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## **FOREWORD**

In keeping with the endeavour of the Government of India to promote transparency and accountability, a brochure containing the status of implementation of announcements made in the Budget for 2009-2010 has been compiled.

I am happy to place this brochure before the House.

**[Pranab Mukherjee]**

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1.	12	<p>This growing integration of the Indian economy with the rest of the world has brought new opportunities and also new challenges. It has made the task of sustaining high growth more complex. Over the past month, we have critically evaluated Government's efforts at both short term economic recovery as well as medium term economic growth. The economic recovery and growth is a cooperative effort of the Central and State Governments. That is why, for the first time, I held a meeting with Finance Ministers of States as part of the preparations for this Budget. I intend to make this an annual feature.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Economic Affairs]</p>	<p>Finance Minister held a meeting with State Finance Ministers on 13.01.2010 as part of the Pre-Budget consultations for 2010-11.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action completed</b></p>
2.	17	<p><b>Infrastructure Development</b></p> <p>To stimulate public investment in infrastructure, we had set up the India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) as a special purpose vehicle for providing long term financial assistance to infrastructure projects. We will ensure that IIFCL is given greater flexibility to aggressively fulfil its mandate.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>The Scheme for financing viable infrastructure projects through special purpose vehicle called India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) has been modified from time to time to give greater flexibility. Whenever a need arises, the matter is placed before the Empowered Committee for amendment in SIFTI.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
3.	18	<p>'Takeout financing' is an accepted international practice of releasing long term funds for financing infrastructure projects. It can be used to effectively address the asset liability mismatch of commercial banks arising out of financing infrastructure projects and also to free up capital for financing new projects. IIFCL would, in consultation with banks, evolve a 'takeout financing' scheme which could facilitate incremental lending to the infrastructure sector.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>CRISIL Risk and Infrastructure Solutions (CRIS) was appointed as Consultant for preparation of a draft report on 'Take out Financing Scheme'. Their report has been approved by the Board of IIFCL. After obtaining comments of Planning Commission and DEA, the matter has been considered by the Empowered Committee on 7.1.2010. The recommendations of the Empowered Committee are under consideration.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
4.	19	<p>Government has had some success in attracting private investment in a wide range of infrastructure sectors such as telecommunications, power generation, airports, ports, roads and even in railways through public private partnerships (PPP). To ensure that infrastructure projects do not face financing difficulties arising from the current downturn, as I indicated in my Interim Budget Speech, the Government has decided that IIFCL will refinance 60 per cent of commercial bank loans for PPP projects in critical sectors over the next fifteen to eighteen months. The</p>	<p>IIFCL had raised tax free bonds of Rs. 10,000 crore by March 31, 2009 which would enable the funding of infrastructure projects of about Rs.25,000 crore. IIFCL may raise an additional Rs.25,000 crore by way of tax free bonds once funds raised in the current year are effectively utilized. These initiatives will support a PPP of Rs.1,00,000 crore in infrastructure at competitive rates over the next 18 months. The amount of Rs. 10,000 crore mandated to be raised under the 1st stimulus package by IIFCL, for providing refinance banks' lending in infrastructure sectors, however, remains unutilized. To expedite its utilization, some changes in the refinance scheme are under finalization. With regard to raising of Rs. 30,000 crore (now Rs.25,000 crore), it was</p>

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	<p>IIFCL and Banks are now in a position to support projects involving a total investment of Rs.100 thousand crore in infrastructure. Combined with the steps we are taking to increase public investment in infrastructure, this will provide a big boost to such investment.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>mentioned in the 2nd stimulus package that this amount is to be raised once funds raised during the current year are effectively utilized. The action on this can be taken once Rs.10,000 crore already raised by IIFCL stands utilized.</p> <p><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
5. 20	<p>The investment in infrastructure for the growth of economy is critical. I have urged my colleagues in the Central and State Governments to remove policy, regulatory and institutional bottlenecks for speedy implementation of infrastructure projects. I, on my part, will ensure that sufficient funds are made available for this sector.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Economic Affairs]</p>	<p>A Standing Committee on Infrastructure Finance has been set up vide Order dated July 27, 2009, under the Chairmanship of the Finance Secretary with representation from concerned Ministries/Departments and regulatory agencies, and on a rotation basis, of infrastructure developers and banks/financial institutions, to oversee recommendations on infrastructure financing and to act as a coordinating mechanism. The First Meeting of the Standing Committee was held on September 8, 2009. Four stakeholders' meetings have subsequently been held with insurance companies, equity fund managers, pension and superannuation funds, as a prelude to the next Standing Committee Meeting. Based on stakeholder consultations, four concept notes have been circulated to the Members of the Standing Committee on "Approved Investments by Insurance Companies", "Private Equity Flows into Infrastructure", "Pension Fund Investments in Infrastructure" and "Security Classification of Infrastructure Loans". This is a continuing process.</p> <p><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
6. 22	<p><b>Urban Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been an important instrument for refocusing the attention of the State governments on the importance of urban infrastructure. In recognition of the role of JNNURM, the allocation for this scheme is being stepped up by 87 per cent to Rs.12,887 crore in the current budget. To improve the lot of the urban poor, I propose to enhance the allocation for housing and provision of basic amenities to urban poor to Rs.3,973 crore in the current year's budget. This includes the provision for Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY), a new scheme announced in the address of the President of India. This scheme, the parameters of which are being worked out, is intended to make the country slum free in the five year period.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Urban Development M/o Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation]</p>	<p>The BE for the year 2009-2010 in respect of Urban Infrastructure &amp; Governance (UIG) component of JNNURM and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Town (UIDSSMT) is Rs. 9035.18 crore. The BE for UIG is Rs. 5960.13 crore. The BE for UIDSSMT is Rs. 3082.82 crore. Under UIG, during the year 2009-2010, 54 projects have been sanctioned with an approved cost of Rs. 8589.28 crore. An amount of Rs.3601.03 crore has been committed as ACA and an amount of Rs.2833.33 crore has been released for projects. The total amount of ACA released, including for projects, buses, Community Participation Fund (CPF), etc., is Rs.2857.26 crore. The Government in the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) held on 10.12.2009 approved, inter-alia, funding of 24 ongoing and other projects of GNCTD under UIG. Under UIDSSMT, the ACA committed for release is Rs.634.63 crore and the ACA released is Rs.41.36 crore. No decision on enhancing the allocation under UIDSSMT has been arrived at by Planning Commission/Ministry of Finance so far. This issue was also discussed in the National Steering Group (NSG) of the Ministry at its meeting held on 24.11.09 and it was decided to approach the Planning Commission to provide allocation for sanctioning projects under UIDSSMT for the remaining uncovered districts. The matter is under active consideration. The approval of projects and release of funds thereof is an ongoing process.</p>

