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# Budget 2024 Expectations: Agricultural Leaders Call for Increased Investment and Reforms

Leaders in the agricultural sector are calling for significant investments and comprehensive reforms to bolster rural infrastructure and promote sustainable growth.

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“As we approach the Union Budget 2024, we eagerly anticipate a visionary and comprehensive approach that encircles the entire Agri value chain through infrastructural reforms. **Skill development** should be a key focus area to empower the agriculture sector enough for it to become a significant source of employment opportunities. To achieve this, the budget must prioritize education & training for the warehousing industry, enabling individuals to acquire skills and embrace new technologies. Encouraging private sector participation will facilitate the adoption of innovative solutions at the grassroots level. A key focus point should definitely be on strengthening technology integration to existing warehousing facilities to curb crop damage due to multiple churns. Then to bind these processes together cheaper credit should be made available to Agri-financial institutions so that farmers can get the credit on time and the whole process of farm-to-factory can be streamlined. With that being said the approach here needs to be holistic and not in silos as all these factors are highly interlinked and it might not be sustainable to develop one area while leaving the others behind.”