## The epicentre of an existential crisis

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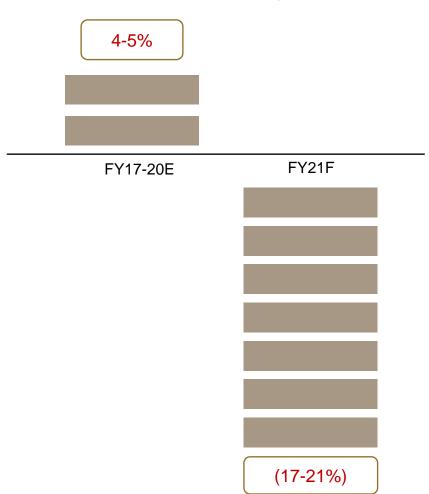
#### Key messages

- The micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector's revenue growth will plunge into deep red this fiscal because of the Covid-19 pandemic
- Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) margins will decline despite lower commodity prices
- Higher stress in financials visible in micro units compared with small and medium firms
- Consumer discretionary, construction and export-linked MSMEs will be the most impacted
- Credit growth to MSMEs, an under-penetrated sector, will decelerate this fiscal
- Asset quality pressures to rise despite moratorium, because of slack demand
- Entrepreneurs from key sectors see varied pace of revival those most affected do not expect a
  rebound before next fiscal, while a few are optimistic about the upcoming festive season

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#### MSME financials to take a severe hit this fiscal

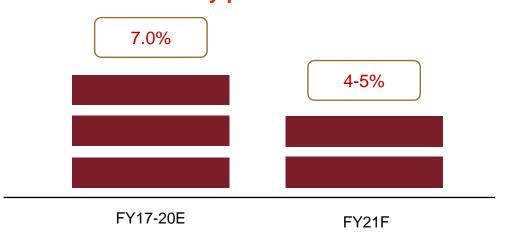
#### Covid-19 to push revenue growth into deep red



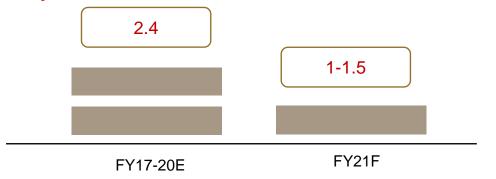
"Note: Common sample of 11,400 entities, ISCR = EBITDA / Interest "

Source: CRISIL Research, Quantix

## Ebitda margin to shrink as weak demand offsets decline in commodity prices

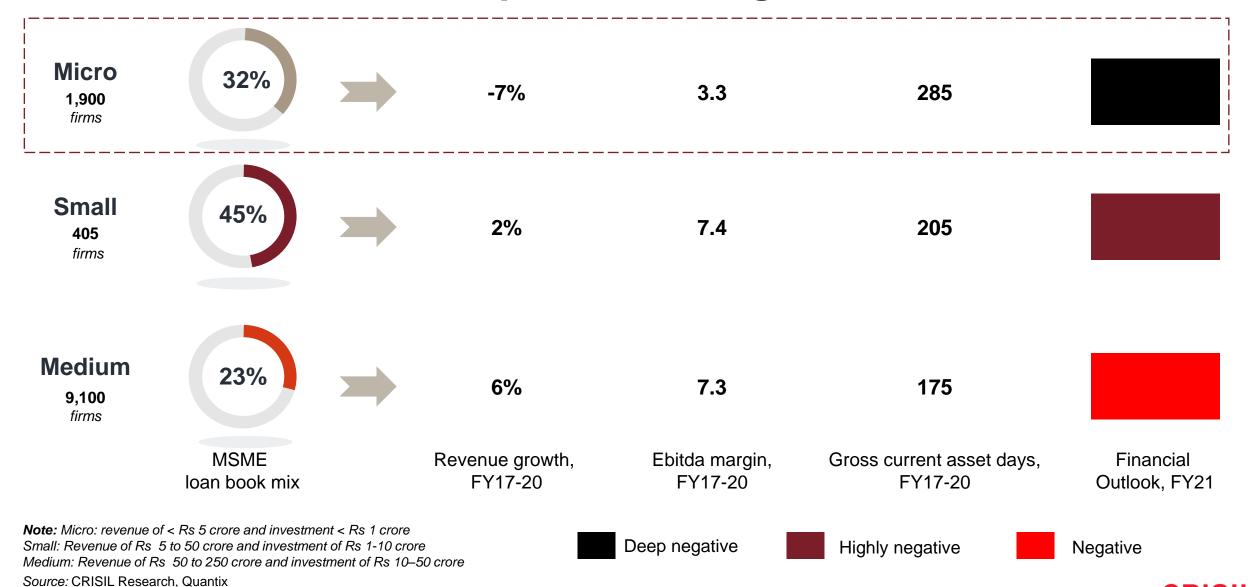


## Interest service coverage ratio (ISCR) to drop despite moratorium benefit



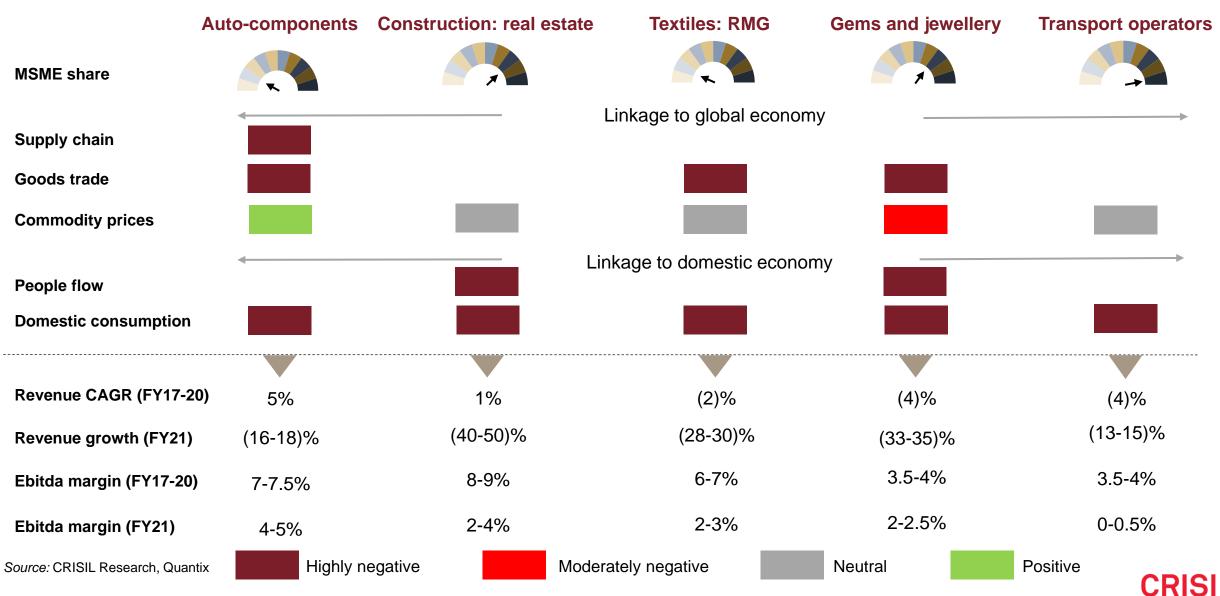


## Financials of micro enterprises under greater stress



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## Consumer discretionary, construction and exports hit hard



## Small EPC contractors, textiles and ceramics players bleed

Short-term impact on business High Sea food, poultry, hotels, leather, light Construction: real estate, gems and jewellery, Chemicals engineering, ship-breaking textiles: RMG, ceramics, textiles: spinning, cashew processing Moderate Heavy engineering, textiles: furnishing, steel rerollers, media: movies and entertainment, Air freight and courier, construction: roads, Edible oil, pesticides packaged foods, auto components, transport media: advertising operators Minimal Hospitals; pharma: bulk drugs; Milk and dairy products, electronics, packaging, Rice milling, wheat milling pharma: formulations security services Minimal impact **Moderate impact** High impact

**Vulnerability of credit profile** 

(Weighted average of ICR, D/E and working capital days for FY17-19)

Source: CRISIL Research, Quantix



revenue outlook



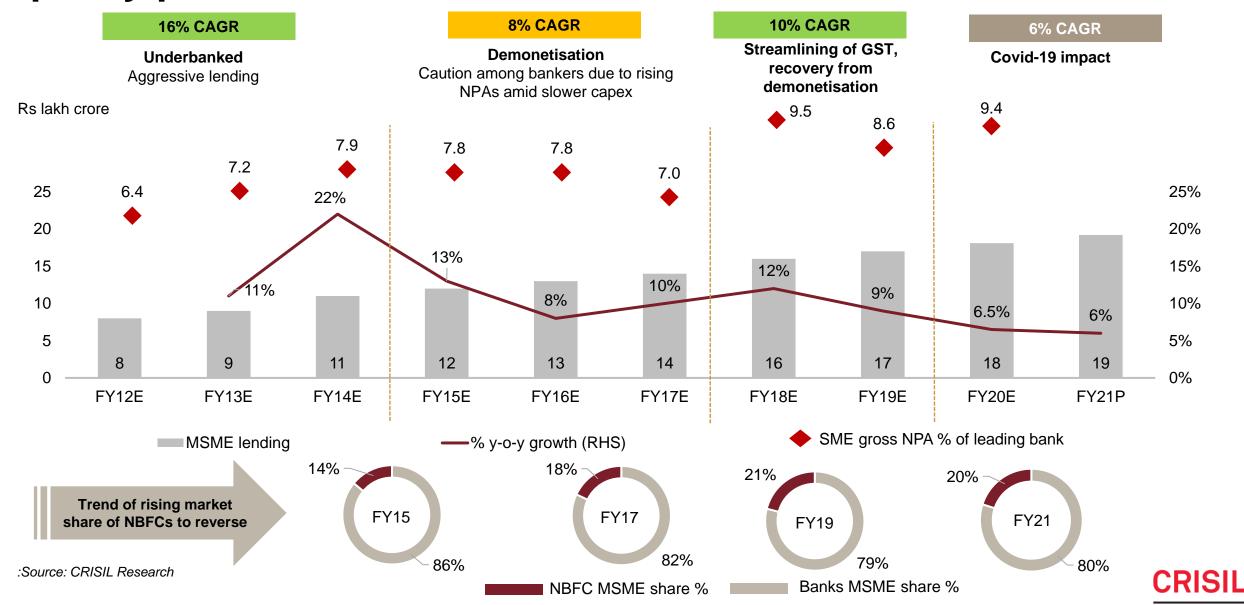
# Incremental working capital requirement to rise the most for MSMEs with higher share of B2B sales and exports

<b>3</b>	Key business model characteristics			Liquidity characteristics and impact	
	Export revenue share (%)	Clientele category	Import dependency for raw materials	Working capital cycle (days)	Impact expected on working capital
Gems and jewellery	50	B2B and B2C	High	165-170	
Textiles (RMG)	25	Largely B2B	Low	120-125	
Construction (real estate)	0	B2B	Low	150-155	
Sea food	30	B2B and B2C	Low	85-90	
<b>Poultry</b>	0	B2B and B2C	Low	85-90	
Dairy	<5	60-65% B2C 35-40% B2B	Low	75-80	
Auto components	5-10	B2B	Moderate	96-98	
Packaging and printing	0	B2B	Low	100-105	
Packaged foods	<5	Largely B2C	Low	90-95	
Transport operators	0	B2B	Low	85-90	
Rice milling	20	B2C	Low	100-110	
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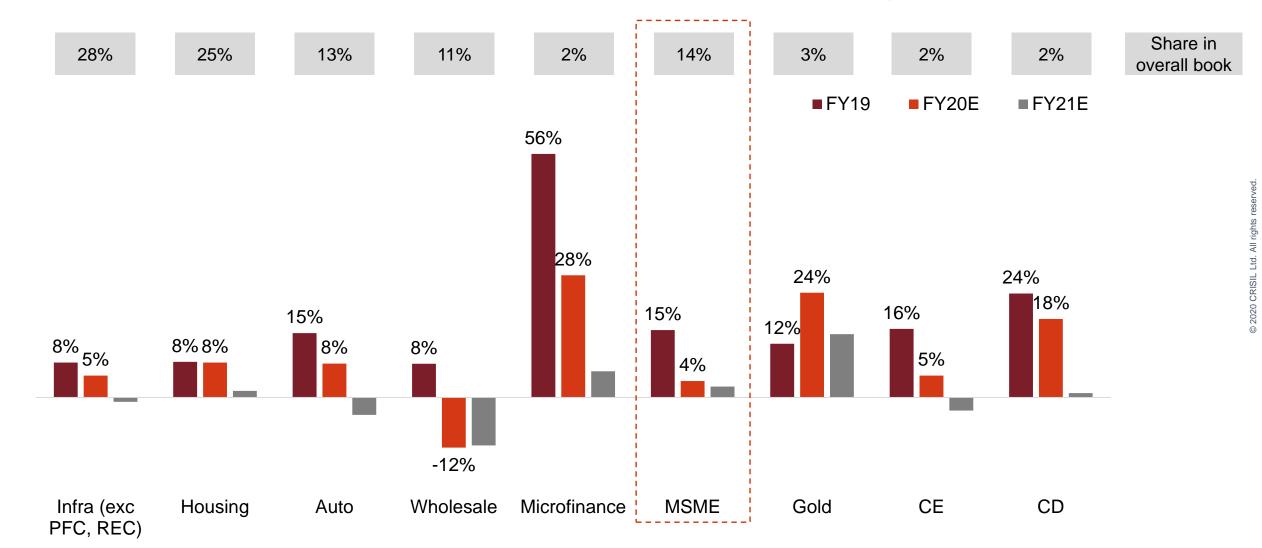
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## Credit growth slows despite an under-penetrated market; asset quality pressures to rise amid moratorium and weak demand