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		<p>Regarding improvement of the lot of urban poor, break up of BE Rs.3,973 crore is: (i) BSUP- Rs.2,524.65 crore; (ii) IHSDP-Rs.1,117.58 crore; (iii) Rajiv Awas Yojana-Rs.150 crore; and (iv) ISHUP-Rs.180.59 crore. As on 15.1.2010, Rs. 1896.01 crore has been approved for release (Rs.1895.60 crore under BSUP and IHSDP and Rs.0.41 crore under IHSUP). Out of this, Rs.1201.76 crore has been released (Rs.1201.35 crore under BSUP and IHSDP and Rs.0.41 crore under ISHUP); Rs.326.90 crore is pending with Ministry of Finance for release under BSUP and IHSDP; Rs. 367.47 crore pending with Ministry of HUPA (Rs.367.36 crore under BSUP and IHSDP and Rs.0.11 crore under ISHUP).</p> <p><b>Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY):</b> EFC approval for Rs.120 crore has been given for preparatory activities under RAY for obtaining GIS mapping and city-wide slum data and to prepare State Plan of Action for Slum Free status. The draft Guidelines of the proposed Rajiv Awas Yojana has been circulated to States/UTs/ Planning Commission/Central Ministries, etc. Consultations with States, cities and other stakeholders have been completed by the Ministry of HUPA. Consultations with Planning Commission, etc. have been held. The EFC Memo is being finalised.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
7.	<p>25 <b>Gas</b></p> <p>With the recent find of natural gas in the KG Basin on the Eastern offshore of the country, the indigenous production of Natural Gas is set to double with natural gas emerging as an important source of energy. LNG infrastructure in the country is also being expanded. Government proposes to develop a blueprint for long distance gas highways leading to a National Gas Grid. This would facilitate transportation of gas across the length and breadth of the country.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas]</p>	<p>A draft Cabinet Note has been circulated to the concerned Ministries, Departments and Organizations. It proposes setting up of a National Gas Highway Development Authority and further a National Centre for Natural Gas Grid Management (NCNGM) for optimum scheduling and dispatch of natural gas through the pipeline grid, which should operate under the proposed Authority. Comments have been received and are being processed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
8.	<p>27 <b>Agricultural Development</b></p> <p>I now turn to Agricultural development. Agriculture has been the mainstay of our economy with 60 per cent of our population deriving their sustenance from it. In the recent past, the sector has recorded a growth of about 4 per cent per annum with substantial increase in plan allocations and capital formation in the sector. Agriculture credit flow was Rs.2,87,000 crore in 2008-09. The target for agriculture credit flow for the year 2009-10 is being set at Rs.3,25,000 crore. To achieve this, I propose to continue the interest subvention scheme for short term crop loans to farmers for loans upto Rs.3 lakh per farmer at the interest rate of 7</p>	<p>The agriculture credit flow is being monitored with PSBs, RBI and NABARD at quarterly interval to ensure that the target is met. Cabinet approval for the budgetary requirement for continued interest subvention was obtained in September, 2009. Orders regarding additional interest subvention were issued on 08.10.2009 to RBI and NABARD and all concerned. The decision of the Cabinet has been implemented. Progress is being monitored to achieve the agricultural credit flow target.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action partially completed/Progress being monitored</b></p>

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	<p>per cent per annum. I am also happy to announce that, for this year, the Government shall pay an additional subvention of 1 per cent as an incentive to those farmers who repay their short term crop loans on schedule. Thus, the interest rate for these farmers will come down to 6 per cent per annum. For this, I am making an additional Budget provision of Rs.411 crore over Interim BE.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services]</p>	
9. 28	<p><b>Debt Relief for farmers</b></p> <p>The one-time bank loan waiver of nearly Rs.71,000 crore to cover an estimated 40 million farmers was one of the major highlights of the last Budget. Under the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme (2008), farmers having more than two hectares of land were given time upto 30th June, 2009 to pay 75% of their overdues. Due to the late arrival of monsoon, I propose to extend this period by six months upto 31st December, 2009.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>The Government has extended the period of payment of 75% of overdue portion by the Other Farmers under One Time Settlement Scheme under ADWDRS for another six months i.e. from 01.7.2009 to 31.12.2009 vide orders dated 08.07.2009.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action completed</b></p>
10. 29	<p>It is learnt that in some regions of Maharashtra, a large number of farmers had taken loans from private money lenders and the loan waiver scheme did not cover them. The matter requires special attention. To examine the matter in greater detail and suggest the future course of action, I propose to set up a Taskforce.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services ]</p>	<p>The Department vide letter dated 14.9.2009 advised the Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation to set up a Taskforce which will get a report for the country as a whole rather than one State. In view of this announcement, a Taskforce has been constituted by the Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation vide their order dated 06.10.2009.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action completed</b></p>
11. 31	<p><b>Restoring Export Growth</b></p> <p>Our exporters by virtue of their close links to the external sector have borne the brunt of the global economic crisis. It is, therefore, appropriate that we continue to provide all possible assistance to our exporters to help them overcome the short term disadvantages. More specifically:</p> <p>(a) An adjustment assistance scheme to provide enhanced Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) cover at 95 per cent to badly hit sectors had been initiated in December 2008 to mitigate the difficulties faced by the exporters. In view of the continuing contraction in exports, I propose to extend the benefits of this scheme up to March 2010.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Commerce]</p>	<p>The scheme has been extended upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 vide notification issued on 11.9.2009 and is presently under implementation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action completed</b></p>

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(b)	<p>The Market Development Assistance Scheme provides support to exporters in developing new markets. With many traditional markets still under financial stress, greater effort is required to identify and develop new markets. I propose to enhance the allocation for this scheme by 148% over BE 2008-09 to Rs.124 crore.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Commerce]</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance, subsequently, clarified that proposed enhancement was under Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, which was also reflected in BE 2009-10 for MAI Scheme. However, in the RE 2009-10 the allocation has been reduced to Rs.64 crore. The Scheme is under implementation and 154 projects and studies have been approved during 2009-10 (as on 28.1.2010). An amount of Rs. 61.07 crore has been sanctioned, so far.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>
(c)	<p>With a view to insulating the employment-oriented export sectors from the global meltdown, Government had provided an interest subvention of 2 per cent on pre-shipment credit for seven such sectors. These sectors are textiles including handlooms, handicrafts, carpets, leather, gems and jewellery, marine products and small and medium exporters. I propose to extend the interest subvention beyond the current deadline of September 30, 2009 to March 31, 2010.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Commerce]</p>	<p>An amount of Rs. 800 crore has already been released to the RBI in three instalments. Subsequently, approval of CCEA was obtained for release of another Rs. 450 crore under the interest subvention scheme, out of which Rs.200 crore have been allocated in the first batch of supplementary Demand for Grants for 2009-10. The funds will be released on receipt of necessary re-appropriation orders.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>
(d)	<p>Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been affected by the slowdown in exports and the indirect effect of the global crisis on domestic demand. To support this sector, I propose to facilitate the flow of credit at reasonable rates, by providing a special fund out of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to Small Industries Development Bank (SIDBI). This fund of Rs.4,000 crore will incentivise Banks and State Finance Corporations (SFCs) to lend to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) by refinancing 50 per cent of incremental lending to MSEs during the current financial year.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>An amount of Rs.4000 crore has been allotted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). SIDBI has received Rs. 3200 crore from various banks so far. SIDBI has made an aggregate disbursement of Rs.3505 crore to 10 banks as on January 31, 2010.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>
(e)	<p>In February, 2009 the Print Media was given a stimulus package comprising waiver of 15% agency commission on DAVP advertisements and a 10% increase in the DAVP rates to be paid as a 'special relief' subject to documentary proof of loss of revenue in non-governmental advertisements. Since Print Media is still passing through difficult times, I have decided to extend the stimulus package for another six months from 30th June, 2009 to 31st December, 2009.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Information &amp; Broadcasting]</p>	<p>Orders have been issued on 9.7.2009 for extension of the package to the Print Media beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 and upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009.</p> <p><b>Action completed</b></p>

