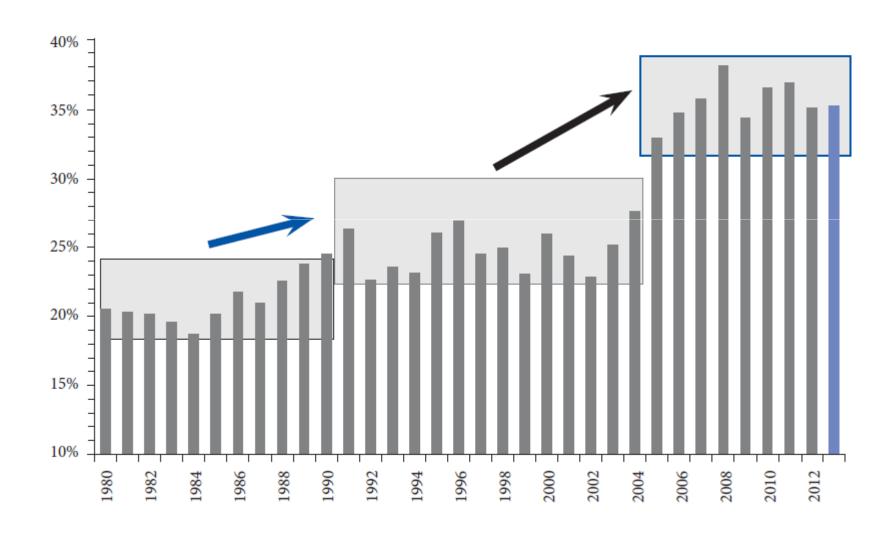


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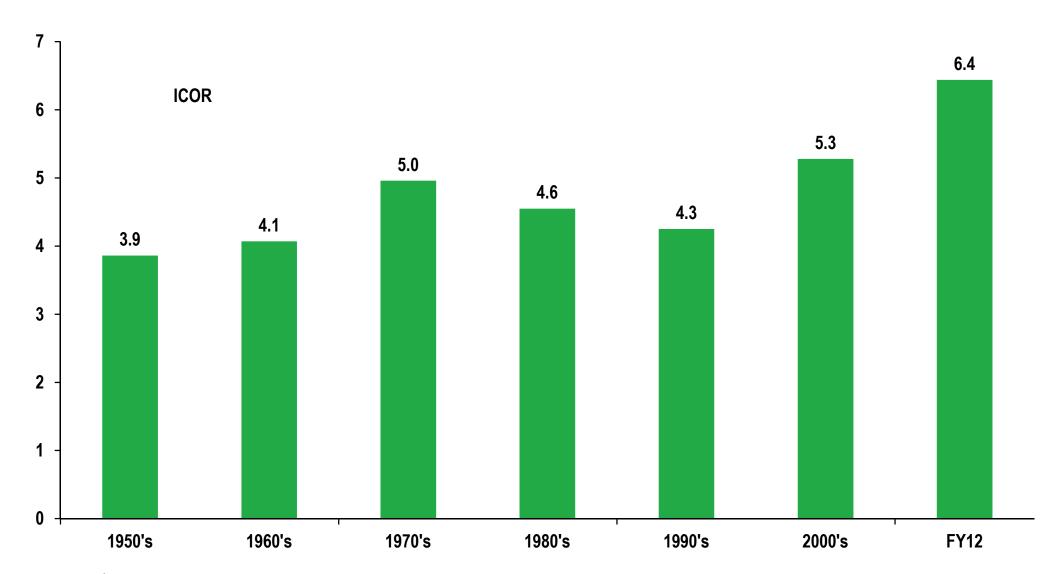
## Investment has been a primary driver of India's growth story

