

**REVISED ESTIMATES 2004-2005**

Revised Estimates of expenditure for 2004-05 show a net decrease of Rs.4,703 crore as compared to the Budget Estimates, excluding the expenditure of Rs.32,665 crore for repayment of liabilities to National Small Savings Fund (NSSF) which is matched by receipts under the State Debt Swap scheme. While the non-Plan expenditure, excluding repayment of liabilities to NSSF, has increased by Rs.3,500 crore, the Plan expenditure has decreased by Rs.8,203 crore. The major items where variations have occurred are indicated below :-

(In crores of Rupees)

	Budget 2004-05	Revised 2004-05	Variation
<b>Non-Plan</b>			
1. Interest payments	129500	125905	(-) 3595
2. Fertiliser Subsidy	12662	15662	(+) 3000
3. Pensions	15928	18338	(+) 2410
4. Non-Plan Grants to States	18783	14144	(-) 4639
5. Non-Plan Loans to States	38	643	(+) 605
6. Other Communication Services	228	3230	(+) 3002
7. Police	9940	10542	(+) 602
8. Additional Transfer to NCCF/releases to States for calamity relief	...	1220	(+) 1220
9. Loans to PSUs	1509	1809	(+) 300
10. Other Non-Plan expenditure	143651	144246	(+) 595
<b>Total (Non-Plan) Expenditure</b>	<b>332239</b>	<b>335739</b>	<b>(+) 3500</b>
<b>Plan</b>			
1. Central Plan	87886	82529	(-) 5357
2. Central assistance for State and UT Plans	57704	54858	(-) 2846
<b>Total (Plan) Expenditure</b>	<b>145590</b>	<b>137387</b>	<b>(-) 8203</b>

**Non-Plan**

1. Decrease is due mainly to lower than anticipated recourse to market borrowings and rollover of higher cost matured loans with lower cost fresh loans.
2. Due mainly to increase in the input costs of fertilisers.
3. Due to the (i) impact of the merger of dearness allowance to the extent of 50 per cent of pay, with basic pay with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2004 and (ii) provision for pensionary benefits of the employees of the Department of Telecommunications absorbed in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).
4. Decrease is due to less utilisation of funds under grants to local bodies, upgradation/special problem grants and grants under the Fiscal Incentive Fund facility.
5. Due to medium term loan assistance to States.
6. Increase is on account of (i) assistance to BSNL for rural telephony and (ii) increased transfer to the Universal Services Obligation Fund.
7. Due to change in the funding pattern of the scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces under which assistance is provided to States in cash and kind.
8. Increase is on account of assistance to States for calamity relief.
9. Additional provision is mainly for meeting the shortfall in the resources of sick PSUs for payment of salaries, wages and statutory dues.

**Plan**

1. The overall reduction is due to the net impact of increase under Agriculture and Co-operation, Health, Elementary Education and Literacy (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan), Rural Development (National Food for Work Programme and Rural Housing), Science and Technology, Telecommunications, etc. and decrease under Power, Road Transport and Highways, Assistance for Infrastructure Development, etc.
2. The overall reduction is due to net impact of increase under Additional Central Assistance for Externally Aided Projects, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Scheme and the Mid-day Meal Scheme, and decrease under Normal Central Assistance, Accelerated Power Development Programme and Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.