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12. 34	<p><b>Fertilizer subsidy</b></p> <p>In the context of the nation's food security, the declining response of agricultural productivity to increased fertilizer usage in the country is a matter of concern. To ensure balanced application of fertilizers, the Government intends to move towards a nutrient based subsidy regime instead of the current product pricing regime. It will lead to availability of innovative fertilizer products in the market at reasonable prices. This unshackling of the fertilizer manufacturing sector is expected to attract fresh investments in this sector. In due course it is also intended to move to a system of direct transfer of subsidy to the farmers.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Fertilizers]</p>	<p>The proposal for Nutrient Based Subsidy is under consideration. Consultations have been held with State Governments and Industry to solicit their views on the proposed nutrient based subsidy policy. Further, a Group of Ministers has been constituted to examine the proposed nutrient based subsidy policy and measures for rationalisation of fertilizer subsidy disbursement. The issue is under consideration of GOM, which is required to make recommendations keeping in view the objective of balanced fertilization and growth of indigenous industry. The first meeting of the GOM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>
13. 35	<p><b>Petroleum and Diesel pricing policy</b></p> <p>Madam Speaker, Honourable Members are aware that global prices of oil and petroleum products had shot up to unprecedented levels in 2008-09. Most oil importing countries, including our neighbours, adjusted their domestic prices to reflect these global changes. Though prices have declined since then, they are already about double of the lows reached in the wake of the global financial crisis. It is important to recognise that, with almost three-quarters of our oil consumption met through imports, domestic prices of petrol and diesel have to be broadly in sync with global prices of these items. Government will set up an expert group to advise on a viable and sustainable system of pricing petroleum products. Details will be announced by my colleague, the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas]</p>	<p>An expert group constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kirit Parikh, former Member, Planning Commission, to advise on a viable and sustainable system of pricing of petroleum products, etc. has submitted its report.</p> <p><b>Action completed</b></p>
14. 36	<p><b>Taxation</b></p> <p>It is time that we complete the process that was started in 1991 for building a trust based, simple, neutral, tax system with almost no exemptions and low rates designed to promote voluntary compliance. The Income Tax Return Forms should be simple and user-friendly. I have asked the Department to work on SARAL-II forms for early introduction. We need a tax system which generates revenues on a sustained basis without use of coercive tax collection methods at the end of each year to meet targets. It is my intention to make a modest start in this direction in the current year and ensure that the process is completed in the next four years. At the end of this process,</p>	<p>New Direct Taxes Code released on 12th August, 2009. Revision of SARAL - II and certain other forms are under way and will be completed well before the date from which current year's IT Returns are due (around July 2010). The Centralised Processing Centre (CPC) at Bengaluru has started functioning. More reforms have been proposed in the New Direct Taxes Code.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>

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	<p>I hope the Finance Minister can credibly say that our tax collectors are like honey bees collecting nectar from the flowers without disturbing them, but spreading their pollen so that all flowers can thrive and bear fruit.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Revenue ]</p>	
15. 37	<p><b>People's ownership of PSUs</b></p> <p>The Public Sector Undertakings are the wealth of the nation, and part of this wealth should rest in the hands of the people. While retaining at least 51 per cent Government equity in our enterprises, I propose to encourage people's participation in our disinvestment programme. Here, I must state clearly that public sector enterprises such as banks and insurance companies will remain in the public sector and will be given all support, including capital infusion, to grow and remain competitive.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Disinvestment]</p>	<p>A policy note on disinvestment has been approved by CCEA on 5.11.2009. The disinvestment of CPSEs will now be pursued as per this policy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action completed</b></p>
16. 39	<p>The average public float in Indian listed companies is less than 15 per cent. Deep non-manipulable markets require larger and diversified public shareholdings. This requirement should be uniformly applied to the private sector as well as listed public sector companies. I propose to raise, in a phased manner, the threshold for non-promoter public shareholding for all listed companies.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Economic Affairs]</p>	<p>The modalities for implementing this budget announcement have been approved by the Finance Minister on 18.12.2009. Draft notification is being prepared in consultation with SEBI.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
17. 41	<p>Despite the expansion of banking network in the country, there are still some areas that remain under-banked or unbanked. A sub-committee of State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) will identify such areas and formulate an action plan for providing banking facilities to all these areas in the next 3 years. I propose to set aside Rs.100 crore during the current year as one-time grant-in-aid to ensure provision of at least one centre/Point of Sales (POS) for banking services in each of the unbanked blocks in the country.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>According to the State Level Bankers Committees (SLBCs), the total number of unbanked blocks in the country, which was originally reported as 129, has been reduced to 99 as per latest information made available. Respective State Govts. and SLBCs have been asked to ensure that necessary steps are taken for opening of a bank branch of public sector banks or RRB in the unbanked blocks of the States/UTs outside North-Eastern Region by 31.12.2009 and in the North-Eastern Region by 31.3.2010. In areas where brick and mortar branch cannot be established immediately, the SLBCs have been requested to extend banking facilities through use of business correspondent model or other alternative techniques. The State Govts./UTs on their part have been requested to provide infrastructure facilities for ensuring opening of bank branch/extension of banking facilities in these unbanked blocks. The position of unbanked blocks is being reviewed at the end of each month.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>