#### Investment as % of GDP





## Productivity growth have helped but declining now





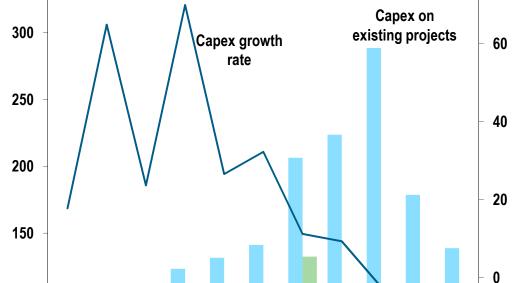
## Macro assumptions behind 8% growth in 12th FYP

- > Average investment rate (GFCF) of over 34% (similar to the peak achieved in 2007-08)
- ➤ No major change in public investment (8.4% of GDP)
- > Private corporate fixed investment to increase from 11.3% of GDP in FY12 to 15% in FY17
- > Savings rate to average 33.6% almost same as 11th FYP
- ➤ Average current account deficit of 3.4% for 12<sup>th</sup> FYP is an area of concern
- ➤ Implicit assumption of ICOR around 4 bringing ICOR down will be one of the biggest challenges of the 12<sup>th</sup> FYP



## Investment demand collapses

# Slowing capex on new projects is worrying INR bn, %y/y



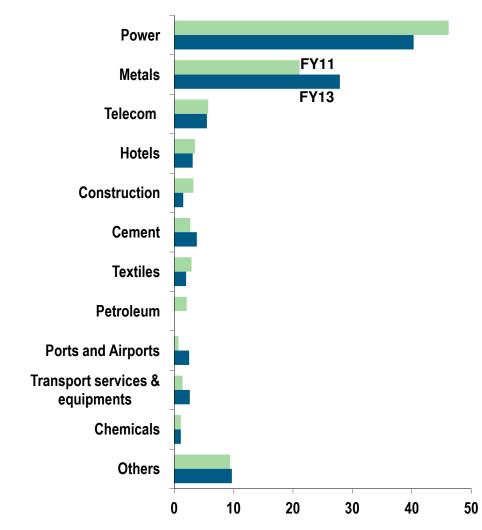
FY04 FY05 FY06 FY07 FY08 FY09 FY10 FY11 FY12 FY13 FY14

#### Infrastructure dominates capex spending

% share of corporate capex, FY11 & FY13

80

-20





Capex on new

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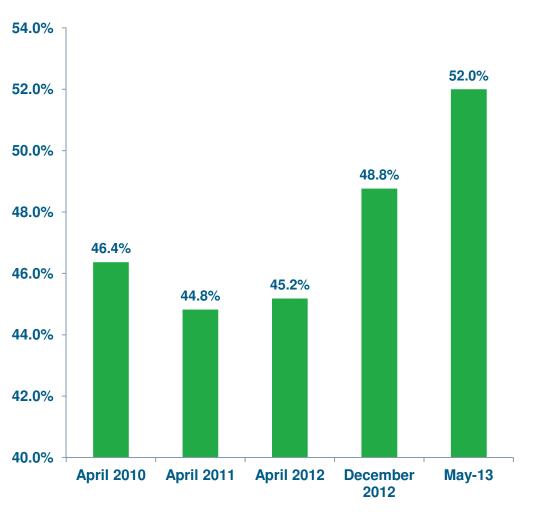
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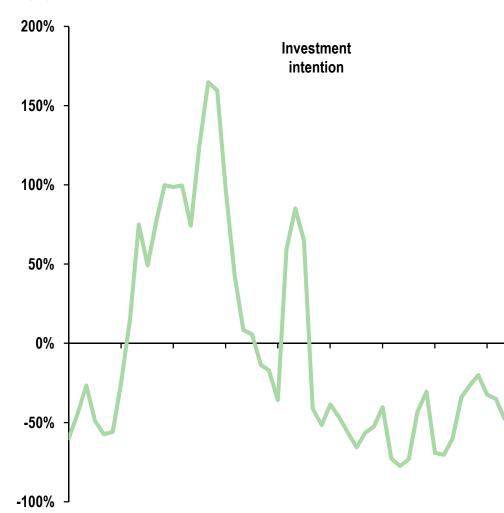
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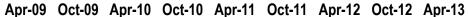
#### **Project delays continue**

