

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2000-2001

The Budget Estimates 2000-2001 show an increase of Rs.34749 crore over Revised Estimates 1999-2000. The increase in non-Plan Expenditure is Rs.26044 crore, while under Plan there is an increase of Rs.8705 crore. The main items of variation in non-Plan estimates are given in the table below:-

(In crores of Rupees)

	Revised 1999-2000	Budget 2000-2001	Variation
1. Interest payments	91425	101266	(+) 9841
2. Defence expenditure	48504	58587	(+) 10083
3. Non-Plan grants to States	6015	17088	(+) 11073
4. Food subsidy	9200	8100	(-) 1100
5. Pension	14304	15843	(+) 1539
6. Sale of decontrolled fertiliser with concessions to farmers	4500	4093	(-) 407
7. Indigenous (urea) fertilisers	8670	8058	(-) 612
8. Imported (urea) fertilisers	80	500	(+) 420
9. Police	6377	6735	(+) 358
10. Others	35268	30117	(-) 5161
Total	224343	250387	(+) 26044

1. The increase is due to continuing dependence on debt resources to finance the Govt. expenditure. The incremental expenditure is mainly required to meet the interest obligation for the fiscal deficit during 1999-2000.
2. The increased provision is to meet enhanced expenditure on pay and allowances and modernisation of armed force.
3. The increase is as per the interim recommendations of the 11th Finance Commission regarding quantum of non-Plan grants to States during 2000-2001.
4. The decrease is due to rationalisation of central issue price and reduction in stock carrying cost.
5. The increase takes into account liberalisation of pensionary benefits, arrears of pension revision and expected retirements.
6. Reduction is due to rationalisation of the rates of concessions on decontrolled fertilisers.
7. Due to rationalisation of the controlled prices and retention prices.
8. This is as per assessed requirement of imports.
9. This includes normal growth as well as special operations to maintain internal security.
10. The reduction is mainly on account of loans to States and non-Plan loans to Central Public Sector Undertakings. The Extended WMA facility to States was a one time provision in 1999-2000.