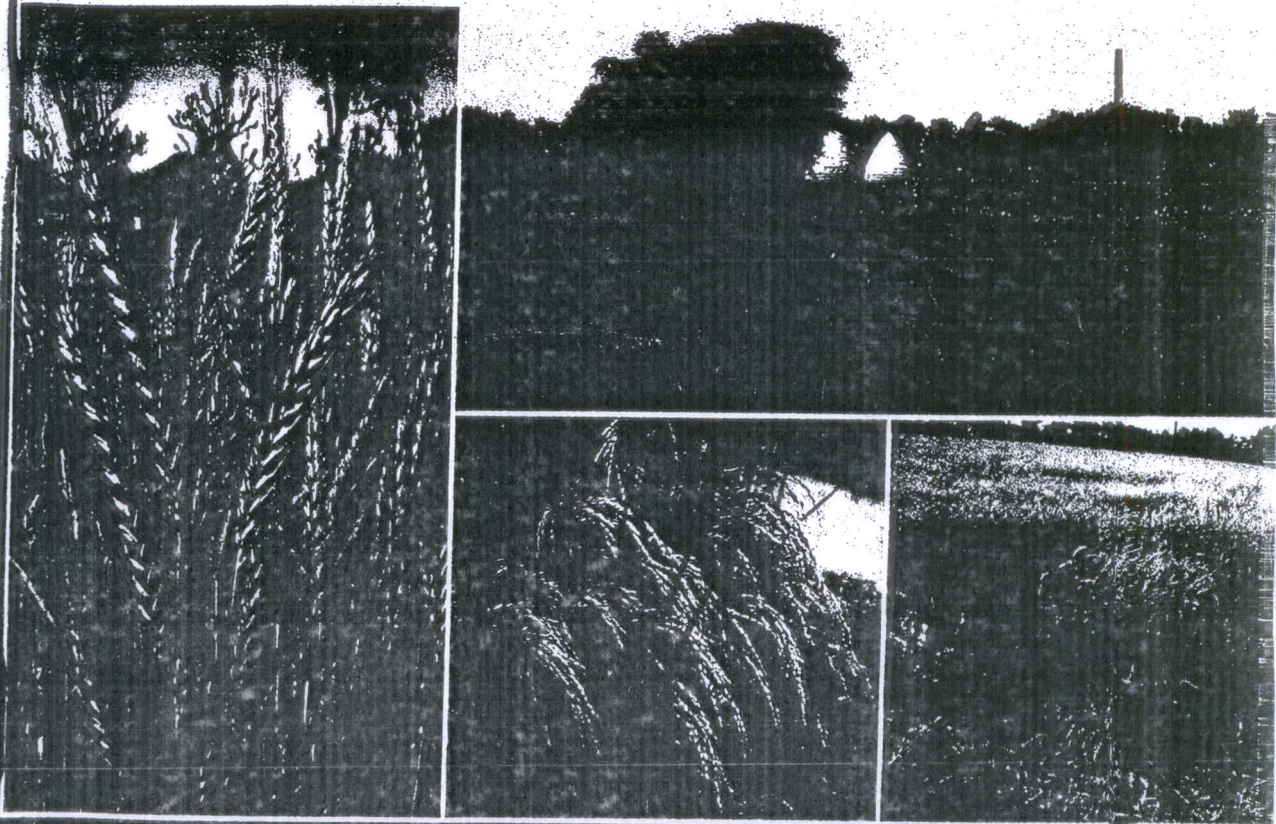




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1. Union Budget 2011-12 has allocated additional Rs.400 crores under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana for extending green revolution to the Eastern Region of the country comprising of Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Eastern UP, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and West Bengal, in continuation to the allocation made during 2010-11.
2. This amount would be utilised for implementing the strategic plans developed by the states during 2010-11. States prepared the strategy plan prioritising the key areas in terms of technology promotion for addressing the main constraints that were impeding the agriculture productivity despite there being a good potential for development. The gist of the constraints and strategies proposed by the states is placed at **annexure 1**.
3. An Inter ministerial task force was constituted in December 2009 under the chairmanship of Secretary (Agriculture) to make short-term and medium-term recommendations on efficient management of water, power and other inputs to maximize agricultural production on a sustainable basis including that of the Eastern India. The major recommendation of task force was for promoting efficiency in water management and encouraging innovative precision farming practices in consultation with the state Governments. It made specific recommendations for improving the rice productivity in the Eastern States through development of appropriate infrastructure with a view to stabilize rice based cropping system in the Eastern states.
4. **Learning from Past Experience:** Most of the activities taken up under Green Revolution programme during 2010-11 are short term strategies (suggested in the task force report) that are crop specific development oriented. In order to sustain the productivity gain, it is necessary to invest in midterm strategies for asset building activities like water management (construction of farm ponds, dug wells, shallow tube wells, repair of irrigation channels etc.);