% of total projects above INR150 cr delayed



## **Negative sentiment impacting investment intention** % *y/y*





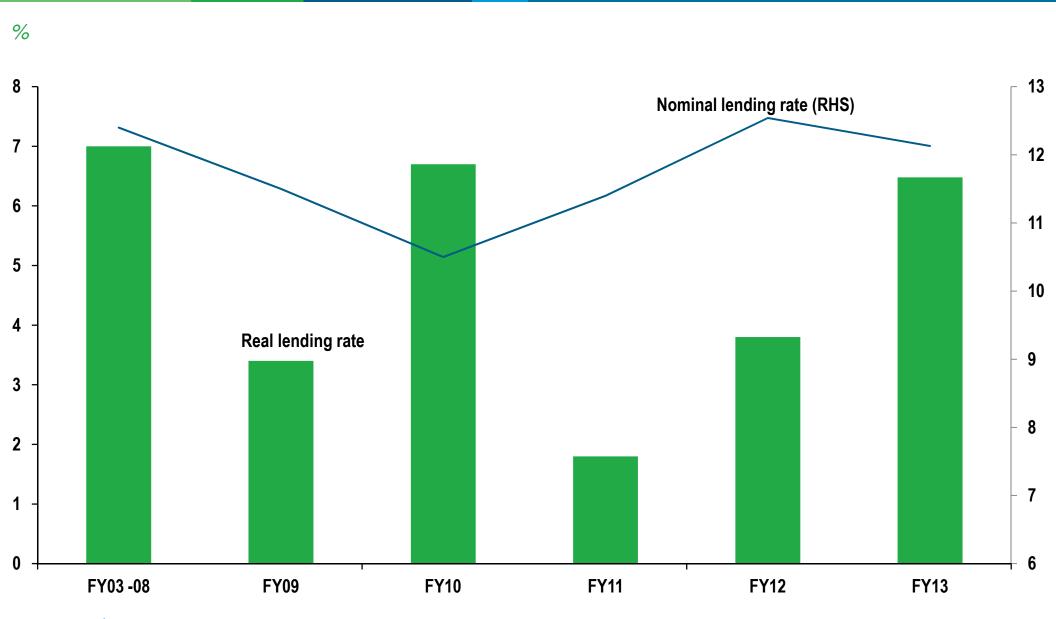


## Investment activity has suffered from

- ➤ High interest rates
- ➤ High leverage
- ➤ Stalled projects
- Low trust on institutions and dip in business confidence



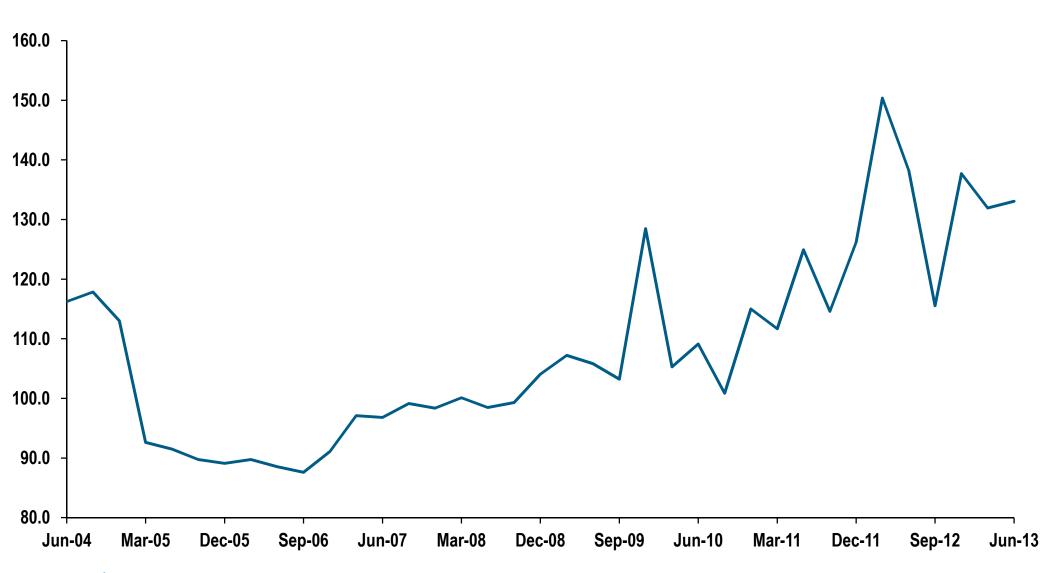
## High lending rates also affecting investment demand