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## Growth in NBFC credit to MSMEs to be among the most tepid



Source: RBI, NHB, company data, CRISIL Research



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## Unsecured book, informal-segment borrowers most at risk

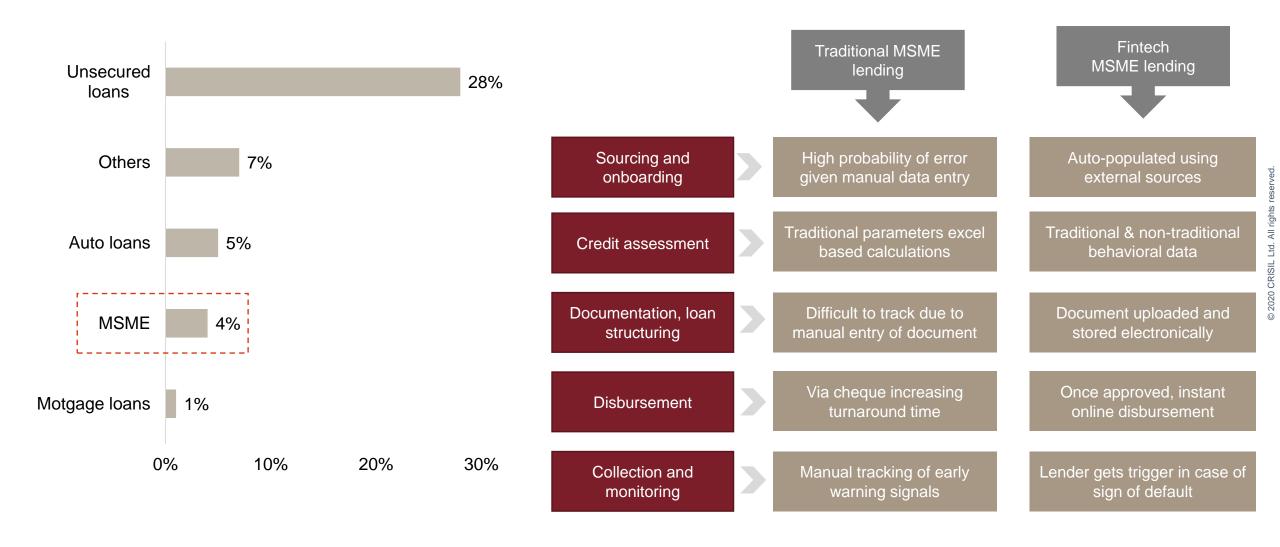
Non-banking	segments	GNPA (%) FY18	GNPA (%) FY19	GNPA (%) FY20E	Asset quality outlook (FY21)
	Wholesale finance	1.0%	2.0%	4.0%	
	Microfinance	3.2%	1.3%	1.5%	
	MSME finance	2.7%	3.3%	4.2%	
	Auto finance	6.6%	5.2%	5.6%	
	Infrastructure finance	8.2%	8.4%	8.6%	
	Housing finance	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%	
	Gold finance	3.4%	2.1%	2.3%	

Note: Red represents a more than 200 bps deterioration in asset quality; amber represents more than 50 bps but less than 200 bps deterioration; green represents more than 0 and less than 50 bps asset quality deterioration

Source: CRISIL Research



#### Digital lending is a small but enlarging pie in MSME lending

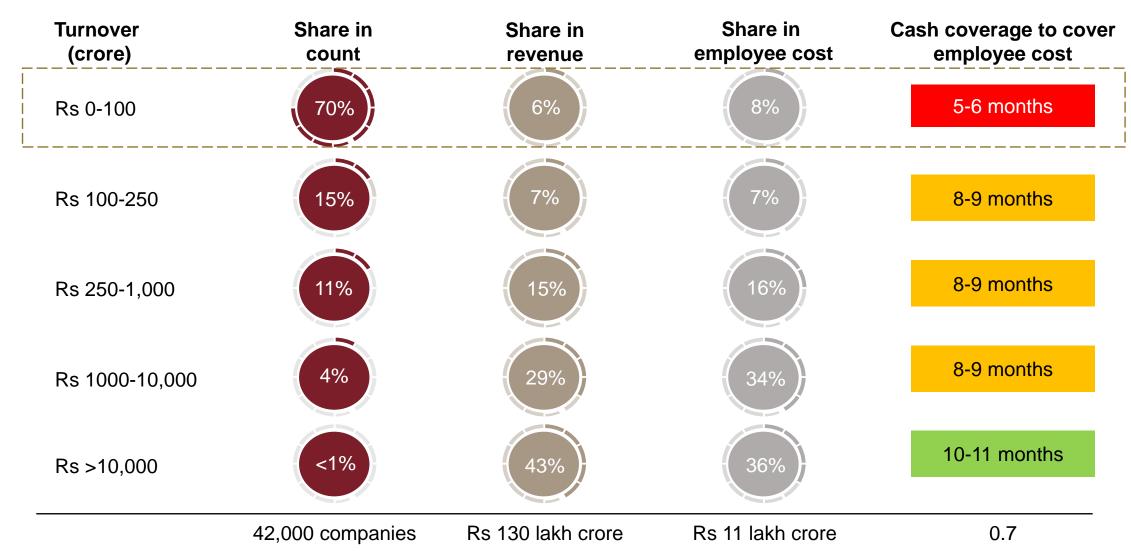


"Note: Based on disbursements as of fiscal 2019"

Source: CRISIL Research



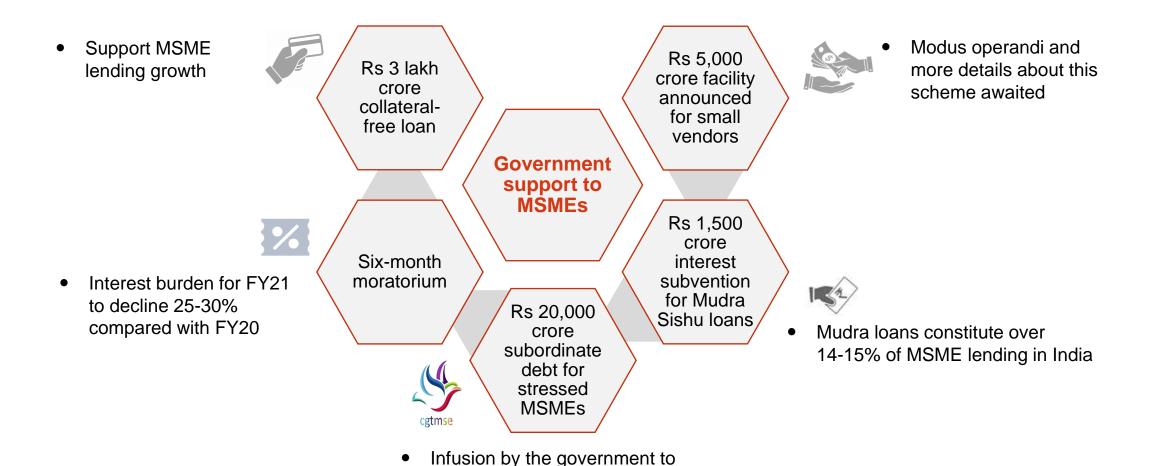
## About 70% of 40,000 companies have cash to cover employee cost for only two quarters, most being MSMEs



<sup>\*</sup>Cash coverage to employee is months till total cash and bank balance will last to only pay employee cost. It doesn't take into account other liabilities and fixed costs. Source: Company reports, CRISIL Research



#### Government support in the right direction



CGTMSE highest in the past two

Represents 60% of cumulative corpus

decades

since FY01



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## Ear to the ground

A look at what's happening in the upstream supply chain

Construction: Real estate

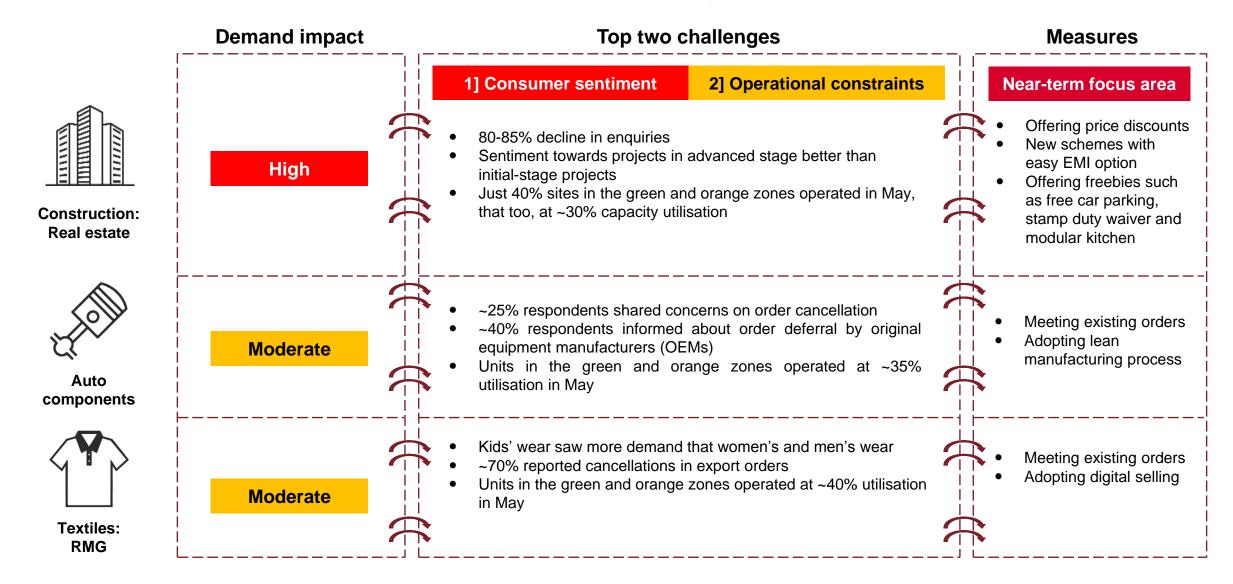
**Automobile** components

Textiles: Readymade garments (RMG)



