

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2001-2002

The Budget Estimates 2001-02 show an increase of Rs.39,700 crore over Revised Estimates 2000-01. The increase in non-Plan Expenditure is Rs.25,838 crore, while under Plan there is an increase of Rs.13,862 crore. The main items of variation in non-Plan estimates are given in the table below:-

(In crores of Rupees)

	Revised 2000-01	Budget 2001-02	Variation
Non-Plan			
1. Interest payments	100667	112300	(+) 11633
2. Defence	54461	62000	(+) 7539
3. Food Subsidy	12125	13675	(+) 1550
4. Fertilisers Subsidy	13800	14170	(+) 370
5. Pensions	14560	15090	(+) 530
6. Police	7500	8200	(+) 700
7. Grants to State Governments	15702	17923	(+) 2221
8. Other Non-Plan Expenditure	30470	31766	(+) 1296
Total (Non-Plan) Expenditure	249285	275123	(+) 25838

1. The increase is due to continuing dependence on debt resources to finance the Government expenditure. The incremental expenditure is mainly required to meet the interest obligation for the fiscal deficit during 2000-01.
2. The increased provision is to meet enhanced expenditure on pay and allowances and modernisation of Defence Forces.
3. The increased provision is on account of 'Antyodaya' programme besides normal increases due to increase in cost of procurement, transportation, storage and other incidentals.
4. Based on assessed requirement of fertilizer consumption and adjustment in the norms and parameters of the subsidy schemes.
5. The increase is mainly on account of Dearness Relief and expected retirements.
6. This includes normal growth as well as special assistance to States for modernisation of State Police Forces.
7. The increase is as per the recommendations of the 11th Finance Commission regarding quantum of Non-plan grants to States, and carryover of unutilised entitlements.
8. The increase is mainly due to normal growth in other Non-plan expenditure.