## Rising debt equity ratio constraining capex

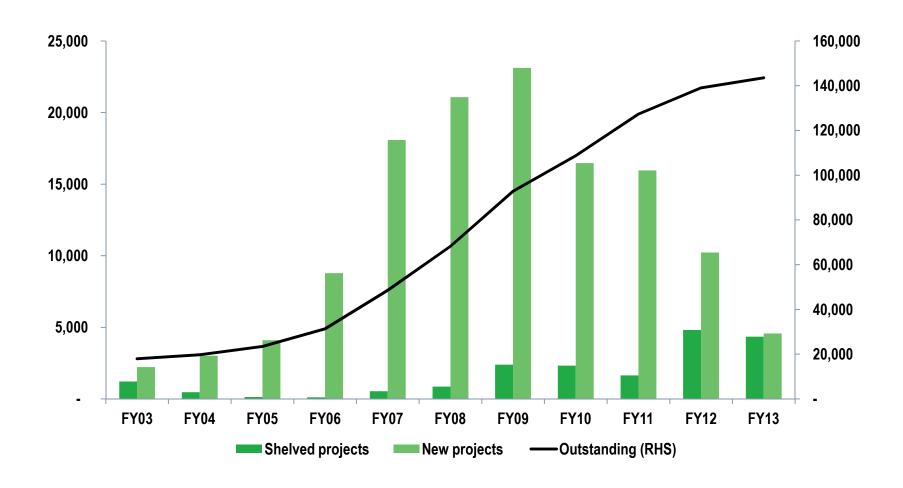
#### Debt-to-equity ratio of CNX 500 firms





