

REVISED ESTIMATES, 1998-99

Revised Estimates of expenditure for 1998-99 showed a net increase of Rs. 13985 crore, as compared to the Budget estimates. The increase under Non-Plan is Rs. 17,616 crore, which is partly counter-balanced by net saving of Rs. 3631 crore under Plan. The major items where variations have occurred are indicated below :-

<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i>			
	Budget 1998-99	Revised 1998-99	Variation
Non-Plan			
1. Interest payments	75000	77248	(+ 2248
2. Food Subsidy	9000	8700	(-) 300
3. Indigenous (urea) fertilisers	6000	7360	(+ 1360
4. Imported (urea) fertilisers	983	238	(-) 745
5. Sale of decontrolled fertilisers with concession to farmers	3000	3790	(+ 790
6. Interest Subsidies	40	1436	(+ 1396
7. Other Subsidies	2102	2184	(+ 82
8. Postal Deficit	695	1225	(+ 530
9. Pensions	7342	10053	(+ 2711
10. Grants to State Governments	6314	4036	(-) 2278
11. Loans to State & UTs against Small Savings Collections	14200	23788	(+ 9588
12. Loans to PSUs	1482	1854	(+ 372
13. Other Non-Plan Expenditure	69767	71629	(+ 1862
14. Total (Non-Plan) Expenditure	195925	213541	(+) 17616
Plan			
1. Central Plan	42464	38263	(-) 4201
2. Central assistance for State and UT Plans	29538	30108	(+ 570
Total (Plan)	72002	68371	(-) 3631

Non-Plan

1. Interest on market loans, interest on small savings (deposits and certificates) and interest on external debt mainly account for increase in 'interest payments' in the revised estimates.
2. 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.
3. The Budget 1998-99 provision was made after taking into account the revision in the price of urea w.e.f. 1.6.1998. Subsequent changes in the prices have necessitated a higher provision to offset the increase in production of urea and escalation of input costs and arrear payments.
4. Lesser requirement is due to lesser import of urea.
5. Enhanced requirement is due to retrospective enhancement of the scales of concession w.e.f. 1.4.1998.
6. Write off of interest and penal interest on Government of India's loans outstanding against Hindustan Fertilisers Corporation Limited (Rs.1120.60 crore), Jessop and Co. Ltd. (Rs.113.56 crore) and Hindustan Cables Ltd. (Rs.122.66 crore) as a part of revival package approved for PSUs mainly account for the increase in the estimates.
7. The increase is due to payment to STC for loss on edible oil imports.
8. The increase in Postal Deficit is due to increase in operational expenses and enhanced remuneration for extra-departmental employees of the Department of Posts.
9. The increase is mainly on account of Dearness Relief sanctioned to Central Government Pensioners with effect from 1.1.98 and 1.7.98 and also payment of revised pension and arrears to Defence retirees.
10. Lesser claims of reimbursement of actual expenditure incurred by the States.
11. Larger loan assistance to States and U.T. Governments against net small savings collections has been necessitated due to steep increase in net collections.
12. The additional provision is mainly for meeting the shortfall in the resources of sick PSUs to enable them to pay salaries and wages to their employees and also for voluntary separation scheme and payment of statutory dues.
13. The increase is mainly attributable to normal growth in other non-plan expenditure.

Plan

1. The fall in the revised estimates is mainly due to lesser requirement of funds for plan schemes of Ministries/Departments of Agriculture and Co-operation, Civil Aviation, Coal, Environment & Forests, Health & Family Welfare, Human Resource Development, Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Rural Areas & Employment and Social Justice & Empowerment. This is partly due to availability of unspent balances with the grantees/loanees and partly due to implementational delays.
2. Higher requirement is due to advance central assistance to some State Governments as a measure of relief and Special Central Assistance to J&K.