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18. 46	<p><b>National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS)</b></p> <p>(i) It is widely acknowledged that the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, (NREGA) first implemented in February 2006, has been a magnificent success. During 2008-09, NREGA provided employment opportunities for more than 4.47 crore households as against 3.39 crore households covered in 2007-08. We are committed to providing a real wage of Rs.100 a day as an entitlement under the NREGA. To increase the productivity of assets and resources under NREGA, convergence with other schemes relating to agriculture, forests, water resources, land resources and rural roads is being initiated. In the first stage, a total of 115 pilot districts have been selected for such convergence. Details of these measures and convergence guidelines will be announced by my colleague, the Minister of Rural Development. I propose an allocation of Rs.39,100 crore for the year 2009-10 for NREGA which marks an increase of 144% over 2008-09 Budget Estimates.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Rural Development]</p> <p><b>National Food Security Act (NFSA)</b></p> <p>(ii) I am happy to announce that the work on National Food Security Act has begun in right earnest. This will ensure that every family living below the poverty line in rural or urban areas will be entitled by law to 25 kilos of rice or wheat per month at Rs.3 a kilo. The Government proposes to put the draft Food Security Bill on the website of the Department of Food and Public Distribution for public debate and consultations very soon.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Food &amp; Public Distribution ]</p> <p><b>Bharat Nirman</b></p> <p>(iii) Bharat Nirman with its six schemes is an important initiative for bridging the gap between the rural and urban areas and improving the quality of life of people,</p>	<p>The wage policy for revision of wage rate under Section 6(1) of NREG Act, 2005 has been finalized with the approval of Ministry of Finance. The policy has already been shared with the States. A notification revising the wage rate as per pending proposals of the State Governments and the new wage policy has been issued on 15.12.2009 and 04.01.2010. Request for revision of wage rate of State of Orissa is under consideration. Joint Convergence Guidelines issued for agriculture, forests, water resources, land resources and rural roads.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action partially completed</b></p>
		<p>A Concept Note on the important policy issues relating to enactment of National Food Security (NFS) Act was circulated to States Governments and Central Ministries in June, 2009 for their comments/views. Comments from 31 States have been received and are under examination. Meeting with representatives of Ministries of Rural Development, Human Resources Development, Women and Child Development and Planning Commission was held on 11.06.2009 and another meeting with representatives of Ministries of Agriculture, Rural Developments, Department of Drinking Water Supply, Human Resources Development, Women and Child Development, Social Justice and Empowerment, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Planning Commission was held on 01.07.2009. Comments have been received from some Ministries and are awaited from others. An Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has been constituted which directed that Ministries of Rural Development and Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation should finalise the methodology for identification of BPL families in rural and urban areas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
		<p>The budgetary allocation of Rs.12,000 crore from Cess, Budgetary Support and EAP component has been made for <b>Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)</b> for the current year 2009-10. In addition, Rs.65,00 crore to be</p>

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	<p>particularly the poor, in the rural areas. I propose to step up the allocations for Bharat Nirman by 45 per cent in 2009-10 over the BE of 2008-09. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is one of the most successful programmes under Bharat Nirman. I propose to step up the allocation for this programme by 59% over BE 2008-09 to Rs.12,000 crore. I also propose to allocate Rs.7,000 crore to Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduytikaran Yojana (RGGVY) which represents a 27 per cent increase over 2008-09 (BE).</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Rural Development M/o Power]</p>	<p>drawn as loan from RIDF window of NABARD. Against the Budgetary allocation, the target has been fixed to provide all-weather road connectivity to connect 13,000 habitations under Bharat Nirman with 30,000 Km. of the new connectivity road length. In addition, 25,000 Km. of existing rural roads is targeted to be upgraded for farm to market connectivity. Upto 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2010, Rs.13781.13 crore including loan from RIDF window of NABARD has been released to the States.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p> <p>The Budget Estimate 2009-10 for <b>Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduytikaran Yojana (RGGVY)</b> is Rs.7000 crore. As on 15.01.2010, Rs 4000.26 crore subsidy has been released. During 2009-10 (as on 15.01.2010), 10081 un-electrified villages (57.60% of target) were electrified and electricity connections to 35.06 lakh BPL households (74.60% of target) were released. Cumulatively, upto 15.01.2010, total 69,963 un-electrified villages were electrified and electricity connections to 88.84 lakh BPL households were released.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
<p>(iv)</p>	<p>The allocation for the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is proposed to be increased by 63 per cent to Rs.8,800 crore in Budget Estimates 2009-10. To broaden the pace of rural housing, I propose to allocate, from the shortfall in the priority sector lending of commercial banks, a sum of Rs.2,000 crore for Rural Housing Fund in the National Housing Bank (NHB). This will boost the resource base of NHB for their refinance operations in rural housing sector.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Rural Development D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>As compared to last year's Budget Estimates, the allocation for Rural Housing has been increased by 63% during the current financial year. The Central allocation during the current financial year 2009-10 is Rs.8800.00 crore for construction of 40.52 lakh houses, which however, also includes the target fixed against the amount of Rs.2428.49 crore released out of stimulus package at the end of the year 2008-09. Out of this, Rs.5846.30 crore has already been released to all the States/UTs upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009. As per the information received from the States/UTs, 15.67 lakh houses have been constructed so far and 27.15 lakh houses are at various stages of construction. Besides, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have established the Rural Housing Fund (RHF) for the year 2009-10 with a corpus of Rs.2000 crore and have indicated bank-wise allocations for the fund. As on 31.01.2010, amount deposited by Banks was Rs.1007.80 crore and NHB had disbursed an amount of Rs.808.94 crore under RHF.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
<p>19. 47</p>	<p><b>Empowerment of Weaker Sections</b> <i>The Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (SGSY)</i> is being restructured as the National Rural Livelihood Mission to make it universal in application, focused in approach and time bound for poverty eradication by 2014-15. Stress will be laid on the formation of women Self Help Groups (SHGs). Apart from providing capital subsidy at an enhanced rate, it is also proposed to provide interest subsidy to poor households for loans upto Rs. one lakh from banks.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Rural Development]</p>	<p>EFC meeting was held on 22.5.09 for considering the proposal for restructuring the SGSY to National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). EFC has approved the proposal. The comments/views of concerned Ministries have been received and revised Draft Cabinet Note is being submitted to CCEA for approval.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>

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20. 48	<p><i>The Women's Self Help Group</i> movement is bringing about a profound transformation in rural areas. There are today over 22 lakh such groups linked with banks. Our objective is to enrol at least 50% of all rural women in India as members of SHGs over the next five years and link these SHGs to banks.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Financial Services]</p>	<p>As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008, 36.26 lakhs Self Help Groups were linked with Banks having a credit linkage of Rs. 16,999.91 crore. Out of this, Women SHGs are 29.17 lakh (80.46%) having a credit linkage of Rs.13,335.61 crore. Based on the analysis of the potential for credit linkage, a target of credit linkage of 11.29 lakh SHGs has been envisaged for 2009-10 out of which it is expected that about 9 lakh SHGs would be women SHGs. Progress is being monitored through NABARD.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
21. 49	<p><i>The Rashtriya Mahila Kosh</i> has been working towards the facilitation of credit support or micro finance to poor women and has developed a number of innovative schemes for their benefit. In recognition of its role as an instrument of socio-economic change and development, the corpus of the Kosh, which at present is Rs.100 crore, would be raised to Rs.500 crore, over the next few years.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Women &amp; Child Development]</p>	<p>A Sub-Group was constituted to recommend the framework which should be put in place for RMK's restructure and expansion. The Sub-Group has submitted its Report. The proposal is to convert RMK from a society into a Non Deposit taking, Non-Banking Finance Company (ND-NBFC) for which the road map is being prepared. In the interim period RMK will be restructured as a Society by expanding its activities and manpower. An outlay of Rs. 100 crore is being proposed for 2010-11.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
22. 50	<p><b>Female literacy</b></p> <p>The low level of female literacy continues to be a matter of grave concern. It has, therefore, been decided to launch a National Mission for Female Literacy, with focus on minorities, SC, ST and other marginalised groups. The aim will be to reduce by half, the current level of female illiteracy, in three years.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o School Education &amp; Literacy]</p>	<p>The National Literacy Mission has been recast with prime focus on female literacy. A new variant of NLM, "Saakshar Bharat", has been launched on the occasion of International Literacy Day (8-9-2009). It will cover 365 districts of the country having adult female literacy rate of 50% or less, under Saakshar Bharat. The Mission will provide comprehensive opportunities of adult education primarily to women with focus on disadvantaged groups, especially SCs, STs and minorities, in rural areas. The Mission will aim to cover 70 million adults in 365 districts in 26 states with a total outlay of Rs. 5257 crore. To make the programme successful, the accent is on Access, Equity, Quality and Good Governance. To ensure access, an Adult Education Centre, with two coordinators, will be set up in each Gram Panchayat covered under the scheme. To make the programme inclusive, of the 70 million targeted beneficiaries at least 85% will be women, 20% SCs, 11% STs and 17% Minorities. To make it participatory, Gram Panchayats will be the implementing agencies at the grass roots level. To ensure quality, the Scheme provides for Core Curriculum Framework, high quality teaching learning material, improved quality of literacy educators, assessment and certification, new learning technologies, promotion of literate environment and adequate resource support. Besides, a web based accounting system to facilitate 'Just-in-Time' release of funds, a robust monitoring and evaluation system has also been devised to infuse transparency, accountability and organizational efficiency in implementation. The programme cost will be shared by Government of India and State Governments in the ratio of 75:25 respectively except in the North Eastern Region where the sharing will be in the ratio of 90:10. By 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009, which is within six</p>