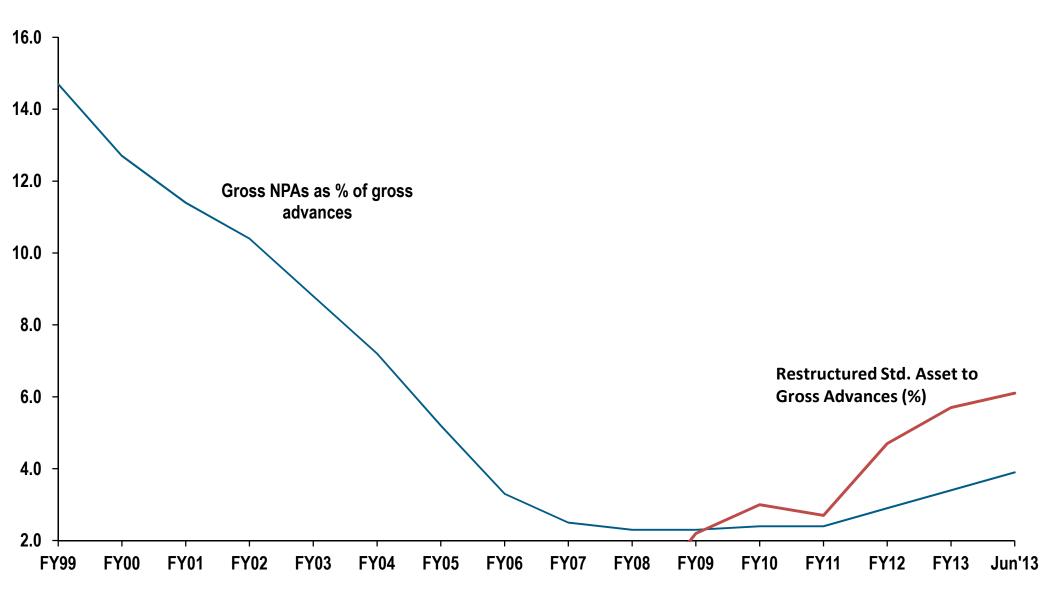
## Projects getting stalled

#### INR bn



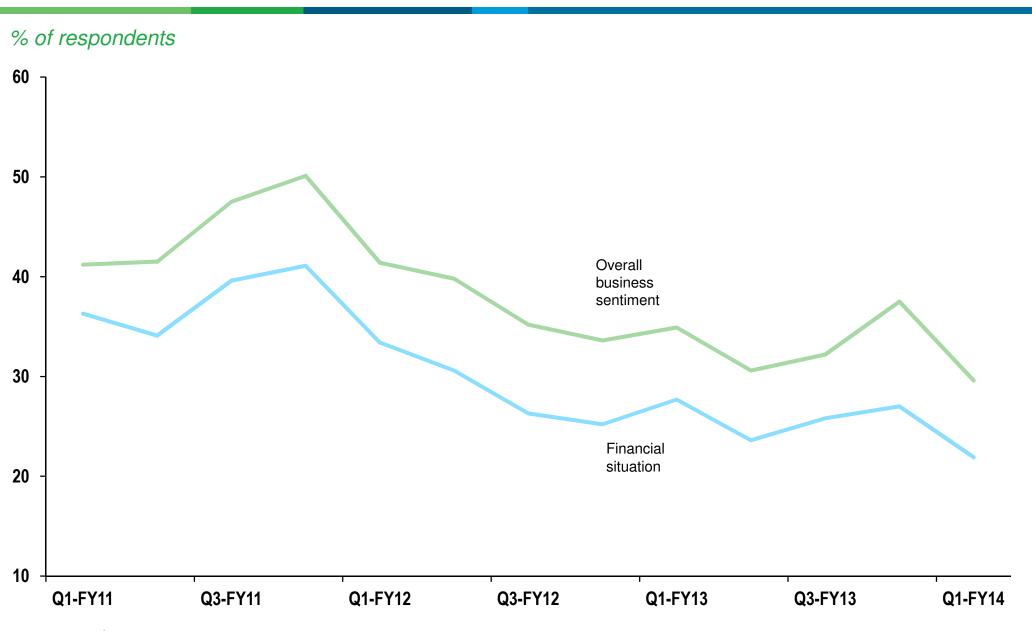


## Worsening asset quality of banks another concern





## Business confidence drops drastically





## What can be done to improve investment?

#### **High interest rates**

- Containing inflation is top priority to provide a platform for sustainable growth
- Exchange rate stability

#### **High leverage**

- Ability of companies to raise capital and sell non-core assets has to improve
- Banks' ability to restructure some of the NPAs will help them free up resources to lend again

