

BUDGET ESTIMATES 1999-2000

The Budget Estimates 1999-2000 show an increase of Rs.2092 crore over Revised Estimates 1998-99. The decrease in Non-Plan Expenditure is Rs.6537 crore, while under Plan there is an increase of Rs.8629 crore. The main items of variation in Non-Plan estimates are given in the table below:-

(In crores of Rupees)

| | Revised 1998-99 | Budget 1999-2000 | Variation |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Interest payments | 77248 | 88000 | (+) 10752 |
| 2. Defence expenditure | 41200 | 45694 | (+) 4494 |
| 3. Non-Plan grants to States | 4036 | 7657 | (+) 3621 |
| 4. Food subsidy | 8700 | 8200 | (-) 500 |
| 5. Pension | 10053 | 10131 | (+) 78 |
| 6. Sale of decontrolled fertiliser with concessions to farmers | 3790 | 4500 | (+) 710 |
| 7. Indigenous (urea) fertilisers | 7360 | 8000 | (+) 640 |
| 8. Imported (urea) fertilisers | 238 | 750 | (+) 512 |
| 9. Loans to States/UTs against Small Savings Collections | 23788 | ... | (-) 23788 |
| 10. Police | 5628 | 5899 | (+) 271 |
| 11. Others | 31500 | 28173 | (-) 3327 |
| Total | 213541 | 207004 | (-) 6537 |

1. The increase is mainly relatable to internal debt including replacement of existing stock of debt by debt carrying higher rates of interest.
2. The increased provision takes into account normal growth.
3. The increase is mainly due to the additional provisions made for grants to States on the basis of the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission and the grants for improvement in salary scales of University and College Teachers.
4. Marginal reduction is due to revision of Central Issue Price for wheat and rice for 'Above-Poverty Line' beneficiaries of the Targeted Public Distribution System.
5. Takes into account growth in Dearness Relief and arrears to be paid to the retirees.
6. Enhanced requirement is due to retrospective enhancement of the scales of concession w.e.f. 1.4.1998.
7. Takes into account the carry forwarded liabilities from previous year and estimated production of urea and various parameters of the subsidy.
8. Based on the likely imports of urea during the year.
9. With effect from 1.4.99, a new system of transfer of 75% of the net small savings collections to the States and Union Territories is being introduced.
10. Takes into account the normal growth and increased provision for modernisation of police force.