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		<p>months of the Government's decision, the Mission has been rolled out in 167 districts in 19 States covering 3.82 crore non-literates (including around 80% adult female non-literate) in over 81,000 Gram Panchayats with a budgetary outlay of Rs.2524 crore. Government of India share of Rs.306 crore has been sanctioned as the first instalment to cover period upto 31.3.2010. 3.82 crore adults will be benefited in these districts.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
23.	<p>51 <b>Integrated Child Development Services</b> Government is committed to universalisation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in the country. By March 2012, all services under ICDS would be extended, with quality, to every child under the age of six.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Women &amp; Child Development]</p>	<p>The ICDS Scheme has been universalized across the country. It is expected that all the sanctioned Anganwadi Centres/Mini Anganwadi Centres will be fully operational by the end of the Financial Year 2010-11.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme/Progress being monitored</b></p>
24.	<p>52 <b>Student Loans to Weaker Sections</b> To enable students from economically weaker sections to access higher education, it is proposed to introduce a scheme to provide them full interest subsidy during the period of moratorium. It will cover loans taken by such students from scheduled banks to pursue any of the approved courses of study, in technical and professional streams, from recognised institutions in India. It is estimated that over 5 lakh students would avail of this benefit.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Higher Education]</p>	<p>The scheme to provide interest subsidy to students belonging to economically weaker sections on the loans taken by them under the educational loan scheme of the Indian Bank Association for pursuing technical/ professional education in India, has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 27.8.2009. Chairman, Indian Banks Association, Mumbai has been requested on 8.9.2009 to inform all Member Scheduled Banks about this new Scheme and also to give wide publicity to this scheme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action completed</b></p>
25.	<p>54 Aligarh Muslim University has decided to establish its campuses at Murshidabad in West Bengal and Malappuram in Kerala. I propose to make an allocation of Rs.25 crore each for these two campuses.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Higher Education]</p>	<p>Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University has been requested to prepare site specific detailed project report along with feasibility report and also to apprise of the status regarding acquisition of land. The University has informed on 16.12.2009 that the Government of West Bengal is seeking re-transfer of 260 acres of land belonging to the Farakka Barrage project to the State Government for further handing over to the AMU. The Ministry of Water Recourses is also being requested to expedite the transfer. The State Government of Kerala has identified 392 acres of land at Perinthalmanna in Malappuram district. However, the land is yet to be handed over to the University.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action partially completed</b></p>
26.	<p>55 <b>Welfare of workers in the unorganised sector</b> The unorganised or informal sector of our economy accounts for 92% of the employment and absorbs bulk of the annual increase in our labour force. The Unorganised Workers Social Security Bill, 2007 has now been passed by both Houses of Parliament. I have already initiated action to ensure that social security</p>	<p>The Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 was enacted in December, 2008 and Rules were framed in 2009. The Act has come into force w.e.f. 16.05.2009. The Act provides for constitution of National Social Security Board which shall recommend formulation of social security schemes for unorganised workers/categories of unorganised workers from time to time. The National Board</p>

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	<p>schemes for occupations like weavers, fishermen and women, toddy tappers, leather and handicraft workers, plantation labour, construction labour, mine workers, bidi workers, and rikshaw pullers are implemented at the earliest. Necessary financial allocations will be made for these schemes.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Labour &amp; Employment]</p>	<p>was constituted on 18.08.2009 and held its meetings twice on 23.09.2009 and 07.01.2010 to consider extension of RSBY to other unorganized workers and formulation of other social security schemes for these workers. The Board, in its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting recommended that social security schemes viz Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) providing health and maternity benefits, Janshree Bima Yojana (JBY) providing death and disability cover and Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (IGNOAP) providing old age pension may be extended to Building and other Construction Workers, NREGA workers, Asha workers, Anganwadi workers &amp; helpers, Porters/ Coolies/Gangmen and Casual and Daily Wagers as defined in Uma Devi case by respective Governments.</p> <p>The 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007 to provide smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000/- per annum to BPL families ( a unit of five) in the unorganized sector. The scheme became operational w.e.f. 01.04.2008. As on 27.01.2010, 26 States/ Union Territories have initiated the process to implement the scheme. Out of these 26 States/ UTs, 22 States, namely Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal have started issuing smart cards. More than 1.04 crore cards have been issued.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing Programme</b></p>
27.	<p>56 <b>Employment Exchanges</b></p> <p>I propose to launch a new project for modernisation of the Employment Exchanges in public private partnership so that a job seeker can register on-line from anywhere and approach any employment exchange. Under the project, a national web portal with common software will be developed. This will contain all the data regarding availability of skilled persons on the one hand and requirements of skilled persons by the industry on the other. It will help youth get placed and enable industry to procure required skills on real time basis.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Labour &amp; Employment]</p>	<p>The Employment Exchanges Mission Mode Project will help in providing speedy and easy access to employment related services and information to job seekers and employers (both organized and un-organized sectors) and enable the Employment Exchanges to play a pivotal role in the modern Indian economy. National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) has been engaged as Principal Consultant for design and development of the project. After the announcement of the project, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) was prepared and 'in-principle' approval obtained from Planning Commission. Department of Information Technology has also approved the DPR. Minister for Labour &amp; Employment reviewed the project on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 and suggested the implementation across India at one go instead of a phased manner. A meeting was held with the State Principal Secretaries dealing with employment for finalizing the implementation strategy on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2009. On 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2009, Secretary (Labour &amp; Employment) took a meeting to finalize the implementation strategy. Based on the discussions held, DPR has been revised by the Consultants and received during the last week. DPR is being finalized and will be processed further for obtaining necessary approvals. The implementation timeline is 22 months from the date of implementation of the project after obtaining approval.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>

