



India: Re-Energizing the Agricultural Sector to Sustain Growth and Reduce Poverty (Paperback)

By The World Bank

OUP India, India, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 274 x 211 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Agriculture contributes only about a quarter of India's total GDP, but its importance in the economic, social, and political fabric of India goes beyond what mere numbers indicate. Central to policy making in India is the enduring concern with the large number of poor agricultural households and their income vulnerability. These concerns, in turn, drive both policy and public expenditure in agriculture. While significant progress has been made towards rapid agricultural growth, eradication of poverty, and ensuring food security, since the 1990s agricultural growth has slowed down. A concern with the slowdown is evident in the priority given to raising agricultural productivity in the Indian government's National Agricultural Policy and the 10th Five Year Plan. In comprehensively addressing these issues, the report recommends: BL Moving away from traditional subsidy-based regimes BL Building a highly productive, internationally competitive agricultural sector BL Making the sector more diversified Such a programme, the report argues, will have a direct impact on reducing poverty by: BL Enhancing producer incomes BL Maximizing consumer welfare through changes in food prices BL Increasing employment and wage effects...

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