

REVISED ESTIMATES, 1999-2000

Revised Estimates of expenditure for 1999-2000 show a net increase of Rs. 19856 crore, as compared to the Budget estimates. The increase under non-Plan is Rs. 17461 crore and Rs. 2395 crore under Plan. The major items where variations have occurred are indicated below :-

	<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i>		
	Budget 1999-2000	Revised 1999-2000	Variation
Non-Plan			
1. Interest payments	88000	91425	(+ 3425
2. Extended Ways & Means Advances to States	...	3000	(+ 3000
3. Food Subsidy	8200	9200	(+ 1000
4. Indigenous (urea) fertilisers	8000	8670	(+ 670
5. Imported (urea) fertilisers	750	80	(-) 670
6. Postal Deficit	871	1719	(+ 848
7. Pensions	10131	14304	(+ 4173
8. Grants to State Governments	7696	6015	(-) 1681
9. Grant/Loans to PSUs	1735	1842	(+ 107
10. Other Non-Plan Expenditure	81499	88088	(+ 6589
11. Total (Non-Plan) Expenditure	206882	224343	(+ 17461
Plan			
1. Central Plan	44000	43660	(-) 340
2. Central assistance for State and UT Plans	33000	35735	(+ 2735
Total (Plan)	77000	79395	(+ 2395

Non-Plan

1. Due to increase in fiscal deficit during 1998-99 and increased requirement of borrowing during the first half of the year 1999-2000.
2. The Extended Ways and Means Advance Facility comprising of Central Govt. loans of Rs.3000 crore and market borrowing of Rs.2000 crore has been set up as a one time measure to help the States to overcome the fiscal shock arising out of the burden of pay revision on the budgets of most State Governments.
3. Due to settlement of pending claims.
- 4 & 5. The requirement of indigenous fertilisers was met by enhanced domestic production and corresponding reduction in imports.
6. Increase in postal deficit is due to decrease in postal receipts (Rs.318 crore) and enhanced establishment expenses (Rs.530 crore).
7. The increase is mainly on account of Dearness Relief sanctioned to Central Government Pensioners with effect from 1.1.99 and 1.7.99 and also payment of revised pension and arrears to Defence retirees.
8. The decreased requirement was on account of non-receipt of admissible claims from the State Governments although this is the net reduction after accounting for Rs.1064 crore as additional grants from the National Fund for Calamity Relief.
9. 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.
10. The increase is mainly attributable to normal growth in other non-plan expenditure.

Plan

1. Overall savings mark the increase in the revised estimates due to provision of Rs.1900 crore for National Highway Development Programme and special repairs of National Highways; Rs.200 crore to Railways for rail over bridges & safety works at unmanned railway crossings; mid day meal and family welfare programmes, etc.
2. Higher requirement is mainly due to additional and special central assistance for State plans and additional central assistance for externally aided projects.