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28. 57	<p><b>Handlooms</b></p> <p>In the last Budget two mega handloom clusters at Varanasi and Sibsagar and two mega powerloom clusters at Erode and Bhiwandi were approved. They are under successful implementation. I propose to add one handloom mega cluster each in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu and one powerloom mega cluster in Rajasthan. These will help preserve the magnificent textile traditions in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu and generate thousands of jobs in Rajasthan. In addition, I propose to add new mega clusters for Carpets in Srinagar (J&amp;K) and Mirzapur (UP).</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Textiles]</p>	<p>EFC, under the chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure), in its meeting dated 08.12.2009, directed that the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) may be placed before it for consideration. The process of appointment of Cluster Management &amp; Technical Agencies (CMTAs), which will prepare the DPRs in respect of newly announced five mega clusters, is at an advanced stage. On the basis of the Technical/Financial Bids from the interested parties, CMTAs are being selected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
29. 60	<p><b>Environment and Climate Change</b></p> <p>The National Action Plan on Climate Change unveiled last year, outlines our strategy to adapt to Climate Change and enhance the ecological sustainability of our development path. Following this, eight national missions representing a multi-pronged, long term and integrated approach are being launched. I propose to provide necessary funds for these missions.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Environment &amp; Forests]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change (PMCCC) has approved the <b>Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission</b> - (To be coordinated by the Ministry of New &amp; Renewable Energy).</li> <li>• PMCCC has approved the <b>National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency</b>. This will be implemented from April 01, 2010 - (To be coordinated by the Ministry of Power).</li> <li>• Prime Minister's Council has approved in principle the Draft <b>National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem</b> document on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009.</li> <li>• Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change considered the Final Draft <b>National Mission on Strategic Knowledge on Climate Change</b> on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009.</li> <li>• Final Draft Mission documents in respect of <b>National Mission on Sustainable Habitat</b> prepared by M/o Urban Development, <b>National Water Mission</b> prepared by M/o Water Resources, <b>National Mission for Green India</b> prepared by M/o Environment &amp; Forests and <b>National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture</b> prepared by M/o Agriculture, are under consideration of PMCCC.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action partially completed</b></p>
30. 62	<p>I propose to make a special one-time grant of Rs.100 crore to the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun in recognition of its excellence in the field of research, education and extension. I also propose an allocation of Rs.15 crore each for the Botanical Survey of India and Zoological Survey of India. An additional amount of Rs.15 crore is being allocated to Geological Survey of India.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Environment &amp; Forests M/o Mines]</p>	<p><b>ICFRE</b></p> <p>It is proposed to utilize one-time grant of Rs. 100 crore exclusively for ICFRE, Dehradun in a phased manner as per requirement. In this context, a fresh EFC has been formulated and is under finalization. Accordingly, a sum of Rs.1 crore will be utilized in the year 2009-10 and Rs.80 crore and Rs.19 crore will be utilized in the year 2010-11 &amp; 2011-12 respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Draft scheme being finalized</b></p> <p><b>BSI and ZSI</b></p> <p>Consequent upon the concurrence of Ministry of Finance, it has been decided to utilize the aforesaid grant in two years i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11. Accordingly, the SFC memos</p>

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		<p>for BSI and ZSI have been revised and sent to the Integrated Finance Division (IFD) of the Ministry for concurrence. Meeting of Standing Finance Committee is also going to be held soon.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action partially completed</b></p> <p><b>GSI</b> The additional amount of Rs. 15 crore for GSI is required to be met from the savings within the RE 2009-10 ceilings. This will be utilized for :-</p> <p><u>Geomorphological mapping on 1:50K:</u> A consolidated proposal for upgradation of Digital Image Processing laboratories of regions have been prepared in the 6<sup>th</sup> All India PGRS meet held on 17.12.2009. For pilot study on the application of Hyperspectral remote sensing in Hutti-Maski schist belt, Raichur district, Karnataka, Landsat-TM and Hyperion-I data downloaded from Internet have been processed and interpreted. Procurement process of field spectrometer is under process. Expenditure incurred on these items in F.Y. 2009-10 is of the order of Rs. 10.66 lakhs.</p> <p><u>1:50K map service on internet:</u> The 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Meeting on Phase-III of GSI Portal was held on 15.12.09 between GSI and NIC at Lucknow. After next round of meetings in January, 2010 based on a preliminary framework of requirements, follow up meeting to finalise the requirements may be held in February, 2010. An expenditure of Rs. 18.51 lakhs has been incurred on it in F.Y. 2009-10.</p> <p><u>Creation of Geophysical data repository:</u> Information on geophysical reports generated by GSI and other geophysical data generators in the country is being compiled. For procurement of Heliborne Geophysical Sensors, a gravimeter from M/s Pico Envirotec Inc., Canada has been received. The expenditure incurred on this item in F.Y. 2009-10 is of the order of 487.22 lakhs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
31.	64 The setting up of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a major step in improving governance with regard to delivery of public services. This project is very close to my heart. I am happy to note that this project also marks the beginning of an era where the top private sector talent in India steps forward to take the responsibility for implementing projects of vital national importance. The UIDAI will set up an online data base with identity and biometric details of Indian residents and provide enrolment and verification services across the country. The first set of unique identity numbers will be rolled out in 12 to 18 months. I have proposed a provision of Rs.120 crore for this project.	<p>Demographic Data Standards and Verification Procedure Committee and Biometric Standards Committee constituted by the UIDAI submitted their reports on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 respectively, which have been accepted. The UIDAI has also decided that the face, all ten finger prints and iris scan should be collected for ensuring unique number are given to the residents. These standards and procedures will form the basis on which the project will be developed and implemented. The UIDAI Chairman and senior officials have visited 20 States and have met most of the Chief Ministers and all the senior officials. The strategy has been shared with Hon'ble MPs, Regulators, Central Ministries and Civil Society Organisations across the country. The proposal for phase-I of the project was brought before the Expenditure Finance Committee for an amount of Rs.147 crore. The same has been approved by EFC and by the Finance Minister.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
	[Nodal Ministry/Department: Planning Commission]	

