planning or facilitating investments in such sectors, which should be a key ingredient of budget announcements and schemes. This implies that mapping of potential markets for goods and services produced by these sectors is a crucial parameter governing investment decisions.

- Strengthening local institutional capacity on policy research, technology R&D and innovation spheres is crucial and should be incorporated.
- Focus should also shift from mere number of jobs to also quality of jobs and standards of living.
- Upcoming sectors like gig-economy, electric vehicles, renewable energy should also be explored from the lens of job creation and sustainable finance.
- Budgetary announcements, schemes and policies should also include a funding for conducting out research activities in such sectors, which can assist in achieving the vision of inclusive, sustainable and resilient economic growth.
- Some potential research items and relevant institutions are provided in the next slide. CUTS offers to take up these issues with the concerned public institutions, provided a financial support to undertake the required activities.

Action Plan for Industrial Development	Potential Agency
<ul> <li>Database generation of raw material sources, industries, workforce, skill-levels, incomes and other factors</li> <li>Research and Development on operational efficiency, technology, innovation and supply-chain management at enterprise level. Also, linking value-chains across clusters and developing a circular economy roadmap for thrust sectors</li> </ul>	District Industries Centres, MSME Business Development Council
Framework for mobilising local capital for localised production in the State	Regional Rural Banks, NBFCs,
Branding, advertising and market promotion activities for key sectors of industrial development	Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Rajasthan
Independent evaluation, monitoring and feedback of industrial development tasks, policies and schemes	Department of Industries, Rajasthan Economic Transformation Advisory Council
<ul> <li>Assessing the investments and their outcomes through tracking and monitoring mechanisms</li> <li>Structural reforms for ensuring regulatory stability and ease of running business</li> </ul>	Bureau of Investment and Promotion, GoR RIICO
Drafting research-based plan of action for convergence of trade, industrial and competition policy	Inter-departmental Committess, or Group of Ministers, Department of Industries, GoR

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