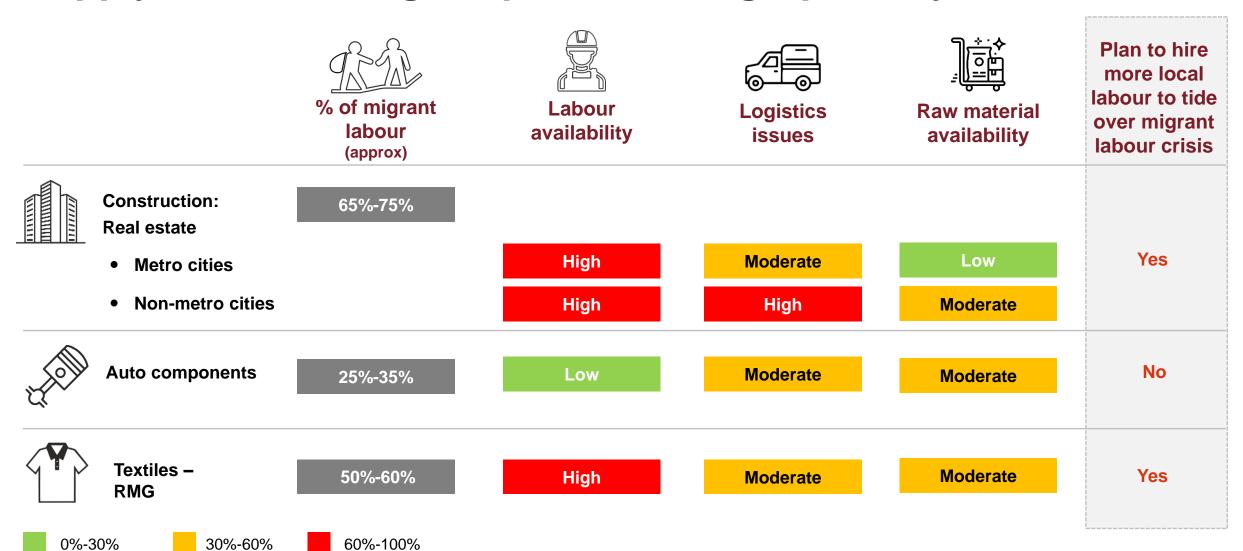


## Discretionary sectors mauled during the lockdown





## Supply-side challenges spurted during April-May

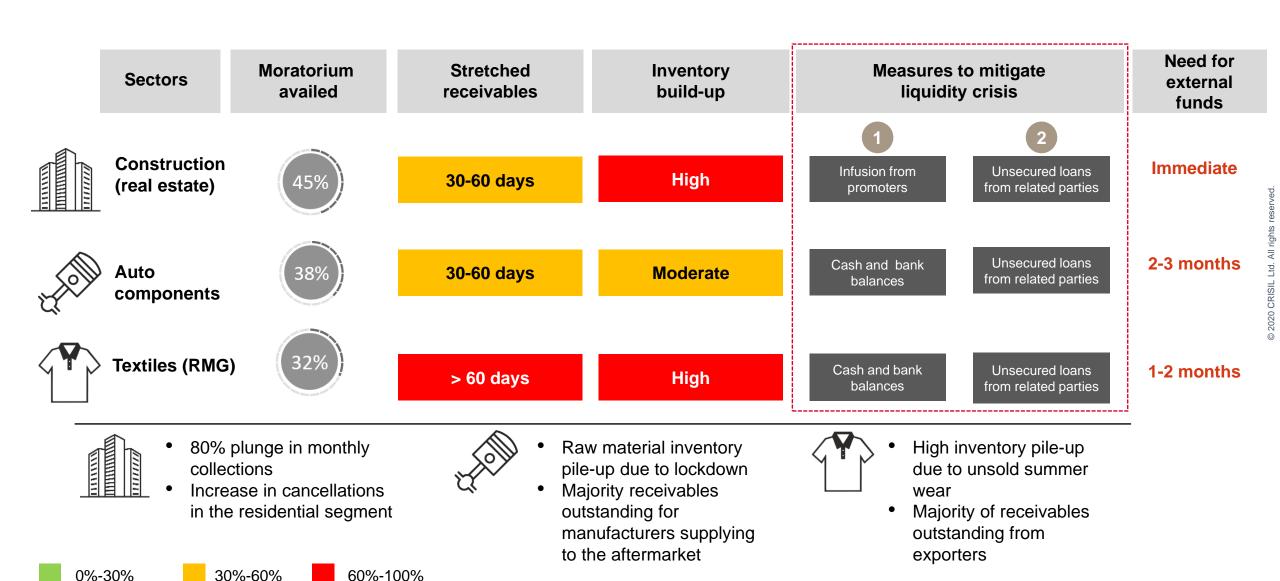






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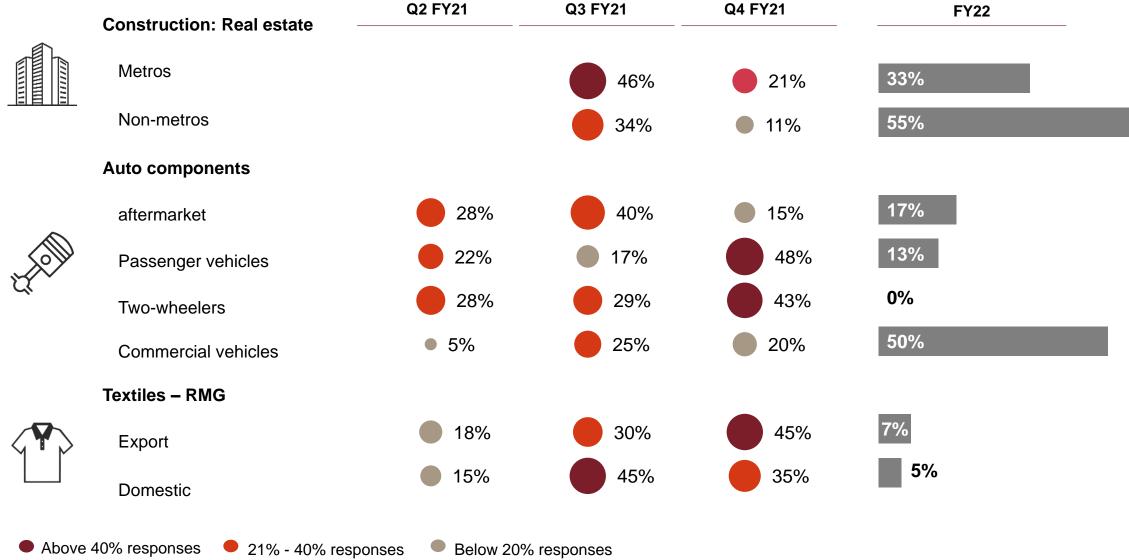
#### Majority face liquidity stress, are desperate for funds



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## Demand expected to bounce back from the third quarter





## Deep dive into upstream supply chain

**Construction:** Real estate

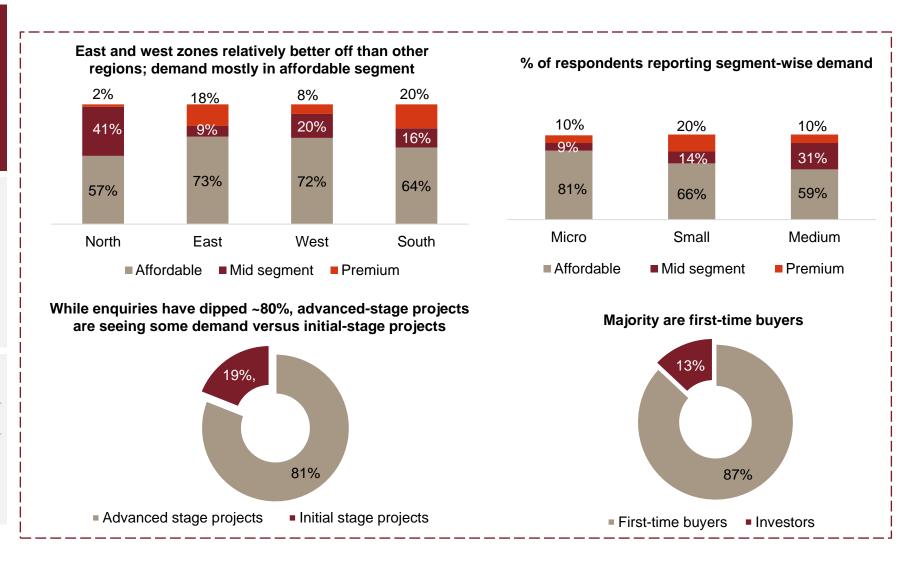
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**Textiles: RMG** 





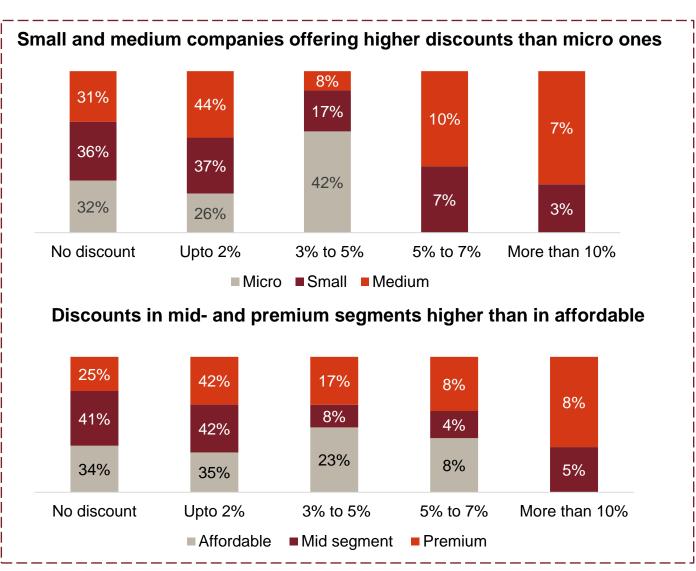
## Overall demand down, advanced-stage projects less roiled



- Overall, 80-85% fall in demand seen across segments
- Due to uncertainties and project delays, buyer preference tilted towards advanced-stage projects
- Affordable projects account for majority of the demand
- Most of the demand is coming from end-users
- Investors, speculators are clearly out of market. North, an investordriven market, has seen a sharp decline



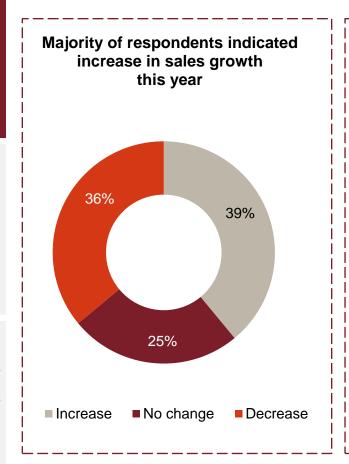
## Bigger players more desperate to attract buyers

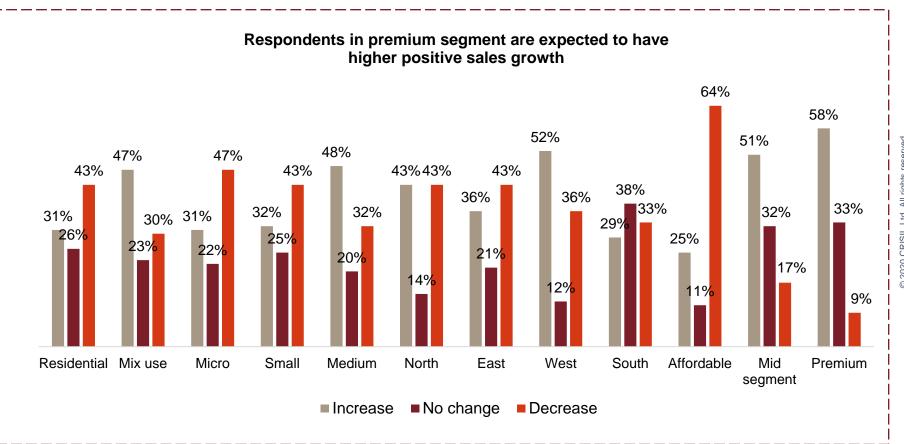


- Small and medium-sized companies are offering higher discounts compared with micro ones
- Majority of premium and mid-segment respondents are offering higher discounts compared with those in the affordable segment
- Because of decline in demand, developers are willing to offer various schemes and options such as easy instalments, stamp duty waiver, and freebies such as free car parking



# Mid- and premium segments see better sales growth expectations this year



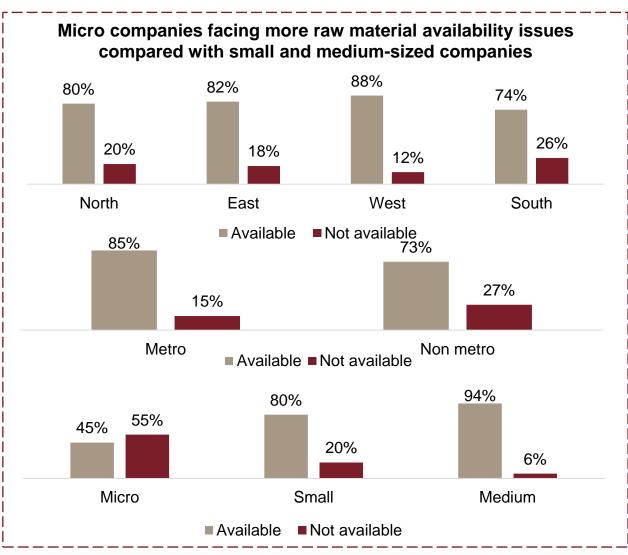


39% of respondents have positive sales growth expectation for FY21, while 36% have negative sales growth expectations

Premium segment believes there will be positive sales growth due to better buyer profile Micro-sized companies foresee sharper decline in sales growth



## Short-term supply shock may spur price fluctuations



Micro companies facing major challenges in raw material availability because of their low inventoryholding capacity and bargaining power with suppliers compared with small and medium peers

Steel and cement, the major components for real estate construction are witnessing price fluctuations in some micro markets

Supply of finishing material for construction sites also seeing disruption because of transportation and logistic challenges during lockdown



## Migrant labour unavailability an overarching worry

Construction is highly labour-intensive, and real estate projects face major labour availability issues

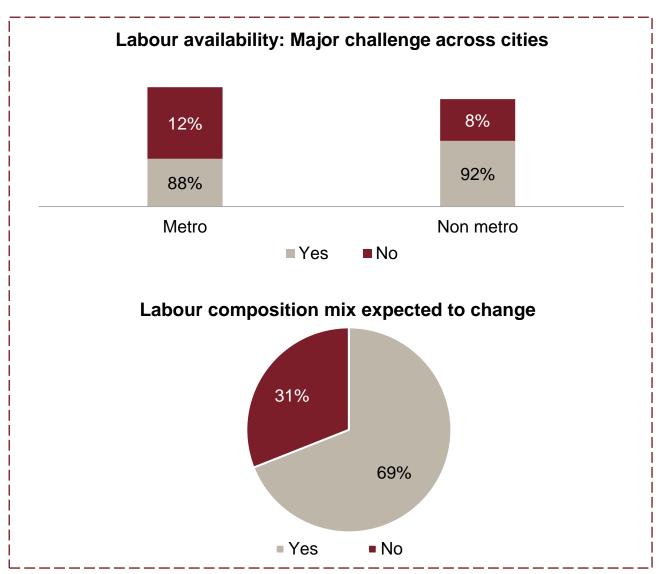
Non-local labour constitutes 65-75% of the workforce at typical projects, which is the major reason for labour unavailability

Majority of respondents expect increase in labour cost, i.e. per-day wages

**3-5%** increase in labour cost seen as hiring gangs with more wages or local labour gangs may lead to an increase in wages

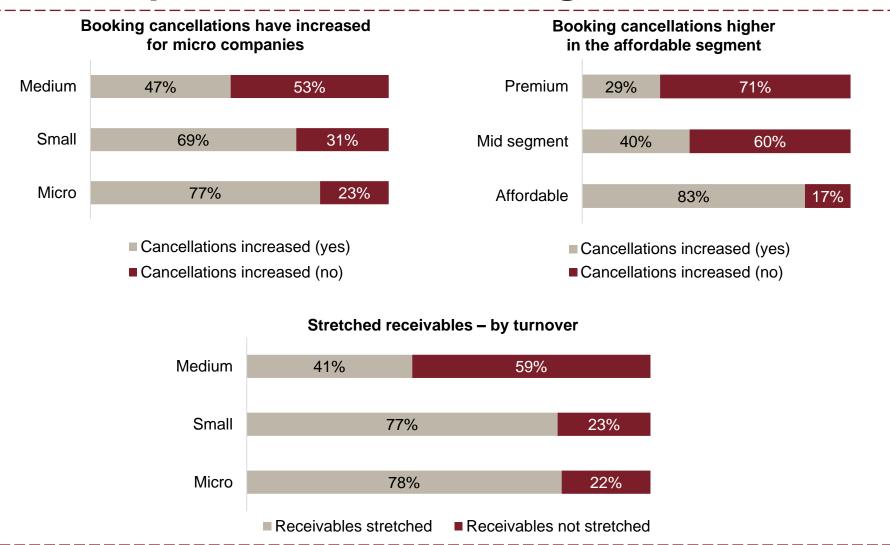
- ~42% of the developers plan to hire additional labour gangs and
- ~43% plan to allow gangs to work in shifts, maintaining social distancing