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32. 65	<p><b>National Security</b></p> <p>For modernisation of Police force in the States, an additional amount of Rs.430 crore is being proposed, over and above the provisions in the Interim Budget. The Government has also sanctioned special risk/hardship allowances to the personnel of Para Military Forces at par with Defence forces. Provisions for payment of these allowances are also being proposed in the Budget.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Home Affairs ]</p>	<p>Necessary orders allowing special risk/hardship allowance to Para- Military Forces have been issued. The total amount of allocation made available towards the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF) in BE 2009-10 is Rs.1250 crore. After keeping aside Rs.62.50 crore as Contingency Reserve, an amount of Rs.1187.50 crore has been allocated to various States. Out of the provision of Rs.1187.50 crore (excluding HS/HM Reserve) available under the MPF Scheme 2009-10, an amount of Rs.922.62 crore has been released to various State Governments. The entire allocated amount will be utilized in the financial year.</p> <p><b>Action Completed/Work under progress</b></p>
33. 66	<p>For strengthening Border Management, an additional amount of Rs.2,284 crore, over and above the provision in the Interim Budget, is being provided for construction of fences, roads, flood-lights on the international borders.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: M/o Home Affairs M/o Defence]</p>	<p>On the Indo-Bangladesh Border, work of construction of 2677 Kms of fencing and 3330 Kms of border roads have been completed out of 3436 Kms of fencing and 4326 Kms of border roads respectively sanctioned by the Government. Although fencing work in remaining length was expected to be completed by March 2010, it is likely to spill over to next year due to ground level constraints. The work of construction of Border Out Posts (BPOs) and flood-lighting has started along Indo-Bangladesh border. Construction of 11 roads along Indo-China border has started and 57.85 Kms of formation works and 8.16 Kms of surfacing works have been completed so far. A total of 56 Interceptor boats have been delivered to the Coastal States/UTs under the Coastal Security Scheme. Out of BE 2009-2010 - Rs.1932.99 crore; RE 2009-2010 - Rs.1600.93 crore, Rs.1129.14 crore have been released. The entire allocated amount will be utilized in the financial year. Out of Rs.110.48 crore sub-allocated by MHA to BRO for execution of the work on border areas, Rs.44.38 crore have been spent as on December 2009. No separate accounting is being done for Rs.1351.00 crore allotted to BRO as this was part of regular GS budget for the year 2009-10.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>
34. 67	<p>Significant augmentation in the strength of para-military forces is being done. This calls for more investment in creating the necessary infrastructure, particularly in the area of housing. The Government, therefore, proposes to launch a massive programme of housing to create 1 lakh dwelling units for Central Para-Military Forces personnel. This will not only contribute to the morale of the forces, but will also enable leveraging of government's annual budgetary resources and create an innovative financing model.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Home Affairs]</p>	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs has proposed to launch a Housing scheme on Public Private Partnership model to address the problem of shortage of housing in Central Para Military Forces with a view to improving the housing satisfaction level in the Forces to the authorized level of 25%. Ministry of Finance is providing technical and consultancy support for the said project. M/s CRISIL have submitted final project Feasibility Report and the RFQs of the pilot housing clusters. After the approval of HM, the projects will be placed before the Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee. Ministry of Finance has also opened the bids for selection of a Transaction Advisor on 15.01.2010. The proposal is being examined further.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>
35. 68	<p><b>One Rank One Pension for Ex-Servicemen (OROP)</b></p> <p>Our country owes a deep debt of gratitude to our valiant ex-Servicemen. The Committee</p>	<p>Action has already been completed by issue of necessary orders to:-</p>

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	<p>headed by the Cabinet Secretary on OROP has submitted its report and the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted. On the basis of these recommendations, the Government has decided to substantially improve the pension of pre 1.1.2006 defence pensioners below officer rank (PBOR) and bring pre 10.10.1997 pensioners on par with post 10.10.1997 pensioners. Both these decisions will be implemented from 1st July 2009 resulting in enhanced pension for more than 12 lakh jawans and JCOs. These measures will cost the exchequer more than Rs.2,100 crore annually. Certain pension benefits being extended to war wounded and other disabled pensioners are also being liberalised.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Ex-Servicemen Welfare]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reckon the enhanced rate of classification allowance w.e.f. 1.1.2006 on notional basis for the purpose of calculation of pension (as in the case of reckoning MSP for determination of pension).</li> <li>• remove the linkage of full pension with 33 years of qualifying service w.e.f. 1.1.2006 instead of 1.9.2008 in the case of Commissioned Officers and civilians who have retired between 1.1.2006 and 31.8.2008.</li> <li>• remove disparity in the pension of pre and post 1.1.2006 pensioners at the level of Lt. General/equivalent/ Additional Secretary and equivalent civilian categories.</li> <li>• broadbanding of percentage of disability/war injury pension for pre 1.1.1996 disability/war injury pensioners.</li> <li>• remove the cap on war injury element of pension in the case of disabled pensioners belonging to Category E.</li> </ul> <p>Action is also under way to issue necessary Govt. orders to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bring pre 10.10.1997 PBOR pensioners on par with post 10.10.1997 PBOR pensioners.</li> <li>• reduce the gap between pre and post 1.1.2006 PBOR pensioners.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action completed/Work under progress</b></p>

36. 69 **Education**

The demographic advantage India has in terms of a large percentage of young population needs to be converted into a dynamic economic advantage by providing them the right education and skills. The provision for the scheme, 'Mission in Education through ICT,' has been substantially increased to Rs.900 crore. Similarly, the provision for setting up and up-gradation of Polytechnics under the Skill Development Mission has been increased to Rs.495 crore. The government shall take forward its intent of having one Central University in each uncovered State and for this purpose I am allocating Rs.827 crore. I am also allocating Rs.2,113 crore for IITs and NITs, which includes a provision of Rs.450 crore for new IITs and NITs. The overall Plan budget for higher education is proposed to be increased by Rs.2,000 crore over Interim BE.

[Nodal Ministry/Department:  
D/o Higher Education]

The National Mission on Education through ICT was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009. During 2009-10, 7 IITs and IISc, Bangalore have been sanctioned Rs.2 lakhs each for organizing workshops in their catchment areas with a view to disseminate the objectives and needs of Mission and seek projects from the participating shareholders. Further Rs.28 lakhs have been sanctioned to Indira Gandhi National Open University for manpower component under Sakshat Portal. Orders have been issued to BSNL to go ahead with the work of providing connectivity to at least 5000 colleges as per the 100-days Action Plan. The first meeting of National Apex Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Minister for Human Resource Development on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009. With regard to setting up and up-gradation of polytechnics under the skill development mission, Rs.430.50 crore have been released so far. As regards opening of one Central University in each uncovered State, under the Central Universities Act, 2009, 12 new Central Universities and 3 taken over Central Universities have become operational and Rs.155 crore have been released for them. The Central Universities Act, 2009 has since been amended for establishing two Central Universities in the State of Jammu & Kashmir- one Central University of Kashmir and another Central University of Jammu to be located in Kashmir and Jammu Division of the State respectively. The process for appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu has since been