#### **Stalled projects**

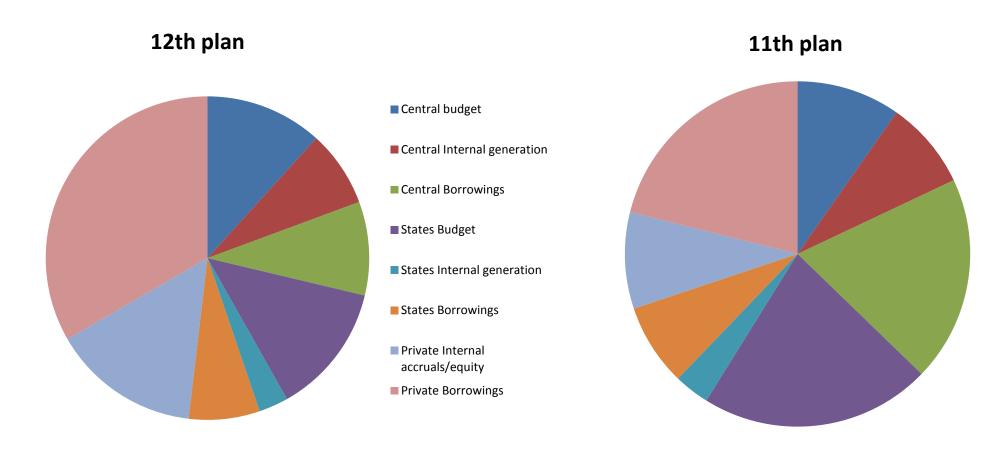
CCI is taking some steps but more needs to be done

#### Low trust on institutions and dip in business confidence

- Reforms land, labour, natural resources allocation, institutions
- Change in government?



## Infrastructure financing plan

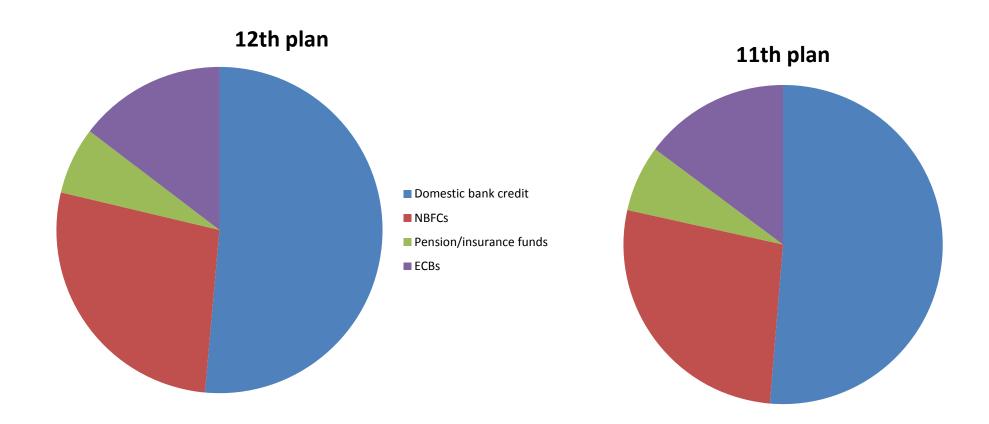


170% growth expected in infra financing, reaching close to 9% of GDP

More dependence on private sector borrowing and equity infusion (48%), less dependence on state oudget

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## Sources of debt financing



Unchanged proportions for 11th and 12th FYP, total debt requirement to go up by 174% Dependence on bank credit and foreign borrowing to continue



#### Making domestic finance available

#### Household financial savings – at a 20-year low

- Impact of savings in the form of gold and real estate channelising unproductive savings
- CPI-linked savings certificate

#### **Better financial intermediation**

- Financial inclusion to increase the size of the financial sector in relation to the economy
- Incentivising long term savings products

#### Other policy options

- Making pension and insurance funds play a larger role in providing long term finance
- Better interest rate risk management products for providing long-term financing
- Development of the corporate bond market



## The requirement of foreign capital

Upto USD 140bn of foreign debt capital might be needed only to fund the infrastructure plan. Including needs of other sectors the requirement could be as high as USD 250bn.

 The total foreign borrowing need could go up to USD 400bn if we consider Indian companies need to borrow to finance their overseas acquisitions

Equity capital through FDI would also be important for the USD 140bn need of the private sector

#### **Policy options**

- Infrastructure debt funds
- Easier participation of FIIs (the new FPI regime)
- ECB norms may be relooked at
- Development of the corporate bond market and more foreign participation there
- India's inclusion in the government bond index
- Ease of doing business



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