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Budget 2018 presents an encouraging outlook for a wide cross section of stakeholders. The FM has taken a long term view by focusing on agriculture, health care, education and infrastructure. It addresses specific pain points of the farmer by undertaking three major initiatives: By assuring revenue of 1.5 times the cost incurred, it has safeguarded the farmer's income, by funding agricultural market development and increasing the reach of e-NAM, access to market has been strengthened and by extending Kisan Credit Card and creating a Rs 10,000 crore fund for animal husbandry it captures the changing composition of the Agriculture sector.