

BUDGET 2011-12

(Highlights)

WELFARE INITIATIVES:

- Employees and Pensioners to get 10% DA of July 2010 alongwith salary/pension for April, 2011. Annual financial implication of about ` 700 crore and about ` 500 crore on account of arrears of the period 01.07.2010 to 31.03.2011.
- Senior pensioners who attain the age of 90 years and those between 80-90 years as on 01.04.2011 to get 50% of their pension revision arrears in one and two installments respectively.
- 'Daily Wage' rate hiked from ` 110 per day to ` 125 per day w.e.f. 01.04.2011.
- ` 8 crore set apart for subsidizing migrants' Health Insurance.
- ` 40 crore set apart for Employment & Welfare Programme for Youths.
- A provision of ` 55 crore for meeting cost of VR/GHS in PSUs.
- Investment of ` 316 crore under Skill Development Mission.
- ` 50 crore state share to access ` 500 crore under MG-NAREGS.
- ` 50 crore for restoration of damaged infrastructure in Leh and Kargil.
- Focus on outsourcing activities of Government to promote and strengthen private enterprises in the State.
- Subsidy of ` 6 crore for 1000 Sheep Units in private sector.
- ICDS Centres in remote and backward areas mandated to buy local produce to encourage local production and marketing of the same.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

- 'Beti Anmol' rolled out for arresting dropout rate of girl students in schools and enhancing their employment prospects. ` 5000 fixed deposit for girl students belonging to BPL families in all 97 educationally backward blocks on enrollment in 11th class to be encashed on passing 12th class examination.
- ` 22 crore to support empowerment of women in the State.
- Toll exempted on Jute to promote 'Green Packaging' through Women's Development Corporation.

INITIATIVES IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR:

- GST (10.5%) exempted for Green Houses to promote agriculture, horticulture and floriculture business.
- 100% subsidy of VAT component on micro irrigation systems i.e. Drip and Sprinkler systems.
- VAT exemption on food grains for another one year.
- VAT exempted on pesticides, insecticides and weedicides.
- Toll exempted on Milch animals to promote dairy industry.
- Toll exempted on animal and poultry field to encourage local production of poultry and sheep.
- Toll exempted on beehives and colonies.
- Massive effort to increase the Seed Replacement Rate from 10% to 25% through research based extension programme.
- Central project of ` 372 crore for rejuvenation of Saffron cultivation.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:

- Investment of ` 857 crore in State Sector and ` 900 crore in Central Sector for Roads & Bridges.
- 1500 more habitations to get potable drinking water in 2011-12.

- ` 332 crore investment in irrigation sector in 2011-12.
- Investment of ` 1757 crore for improving health infrastructure.
- ` 150 crore under JNNURM for completion of ongoing projects.
- ` 326 crore investment in Housing & Urban Development Sector.
- ` 148 crore for maintenance of assets under non-plan.

INITIATIVES FOR INDUSTRY PROMOTION:

- VAT remission for industry extended for another year (implication around ` 500 crore).
- Annual verification of raw material consumption statement to replace existing quarterly verification presently.

INITIATIVES FOR TOURISM SECTOR:

- Total GST exemption on room rent extended till March 2012.

TRANSPORT SECTOR PROMOTION:

- Passenger tax on ordinary buses, excluding Luxury and Video Coaches, reduced from ` 300 per seat to ` 250 per seat per annum.

SPECIAL INITIATIVE FOR BAD POCKETS:

- ` 100 crore earmarked for new and unique initiatives which are special to these remote areas.

INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION SECTOR:

- 11 lakh children to be covered under Mid Day Meals.
- 19 Model Schools and 19 Girls' Hostels under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan in 2011-12.
- Central Assistance of ` 30 crore under Saakshar Bharat Mission – 2012.
- 18 new Polytechnic Colleges being established in uncovered districts of State.

INITIATIVES IN POWER SECTOR:

- 'Open Access Power Scheme' launched to benefit bulk consumers i.e. industries and other commercial ventures.
- 'Bijli Adalats' to be started for settlement of disputes and early realization of electricity dues.

INITIATIVE IN FOREST SECTOR:

- 'Aushadh Vatikas' to throw open employment opportunities for our youth in private sector for commercial cultivation of herbal & medicinal plants.

CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES:

- From 01-04-2011 onwards, new method of employment in the Government to be taken recourse to.
- State Financial Corporation to be reviewed.
- Full computerization of Commercial Taxes and all Treasuries of J&K including integrated automation of Lakhanpur Toll Plaza.

HANDICRAFTS AND HANDLOOM SECTOR:

- Stipend of trainees in Handloom and Handicrafts Sectors hiked from ` 100 to ` 500 from ` 200 to ` 700 per month.
- ` 10 crore for interest subsidy to boost Handicrafts Sector.
- ` 2.5 crore each for revival of J&K Handloom Development Corporation and Government Woollen Mills.
- Loan slab for artisans raised from ` 0.50 lakh to ` 1.00 lakh.

TRADE SECTOR:

- VAT reduced to zero on Hawan Samagri, Katlam, Kalaari, Amlok, Sarkori.
- Toll goes up by 5 paise per kg.

- VAT on Tobacco and Tobacco products up from 13.5% to 25%. Toll on raw tobacco hiked by one rupee per kg.
- Toll on Sheep and Goats rationalized from 'by number' to 'by weight'.
- Toll on edible oils goes up by 60 paise per kg.
- Toll on poultry up by one rupee per kg. to encourage local production of poultry.
- Services like construction of commercial complexes and colonies, TV/Radio programme production, Architects/ Interior Decorators, Chartered Accountants and Advertisement Hoardings brought in tax net.

OTHER SALIENT FEATURES:

- Estimates of Total Receipts (TR) at ` 31212 crore.
- Estimates of Total Expenditure (TE) also at ` 31212 crore.
- Non-Plan salaries and pension up at ` 14011 crore including ` 525 crore for payment of Pay/Pension Revision Arrears installment.
- Annual Plan 2011-12 size ` 6600 crore. PMRP at ` 1200 crore.
- Plan Revenue Expenditure (PRE) estimates at ` 1178 crore. Plan Capital Expenditure (PCE) ` 6622 crore.
- Off-treasury developmental expenditure about ` 4300 crore. ` 425 crore under CSS.

AUSTERITY MEASURES to be continued during 2011-12.