Minimum assured wages via MNREGA may result in labourers unwilling to travel far from their homes, which could put developers in a spot of bother





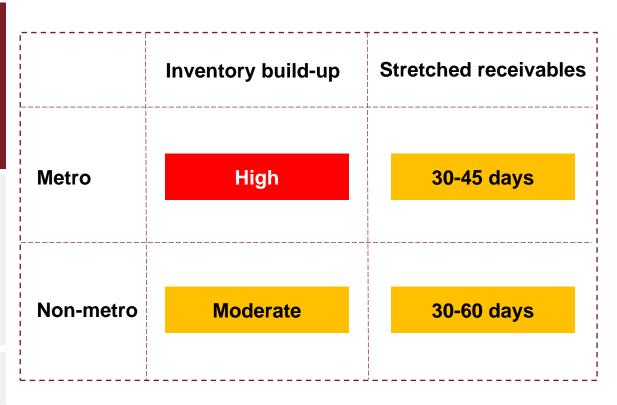
# Small realtors see more liquidity stress; booking cancellations worsen pain for affordable segment

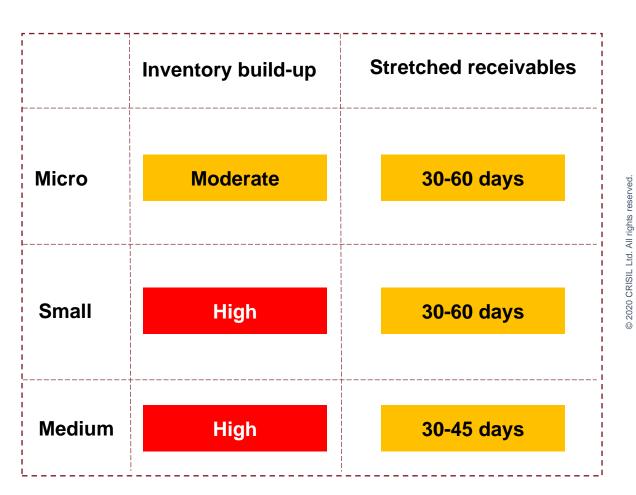


- Micro and small realtors are seeing a wider stretch in their receivables compared with medium-sized ones
- Booking cancellations have increased for the affordable segment mainly due to the current job uncertainty among lower- and middle-class buyers
- The residential segment is witnessing an increase in cancellations compared with the mixed-use segment



## Receivables stretch more for micro companies and non-metros





More than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of respondents are in immediate need of funds to meet their financing requirements

0%-30% 30%-60% 60%-100%



# Demand recovery expectations vary based on segment, product mix and turnover

	_	Q2 - FY 21	Q3 - FY 21	Q4 - FY 21	FY 22
Segment	Residential Mix use		31% 47%	21% 11%	48%
Product mix	Affordable Mid-segment Premium		23% 59% 57%	<ul><li>19%</li><li>14%</li><li>9%</li></ul>	58% 27% 34%
Turnover	Micro Small Medium		30% 41% 18%	21% 21% 21% 18%	49% 38% 64%

#### **Recovery expectations**

#### **Q3FY21**

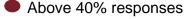
Majority of respondents indicate that realtors in mixed-use segment are better placed than the ones operating only in residential segment

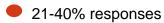
#### **Q3FY21**

Majority of respondents indicate that mid- and premium segments are better placed than the affordable segment

#### **Q3FY21**

Majority of respondents indicate that micro and small companies are better placed than medium-sized companies







Below 20% responses

## **Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme and further expectations**

#### Schemes realtors voted as the most impactful



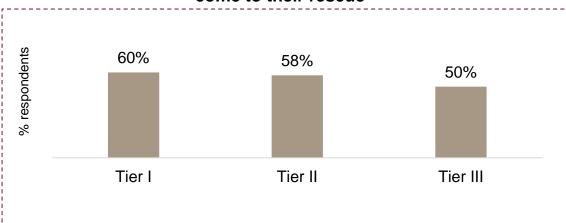
#### Schemes in which realtors expect more action



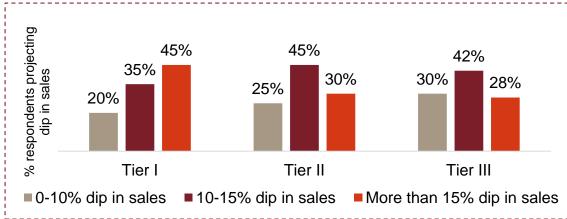


# Demand decline a challenge across segments but Tier-III suppliers, medium enterprises less downbeat (1/2)

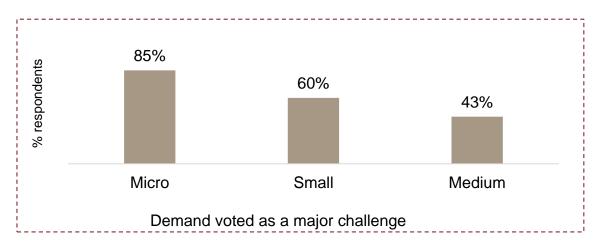
Demand voted as major challenge; diversity in revenue stream will come to their rescue



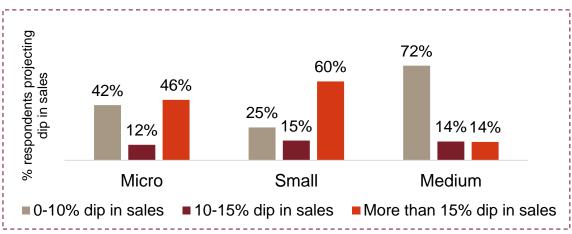
Major Tier-I suppliers project sharper decline in sales compared with smaller ones in the OEM supply chain



#### Micro enterprises most concerned about demand



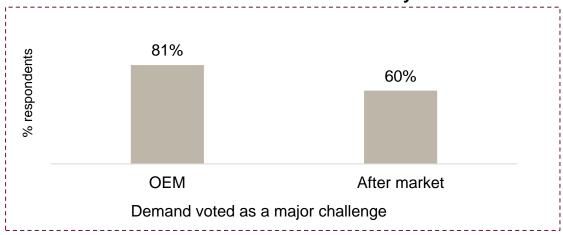
#### Small enterprises expect the sharpest decline in sales



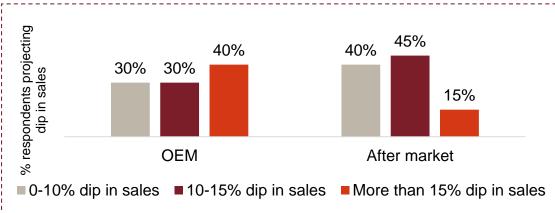


# Despite competition from unorganised units, auto-component makers supplying to the aftermarket are optimistic (2/2)

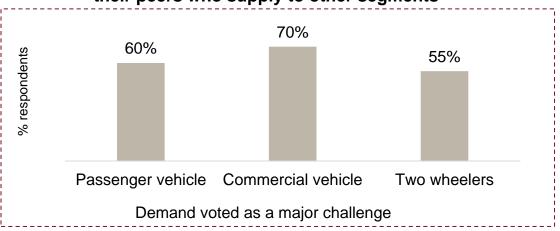
#### Manufacturers supplying to OEMs expect a decline in demand from end-user industry



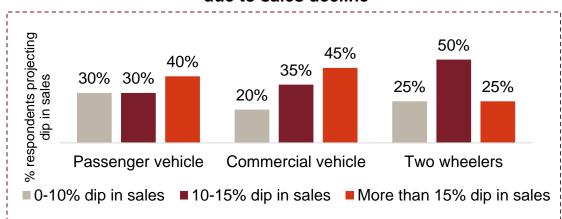
## Aftermarket players project a moderate decline in sales despite stiff competition from unorganised players



## Component suppliers to two-wheelers to see better demand than their peers who supply to other segments



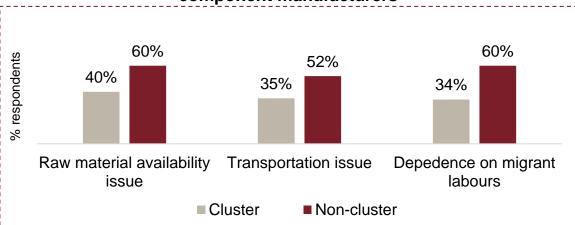
#### Component suppliers to commercial vehicles see a tough time due to sales decline



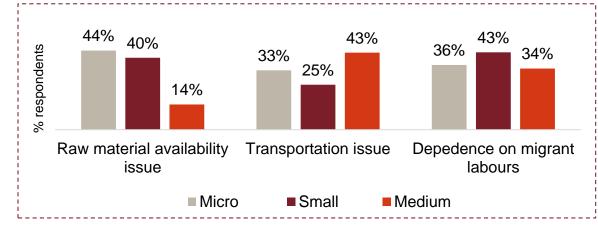


#### Cluster-based manufacturers better off on most counts

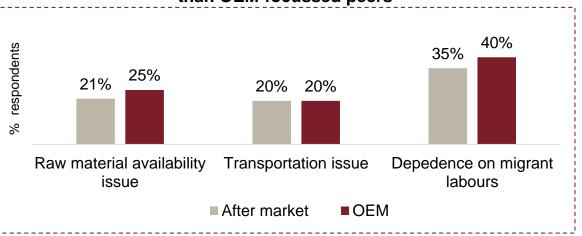
Almost all issues equally excruciating for non-cluster component manufacturers



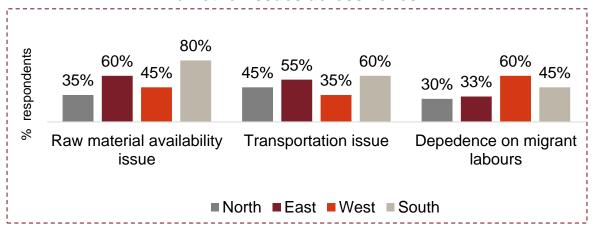
Raw material availability a major issue for micro enterprises, medium firms flag transportation as a bigger worry



Aftermarket players likely to see slightly less supply disruption than OEM-focussed peers

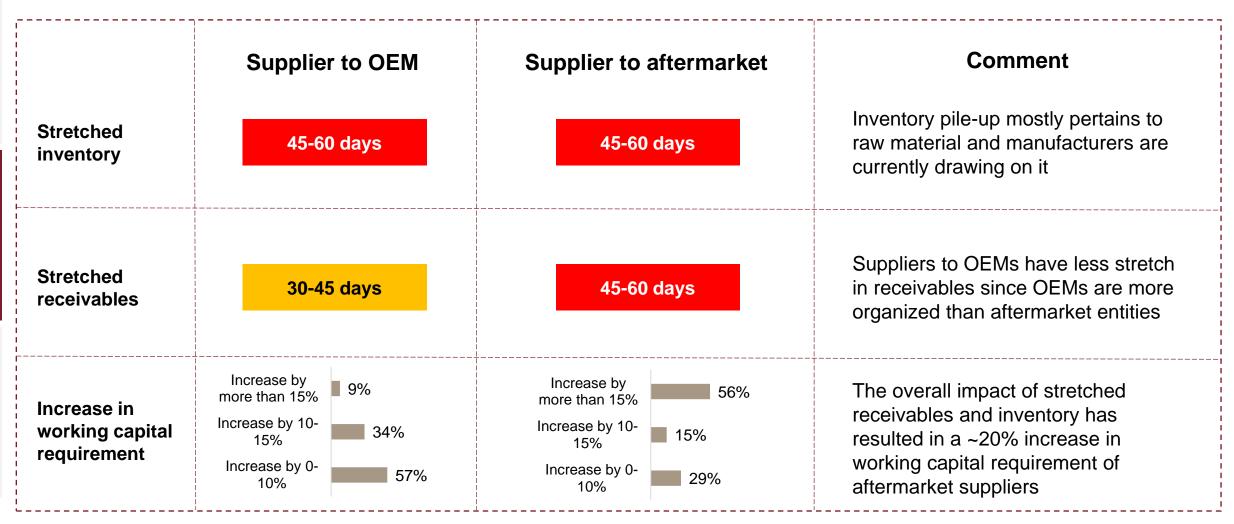


Raw material issue in the south overshadow all other issues across zones





# Auto-component suppliers to the aftermarket may see their working capital being stretched (1/3)

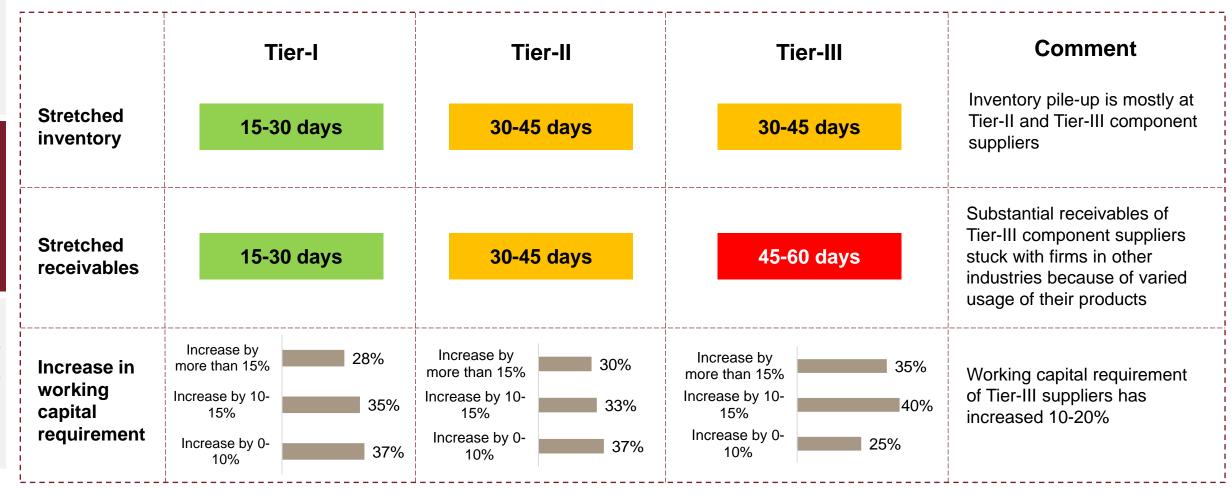


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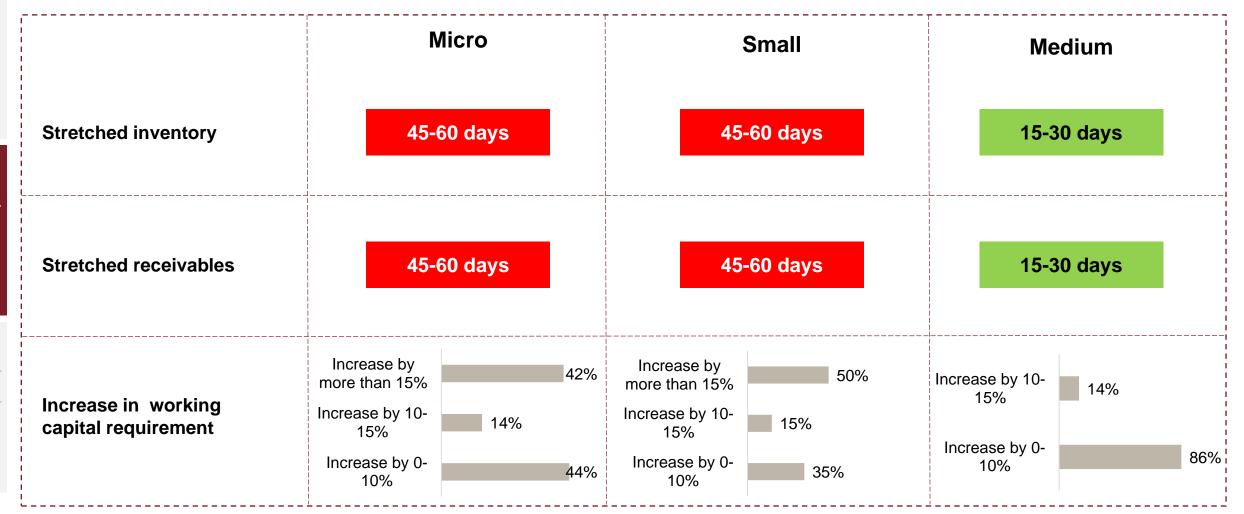
## Tier-III suppliers facing lengthier stretch in receivables (2/3)



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# Micro and small enterprises face the lengthiest stretch in receivables and inventory (3/3)



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# Improvement in demand expectation a function of market and turnover category

		Q2 - FY 21	Q3 - FY 21	Q4 - FY 21	FY 22	_
Market	OEM	• 10%	<b>20</b> %	<b>40%</b>	30%	Aftermarket suppliers project a
	aftermarket	<b>28</b> %	<b>40</b> %	<b>15</b> %	17%	major recovery in Q3 of this fiscal
	Tier-I	<b>33</b> %	<b>27</b> %	<b>40</b> %	0%	
Supplier level Tier-II	Tier-II	<b>38</b> %	<ul><li>19%</li></ul>	<b>29</b> %	14%	Tier-I suppliers project a complete
	Tier-III	<b>20</b> %	<b>35</b> %	<b>35</b> %	10%	recovery by Q4 of this fiscal
Segments	Passenger vehicle	<ul><li>22%</li></ul>	• 17%	<b>48</b> %	13%	CV makers project almost 50%
catering	Commercial vehicle	2070 2070 3076	recovery after Q4 of this fiscal  • Two-wheeler makers project a			
to (CV) Two-wheeler		<b>28</b> %	<b>29</b> %	<b>43</b> %	0%	complete recovery by Q4 of current fiscal
Turnover category	Micro	<ul><li>26%</li></ul>	<b>30%</b>	<b>2</b> 6%	18%	Medium enterprises project
	Small	<b>33</b> %	• 14%	<b>40</b> %	13%	recovery by Q2 of current fiscal and complete recovery by Q4
	Medium	<b>43</b> %	28%	29%	0%	

Below 20% responses

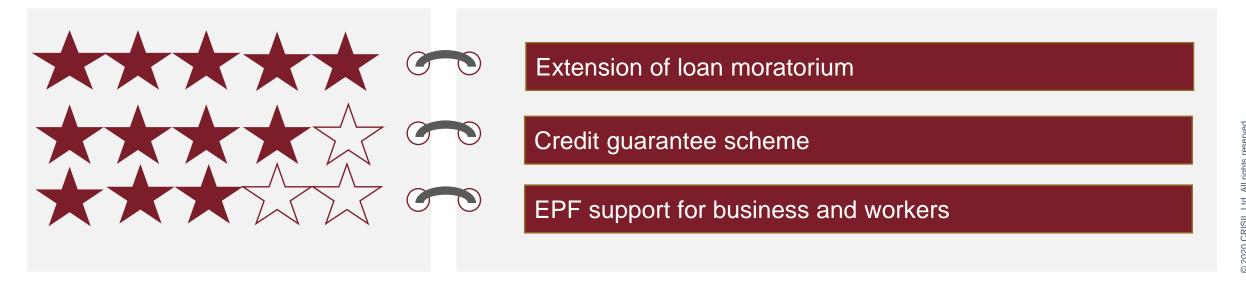


Above 40% responses

21% - 40% responses

## Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme and further expectations

Three schemes for MSMEs that have been voted as most impactful

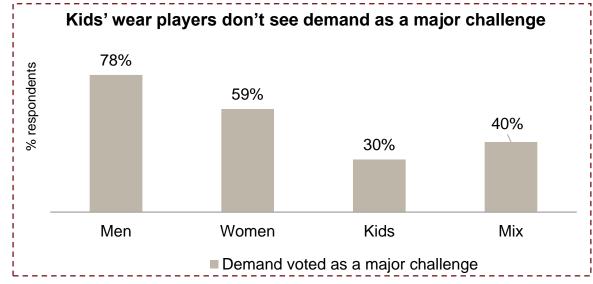


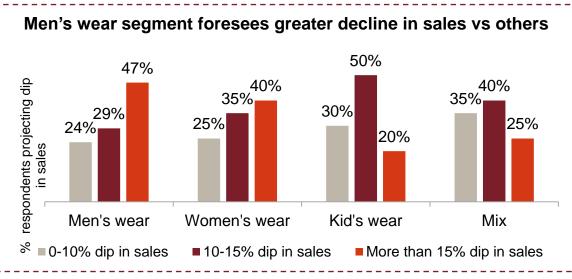
Two factors auto-component makers voted as most essential for revival of demand

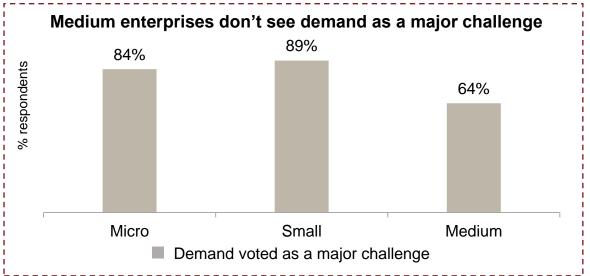


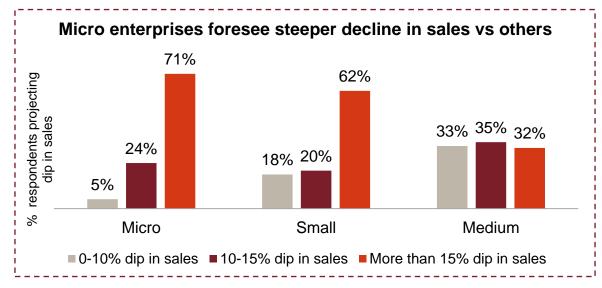


# Demand fell across segments after lockdown but sentiment for kids' wear shows resilience (1/2)



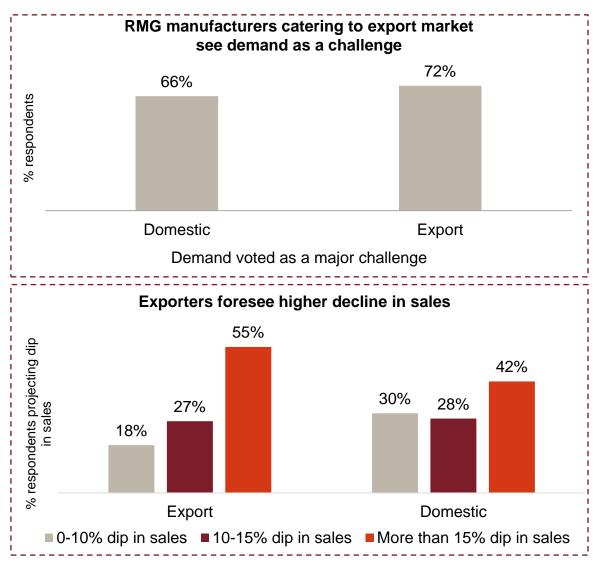


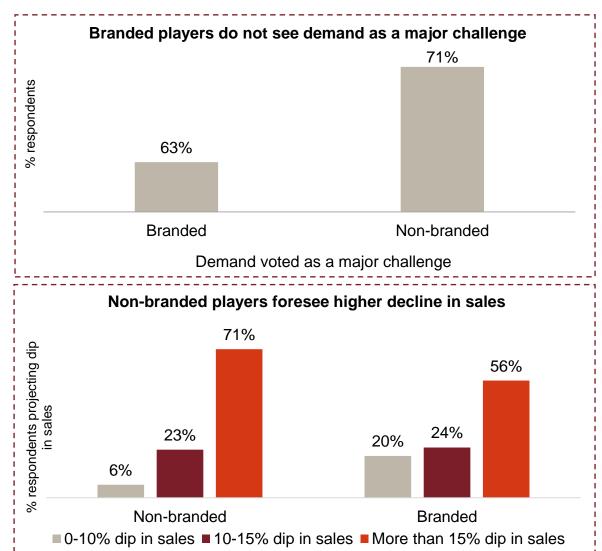






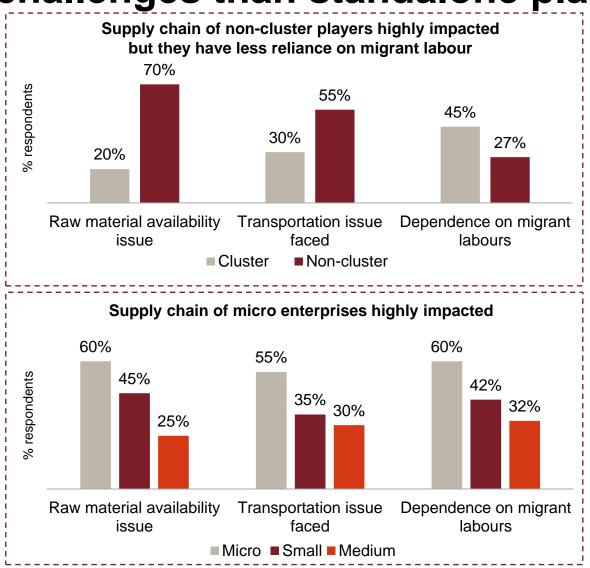
# Exporters, non-branded players more worried about demand than firms focussed on domestic market (2/2)

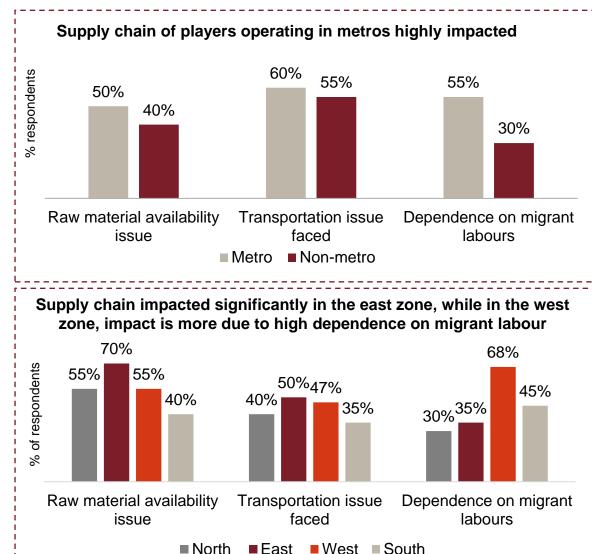






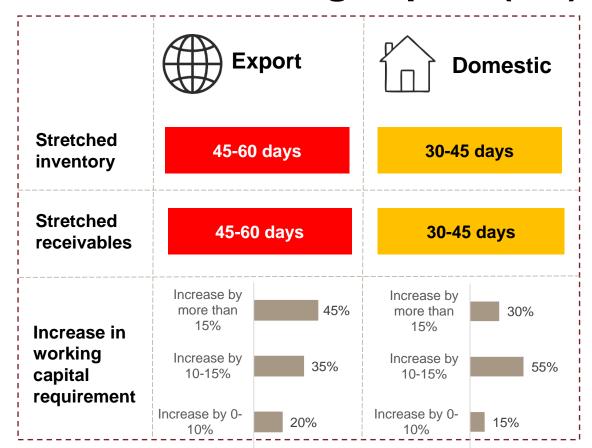
# Firms in clusters better placed to overcome supply chain challenges than standalone players

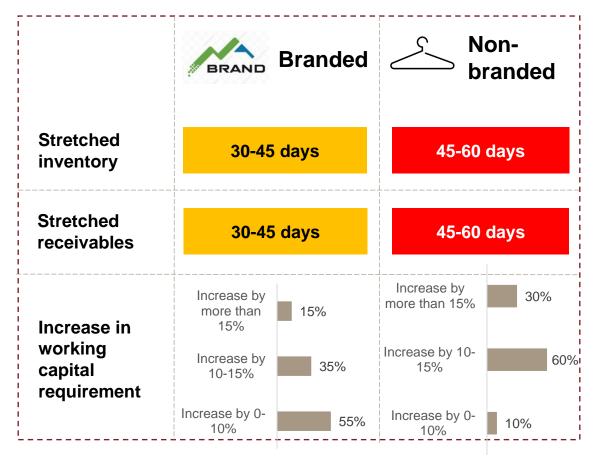






# Exporters and non-branded apparel manufacturers see stretch in working capital (1/3)

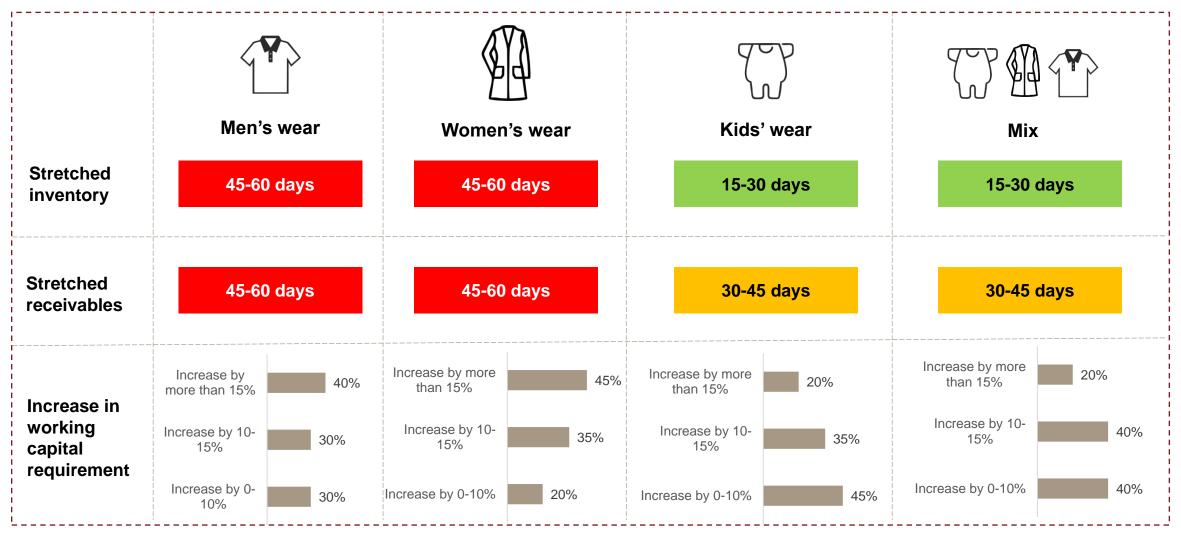






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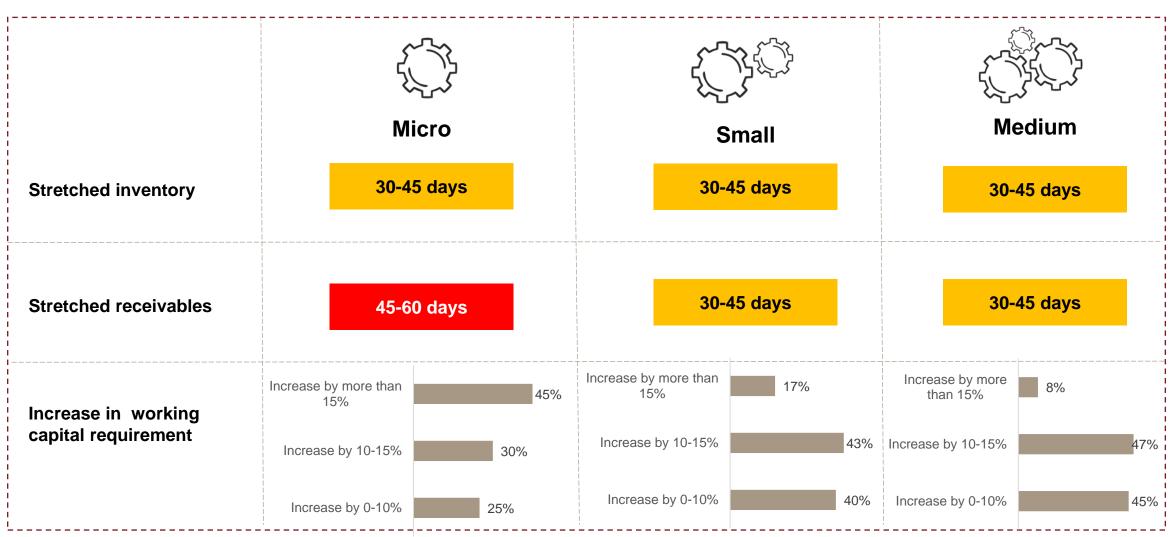
# Manufacturers of men's and women's wears see stretch in working capital (2/3)



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# Working capital stretch for micro enterprises (3/3)



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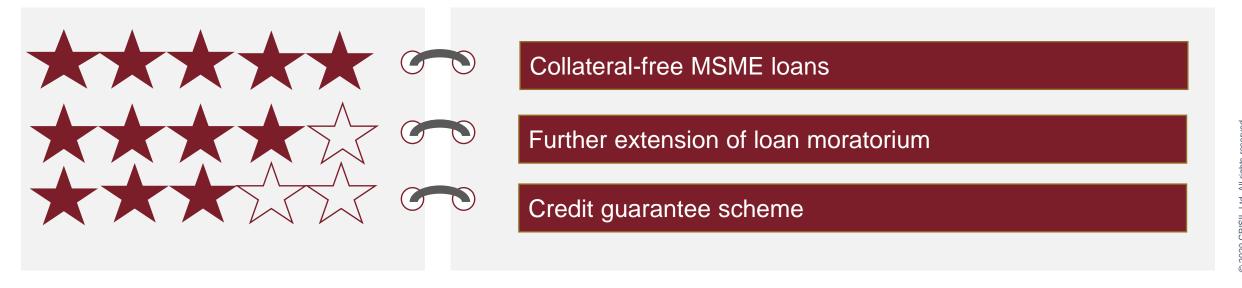


# Demand bounceback a function of markets, product profile and turnover category

		Q2 - FY21	Q3 - FY21	Q4 - FY21	FY22	
Market	Export	• 18%	<b>3</b> 0%	<b>45</b> %	7%	Players catering to the domestic market expect recovery in the third quarter of
	Domestic	• 15%	<b>45</b> %	<b>35</b> %	5%	fiscal 2021, due to likely demand pick-up in the festive season
Product	Branded	<ul><li>30%</li></ul>	<ul><li>30%</li></ul>	<b>4</b> 0%	0%	Branded players are optimistic about recovering by the fourth quarter as they
category	Non-branded	<b>15%</b>	45%	<b>25</b> %	15%	have more online visibility compared with non-branded players
	Men's wear	• 10%	<b>2</b> 0%	60%	10%	<ul> <li>Kids' wear segment hints at major recovery in the third quarter of fiscal</li> </ul>
Product	Women's wear	• 10%	<b>30%</b>	55%	5%	2021, considering current demand
profile	Kids' wear	<b>30%</b>	50%	<b>20%</b>	0%	<ul> <li>Players with diverse products project recovery by the fourth quarter</li> </ul>
	Mix	<b>25</b> %	<b>40</b> %	<b>35</b> %	0%	
	Micro	<b>2</b> 0%	<ul><li>30%</li></ul>	<b>35</b> %	15%	Medium enterprises project major recovery by the third quarter of fiscal
Turnover category	Small	<b>22</b> %	<b>35</b> %	<b>31%</b>	12%	2021, because of demand pick-up in the
	Medium	<b>30%</b>	<b>46</b> %	<b>2</b> 4%	0%	festive season and more online presence compared with micro and small
<ul><li>Above 40%</li></ul>	% responses     •     21-	40% responses	Below 20% res	sponses		enterprises

## **Aatmanirbhar Bharat schemes and expectations**

#### Three schemes RMG MSMEs voted to be the most impactful



#### Two factors RMG MSMEs voted as crucial to demand revival





# Ear to the ground The downstream supply chain

**Auto dealers** 

**FMCG** distributors





# Near-term measures

#### **FMCG** distributors

- Increase supply to pharmacies
- Increase penetration and identify new retailers

#### Auto dealers

- Focus on digital sales
- Online marketing and usage of social media platforms

#### **Sales impact**



Consumer sentiment Constraints

Low Moderate

Increase Initial surge in demand during lockdown, then 5-10% decline in

 sales volume
 Consumer preference shifting to local brands due to short supply of branded products

**Key challenges (severity)** 

 Limited operational hours hampering supply to retailers

#### **Auto dealers**

**FMCG** distributors

Home care

Food grains

Confectionary

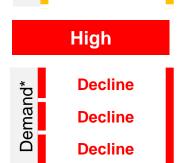
Personal care

Cosmetics

Beverages

Packaged foods

Two-wheelers
Passenger vehicles
Commercial vehicles



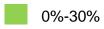
**Moderate** 

#### High

High

- Nil sales in April 2020
- Low discretionary spend by consumers
- ~50% reduction in enquiries and doubling of sales conversion cycle
- Majority of dealers were shut and restarted operations in May

<sup>\*</sup> Demand compared with pre-lockdown

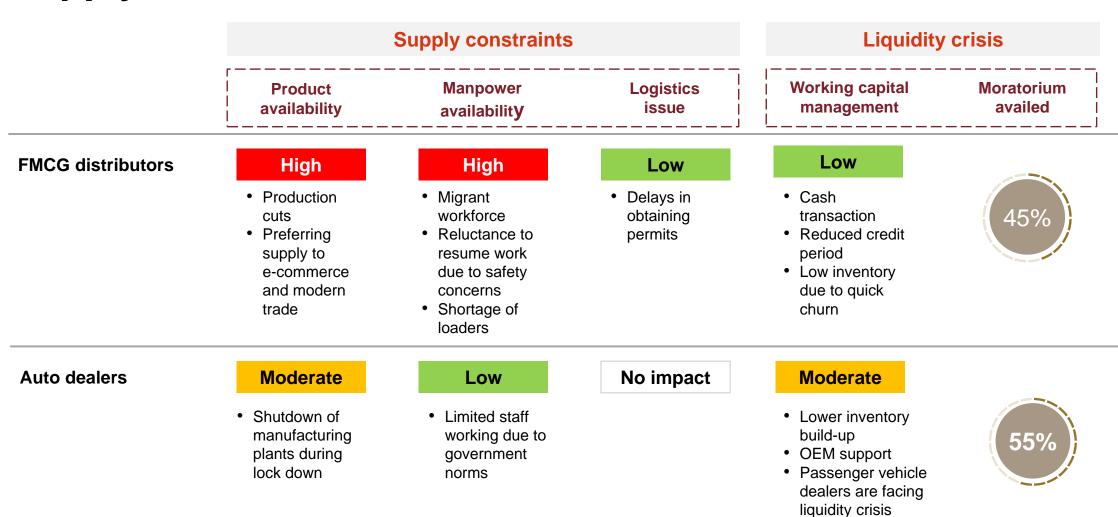


30%-60%



60%-100%

### Supply constraints affect FMCG distributors



Percentages indicate respondents

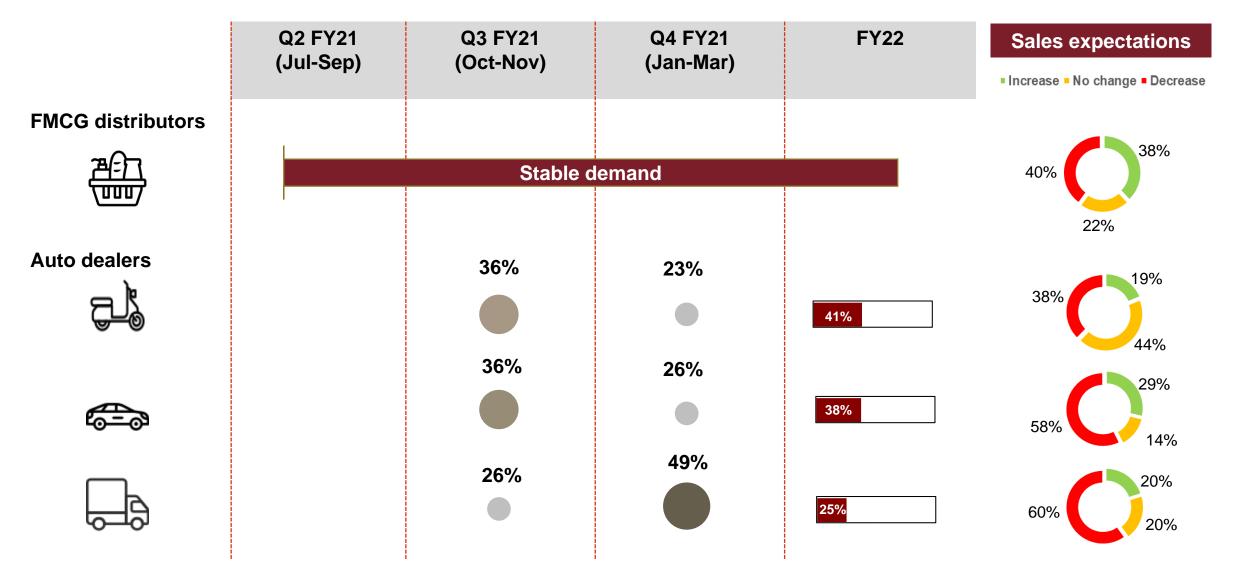
30%-60%

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#### Auto dealers foresee demand revival in the festive season





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# Deep dive into downstream supply chain

**Auto dealers** 

**FMCG** distributors

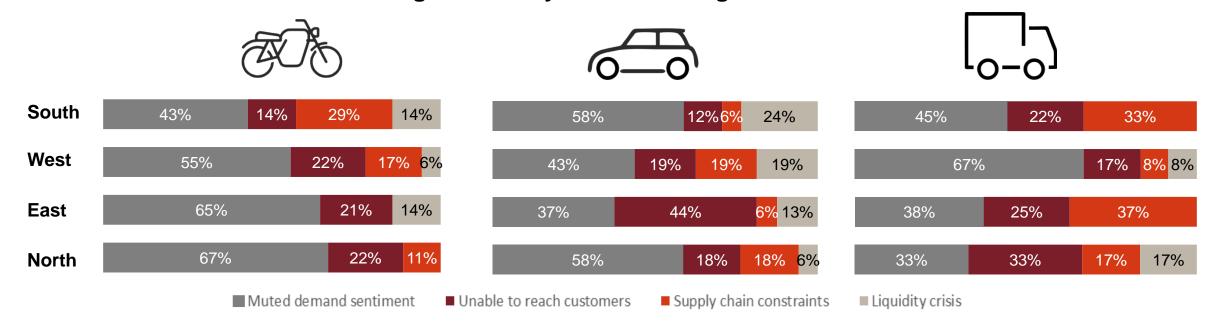




# **FMCG** distributors

# Muted demand and uncertainty worsen auto dealers' woes

#### Challenges faced by dealers during the lockdown



Muted demand sentiment
Low discretionary spend
Uncertainty of income potential
Deferring purchase and conserving cash

Unable to reach customers		
Lower walk-in customers		
Reduction in the number of enquires		

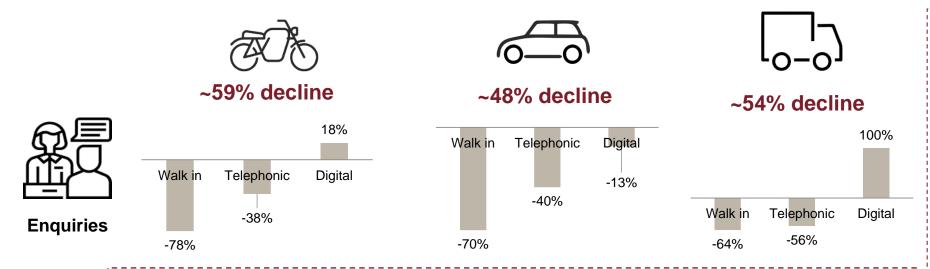
Supply chain constraints	
OEM manufacturing plants shut	
Limited staff working due to government norms	

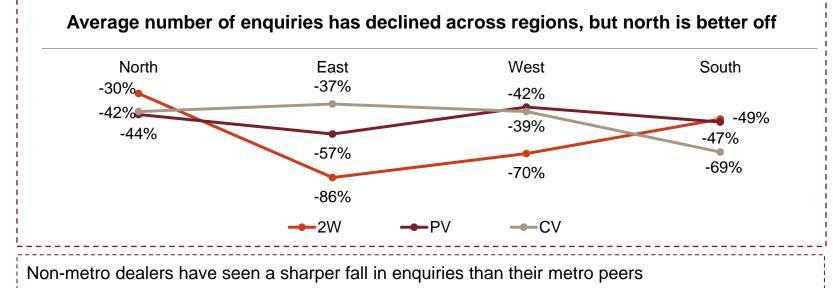
Liquidity crisis		
Higher inventory		
Payment of fixed costs		

Percentages indicate respondents



# Enquiries plunge, first-time buyers mostly browsing





Dealers are focusing on digital selling and most of the passenger vehicle dealers have already adopted this mode

- Two-wheelers: Sales through websites such as Bikewale, Bikedekho and Just Dial
- Passenger vehicles: Sales through websites such as Carwale, Cardekho and Acko. Few OEMs have their own portals to which dealers have been given access
- Commercial vehicles: Only 9% of the dealers are selling through the digital mode

Conversion from digital mode low at 2-3%

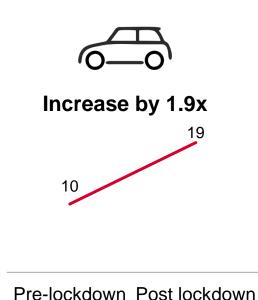


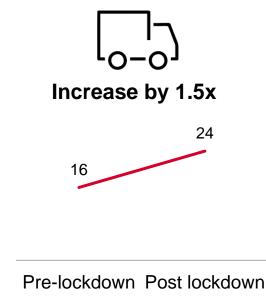


## Sales conversion cycle has increased across segments





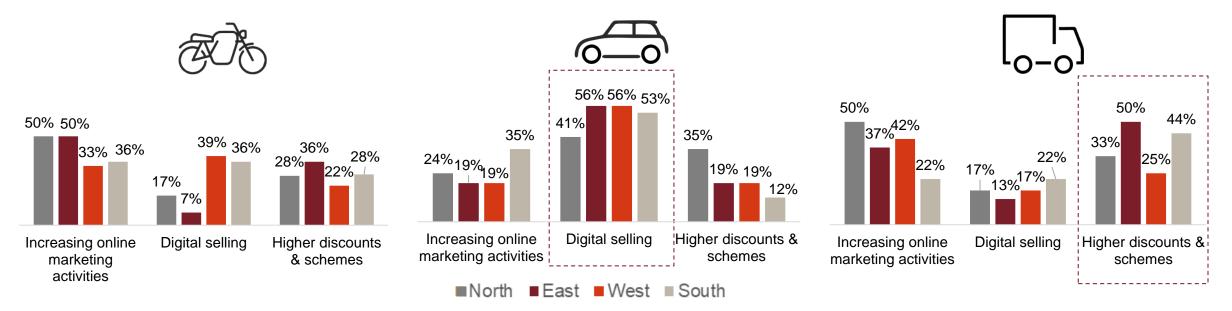




Following a sharp decline in enquiries and low digital-enquiry conversion, sales conversion cycle will increase significantly, which will impact the profitability of dealers



## Dealers ramp up digital presence to boost sales



Many dealers have started marketing and enquiry generation through social media platforms such as Facebook and WhatsApp. Further, they are training staff on effective utilisation of marketing tools and techniques

31%

Non-metro dealers believe discounts and schemes will boost sales

**57%** 

Non-metro dealers focus on digital selling to boost sales

37%

CV dealers believe discounts and schemes will boost sales

~35% of two-wheeler dealers in the east and passenger vehicle dealers in the north plan to offer discounts and schemes to push sales

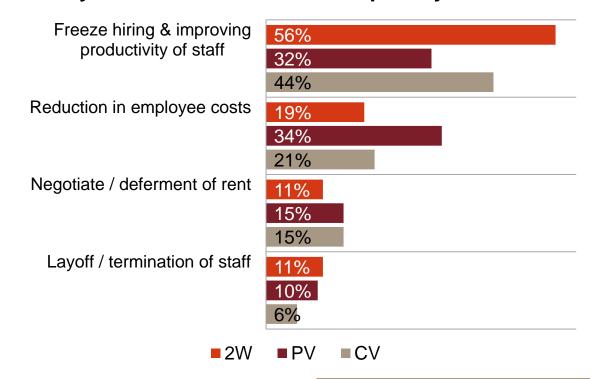
Percentages indicate respondents for key measures



# Changing business models and muted demand will necessitate adoption of stricter cost-control measures

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		2W		PV	CV
<ul><li>Digital selling</li><li>Commission paid to p</li><li>Online marketing exp</li></ul>					
Higher discounts					
<ul> <li>Hygiene and safety measures</li> <li>Sanitisation of facilities</li> <li>Employee and customer safety measures</li> <li>Changes in way of working – adoption of new technology</li> </ul>					
Low impact	Mode	erate impact		High	impact
			2\	N	

#### Key cost-control measures adopted by dealers



- 29% of the dealers in the east plan layoffs
- Dealers in the north and west to focus on increasing productivity
- A quarter of metro dealers plan to reduce employee cost

#### PV

- Dealers in the east plan to increase productivity of workers rather than reduce employee costs
- 40% of non-metro dealers plan to reduce employee cost

#### CV

- 25% of dealers in the west plan layoffs
- 30% of metro dealers plan to reduce employee cost

2W: Two-wheelers; PV: passenger vehicle;

CV: commercial vehicle

Percentages indicate respondents



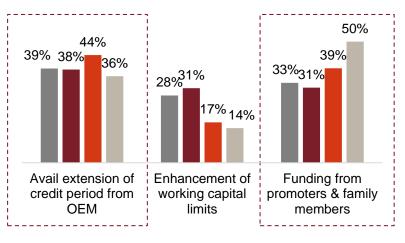
# OEM support to help dealers tide over near-term liquidity crisis

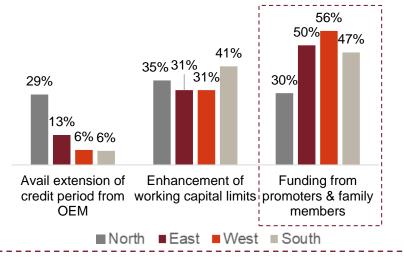


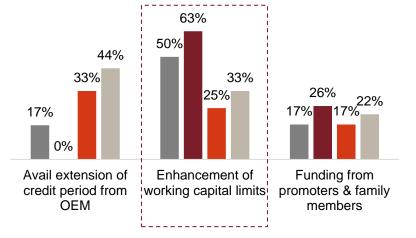


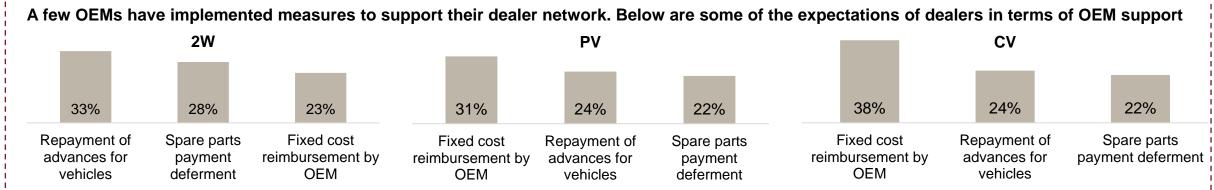


Extension of credit period from OEMs and self-funding are some of the measures undertaken to mitigate liquidity stress in the near term by two-wheeler and passenger vehicle dealers, while commercial vehicle dealers plan to increase working capital limits



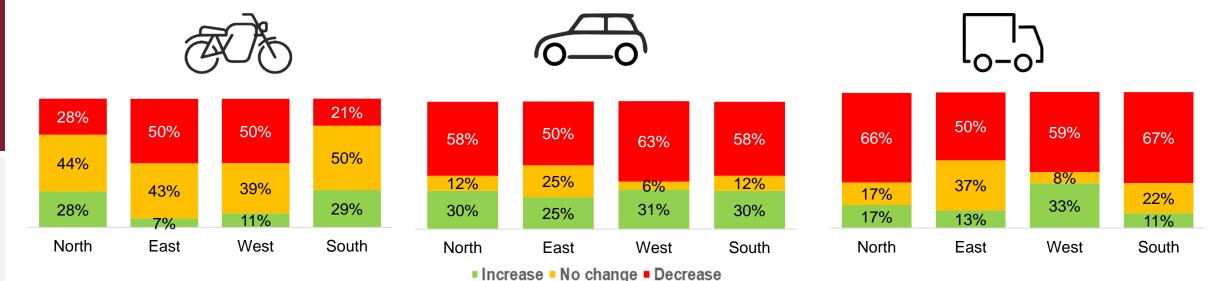




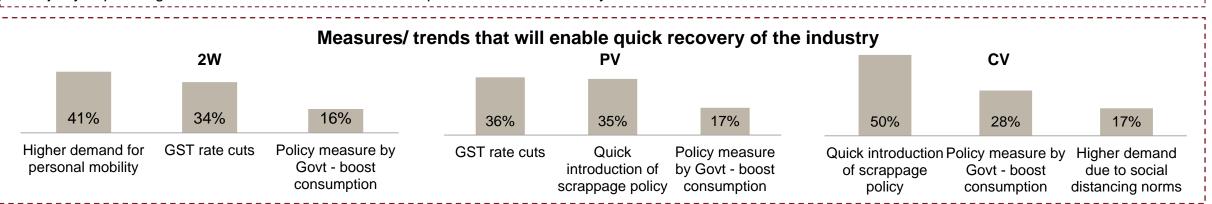






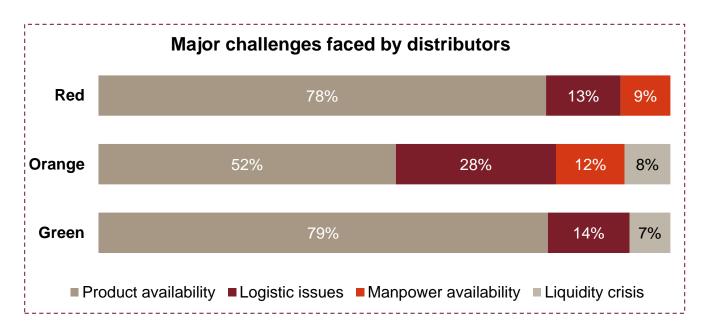


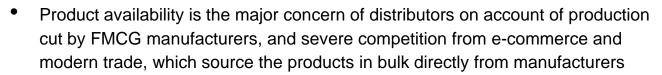
- Two-wheeler dealers in northern and southern regions have more optimistic sales expectation
- Majority of passenger and commercial vehicle dealers expect sales to decline on-year

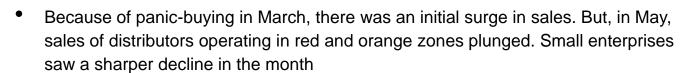




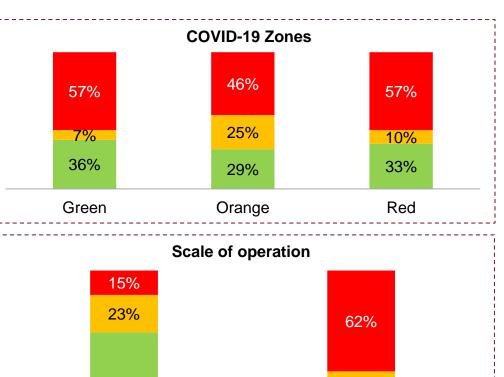
# Product availability an issue for distributors post initial surge







#### Sales fell 5-10% in May as compared to April





■ Increase ■ No change ■ Decrease



# Demand diverged among product categories, signaling shift in consumer mindset because of pervasive fears

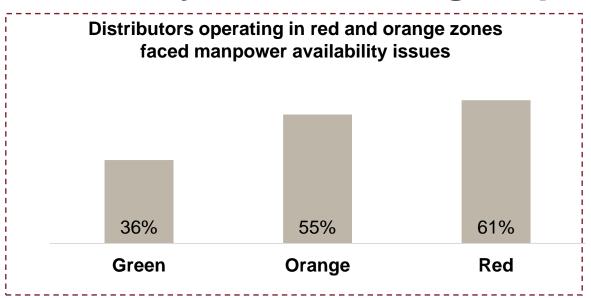
Increased demand	Packaged foods	<ul><li>Ketchup</li><li>Jam</li><li>Biscuits</li><li>Noodles</li><li>Soup</li></ul>
	Homecare	<ul><li>Soap</li><li>Detergent</li><li>Disinfectant</li><li>Sanitiser</li><li>Liquid hand wash</li></ul>
Incre	Food grains	<ul><li>Cooking oil</li><li>Ghee</li><li>Flour</li></ul>
	Hot beverages	<ul><li>Tea</li><li>Coffee</li><li>Chocolate and malt drinks</li><li>Immunity-booster drinks</li></ul>

	Confectionary	<ul><li>Chocolates</li><li>Snacks</li><li>Chips</li></ul>
Decreased demand	Personal care	<ul> <li>Face wash</li> <li>Body lotion</li> <li>Shaving cream</li> <li>Deodorant</li> <li>Talcum powder</li> <li>Hair oil</li> </ul>
Decre	Cosmetics	<ul><li>Hair colour</li><li>Kajal</li><li>Face cream</li></ul>
	Cold beverages	<ul><li>Aerated drinks</li><li>Energy drinks</li><li>Ice tea</li></ul>

- Confectionery sales declined significantly, with the eastern and northern regions reporting sharper decline
- Sales of homecare products, particularly sanitisers, hand wash and soaps, increased primarily in red zones
- Sharp fall in sales of high-margin products, such as cosmetics
- Decline in demand for aerated and energy drinks despite peak summer season



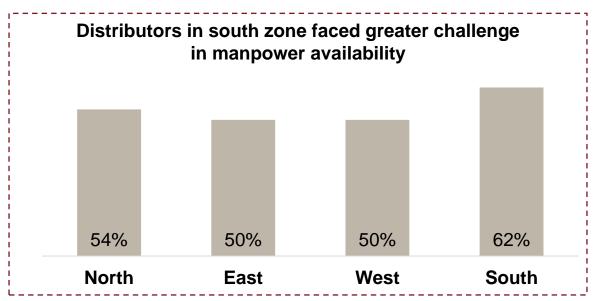
## Distributors operating in red zones faced manpower availability issues, rising employee cost



Distributors in the south zone are facing manpower shortage, owing to higher percentage of migrant workforce, and challenges because of increased absenteeism

Measures adopted by distributors to overcome manpower shortage is expected to increase employee costs by ~3%

- Loaders and unloaders are being paid ~50% additional charges
- Overtime allowance and higher salary payments



Measures adopted to overcome manpower availability constraints

Hiring temporary staff

Higher salary paid to existing staff

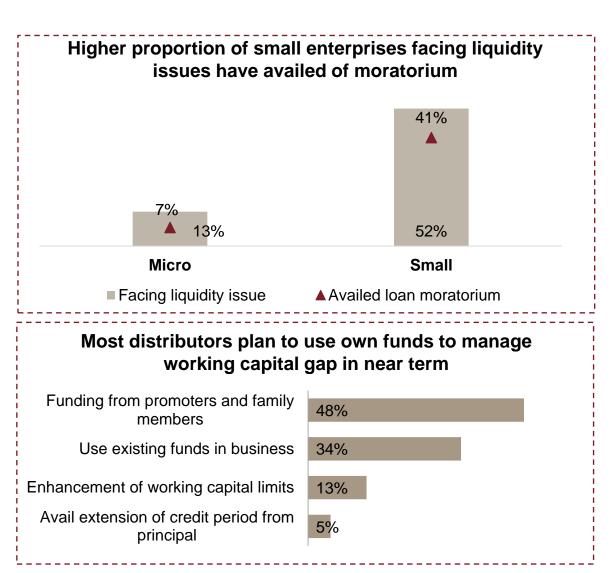
Operations in multiple shifts

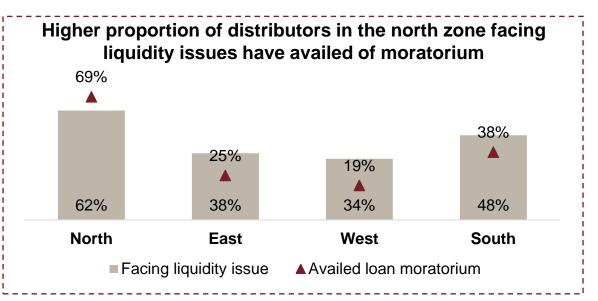
Additional facilities and services to employees as part of safety measures

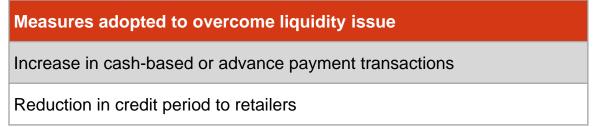


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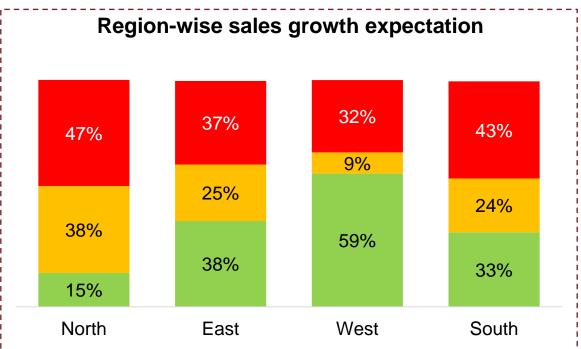
## Distributors unlikely to face near-term liquidity issues

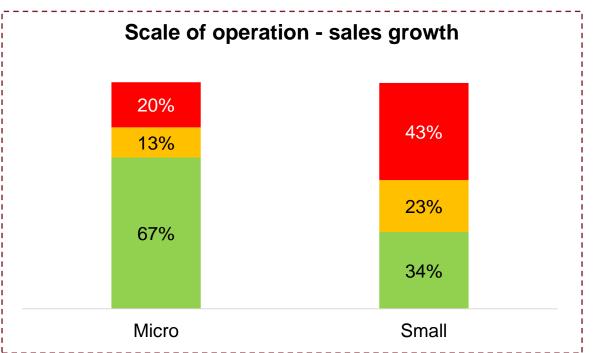












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- Most distributors in the western region expect sales to increase on-year this fiscal because of more red and orange zones in the region, which has seen a surge in demand
- Distributors operating in the red and orange zones also more optimistic on sales growth in fiscal 2022 compared with those in the green zone because of sustained higher demand
  - However, distributors in the red zone expect higher impact on cost owing to supply-side constraints
- Micro enterprises expect better sales growth in fiscal 2021 compared with small enterprises



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# Lender's view

**Banks** 

**NBFCs** 





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### Credit growth sentiment weak, more so for NBFCs

#### Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on credit growth in MSME sector

	Disbursements in April-May 2020	Expected normalcy in disbursements	Credit growth outlook for FY21*	
Banks	< 30% of normal level	In 3-6 months	Up to 5% decline	
NBFCs	<10% of normal level	In 6-9 months	5–10% decline	

<sup>\*</sup> Highly dependent on MSMEs resuming operations and easing of restrictions. Over 30% lenders either refused to comment or expressed difficulty in predicting

Drivers for credit growth
Incremental working capital requirement
Pent-up demand in local markets and for local brands
Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme
Untapped rural/semi-urban areas, sectors with non-discretionary demand
Relatively safer short-term trade/supply chain funding

Challenges for credit growth
Lack of demand for new/capex funding requirement
Low recovery sentiment in unorganised sectors
Lack of client connect owing to lockdown
Lack of demand or revenue growth visibility
Severely impacted cash flows of MSMEs



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## Business sentiment muted, short-term opportunities few



Sectors least vulnerable to deterioration in credit profile

FMCG, food products, hospitals, pharmaceuticals, telecom



Sectors most vulnerable to deterioration in credit profile

Automobiles, construction, gems and jewellery, hospitality, textiles, tourism

#### Long-term impact on performance of MSMEs

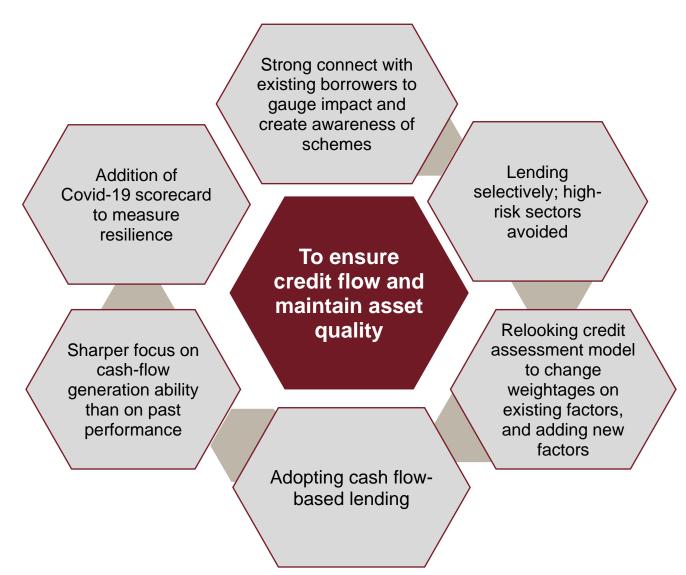
- 15-20% of MSMEs may not be able to survive the economic slowdown
- Micro units across sectors to be impacted the most
- MSME definition change to bring more players into the category, resulting in smaller ones receiving less benefits
- Sectors with high dependence on migrant labour to be severely impacted

#### **Short-term opportunities for MSMEs**

- Average sales volume at neighbourhood groceries/ pharmacies has increased dramatically
- Shift in business model: Producing masks/ hand sanitisers/ disinfectants, dealing in thermal screening equipment, etc. Definition of essentials is undergoing a change
- Digital-oriented education services, selling via online platforms through digital transactions has increased



## Partnering with MSMEs to tide over challenges



# **Emerging trends in strategies** adopted by lenders

- Portfolio assessment to assign risks by geography, product and customer, sector, and labour composition
- Credit assessment model to include statutorily filed data, such as Goods and Services Tax, Employees' Provident Fund returns
- Digital lending and connect. Personal site visits via video interface
- Emphasis on promoter's access to capital (liquid net worth), personal savings, ability to raise funds in emergency

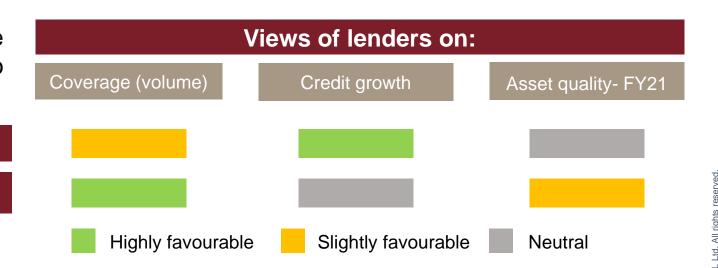


## Mixed voices from the ground; challenges expected to continue

Measures by the government and the Reserve Bank of India to improve lending to MSMEs to tide over the pandemic

**Credit guarantee scheme** 

Loan moratorium





"This is the need of the hour. Moratorium on loans and collateral-free loans offer big relief to MSMEs to manage cash flows"

"Nothing much for demand revival. Some sort of direct benefit transfer to manage employee cost/rent would have helped"

"Despite reduction in repo rates, NBFCs do not expect any improvement in cost of funds, as transmission of rate reduction has not happened significantly"

"On credit guarantee scheme, the system will not be able to provide Rs 3 lakh crore of loans before October. So, we will require an extension"



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