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		<p>set in motion. Cabinet in its meeting held on 17.9.2009 has approved the setting up of 10 New NITs. As regards new IITs, Rs.300.00 crore have been provided for eight new IITs at Patna (Bihar), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Rajasthan, Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Ropar (Punjab), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Mandi (Himachal Pradesh) and Indore (Madhya Pradesh) of which the first six started their session in 2008-09 and the latter two in 2009-10. Rs.200.78 crore have been released to new IITs and Rs.590.50 crore have so far been released to 7 old IITs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
37.	<p>70 Union Territory of Chandigarh is the capital of Punjab and Haryana. The facilities at Punjab University, Chandigarh, need to be improved. I, therefore, propose to make an allocation of Rs.50 crore for this university. To enable the Union Territory Administration to provide better infrastructure to the people, I propose to suitably enhance the Plan allocation for Chandigarh during the current financial year.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministries/Departments: D/o Higher Education M/o Home Affairs]</p>	<p>The proposal for special grant of Rs.50 crore to Punjab University has been considered by the EFC and the University Grants Commission has already sanctioned Rs.20 crore to the University for the year 2009-10 as the first instalment. Regarding enhancement of Plan allocation for UT of Chandigarh during current financial year, the ceiling for RE 2009-10 has been received from Ministry of Finance. The Plan allocation for the UT of Chandigarh has been increased to Rs.449.22 crore in RE 2009-10 from Rs.319.22 crore in BE 2009-10. Funds released - Rs.193.00 crore. The entire allocated amount will be utilized in the financial year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action partially completed/Work under progress</b></p>
38.	<p>72 Madam Speaker, the Government is committed to ensure that <i>Sri Lankan Tamils</i> enjoy their rights and legitimate aspirations within the territorial sovereignty and framework of Sri Lanka's Constitution. The Ministry of External Affairs is working closely with the Sri Lankan Government in this regard. I propose to allocate Rs.500 crore for the rehabilitation of the internally displaced persons and reconstruction of the northern and eastern areas of Sri Lanka.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o External Affairs]</p>	<p>Up to January, 2010 the following Humanitarian Assistance has been provided to Sri Lanka:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,50,000 family relief packs of food, clothing and essential supplies.</li> <li>• Medicines worth SLR 225 million.</li> <li>• Indian Emergency Field Hospital in Pulmoddai, Sri Lanka which was subsequently shifted to Menik Farm, Vavuniya in end-May 2009. 60-member team of doctors, paramedics, and associated staff which carried its own equipment and medicines. More than 50,000 IDP patients treated in 6 months, which included many serious surgical cases.</li> <li>• 3100 tonnes of Shelter material for IDPs.</li> <li>• Seven de-mining teams deployed for humanitarian de-mining operations in Northern Sri Lanka.</li> <li>• 70,000 Agricultural Implements starter packs.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing programme</b></p>
39.	<p>73 As Honourable Members are aware, <i>Cyclone Aila</i> struck the coast of West Bengal in the last week of May 2009. Extensive damage was caused to roads, houses and infrastructure. While immediate interim relief has been provided from the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), it is proposed to draw up a programme for rebuilding the damaged infrastructure. For this</p>	<p>Against the proposed allocation of Rs.1000 crore for rebuilding the infrastructure damaged by Cyclone 'Aila' in West Bengal, it has been decided that central assistance would be provided to the State Government for rebuilding damaged infrastructure, including reconstruction/strengthening of embankments and sea dykes in Sundarbans area, under the Flood Management Programme. This assistance would be released in a phased manner as per</p>

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	<p>purpose, I propose to allocate Rs.1,000 crore.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: M/o Water Resources]</p>	<p>work plan, after techno-economic appraisal of the Detailed Project Report (DPR), followed by approval by the Technical Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources and investment clearance by the Planning Commission.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>
40.	<p>80 As the House is aware, the thrust of reforms over the last few years, including the previous term of this Government, has been to improve the efficiency and equity of our tax system. This is sought to be achieved by eliminating distortions in the tax structure, introducing moderate levels of taxation and expanding the base. These policy changes have been accompanied by requisite re-engineering of key business processes coupled with automation, both for direct and indirect taxes. On the direct tax side, a recent initiative for further improving efficiency is the setting up of a Centralized Processing Centre (CPC) at Bengaluru where all electronically filed returns, and paper returns filed in entire Karnataka, will be processed.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Revenue]</p>	<p>The CPC Bengaluru has already started functioning. All electronically filed returns and paper returns filed in Karnataka State are being processed there.</p> <p><b>Action completed</b></p>
41.	<p>82 In the course of preparation of this budget, I have had the opportunity to interact with large number of stakeholders and receive valuable inputs. Most suggestions were for structural changes in the tax system. Tax reform, like all reforms, is a process and not an event. Therefore, I propose to pursue structural changes in direct taxes by releasing the new Direct Taxes Code within the next 45 days and in indirect taxes by accelerating the process for the smooth introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) with effect from 1st April, 2010 .</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Revenue]</p>	<p>New Direct Taxes Code has been released on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. GST issue is dealt with in Para 85.</p> <p><b>Action completed</b></p>
42.	<p>83 The Direct Taxes Code, along with a Discussion Paper, will be released to the public for debate. Based on the inputs received, the Government will finalise the Direct Taxes Code Bill for introduction in this House sometime during the Winter Session.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Revenue]</p>	<p>New Direct Taxes Code has been released on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. Discussions with stake holders are continuing. Presentation made to Prime Minister. Finance Minister has ordered that after getting the approval of the Cabinet, the Bill be introduced in the next Monsoon Session of the Parliament.</p> <p><b>Work under progress</b></p>
43.	<p>84 To further enhance efficiency in tax administration, I intend to merge the two Authorities for Advance Rulings on Direct and Indirect Taxes by amending the relevant Acts. This will enable the Authority for Advance</p>	<p>Requisite Notifications have been issued vide Notification No. 142/Customs (NT) dated 14.9.2009 and No.143/Customs (NT) dated 15.9.2009.</p> <p><b>Action completed</b></p>

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	<p>Rulings set up under Section 245-O of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to also function as the Authority for Advance Rulings for Indirect Taxes.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Revenue]</p>	
44. 85	<p>I have been informed that the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers has made considerable progress in preparing the roadmap and the design of the GST. Officials from the Central Government have also been associated in this exercise. I am glad to inform the House that, through their collaborative efforts, they have reached an agreement on the basic structure in keeping with the principles of fiscal federalism enshrined in the Constitution. I compliment the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers for their untiring efforts. The broad contour of the GST Model is that it will be a dual GST comprising of a Central GST and a State GST. The Centre and the States will each legislate, levy and administer the Central GST and State GST, respectively. I will reinforce the Central Government's catalytic role to facilitate the introduction of GST by 1st April, 2010 after due consultations with all stakeholders.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Revenue]</p>	<p>Empowered Committee (EC) has taken up re-examination of the GST model with a view to suitably incorporate changes suggested by Government of India. EC has constituted three Sub Working Groups (SWGs) consisting of the officials from State Governments as well as from Union Government to work out details like treatment of interstate transfers, threshold limit above which registration under GST would be must and list of exempted Goods and services etc. These SWGs have submitted their reports which are under consideration of the Empowered Committee at present. The GOI has constituted a Working Group under Additional Secretary (Revenue) to suggest the constitutional and other statutory changes required. The target date of 1st April, 2010 for introduction of GST has not been changed. The first Discussion Paper on Goods and Services Tax has been released by the EC on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Work under progress</b></p>
45. 135	<p>In July, 2008 goods transport agents (GTA) went on strike with several demands. One of the demands that was accepted by the government was to exempt certain services, such as packing, cargo handling and warehousing, provided to GTAs en route, from service tax. For this purpose an exemption notification was issued. It was also demanded by goods transport agents that the proceedings already initiated against such service providers should be dropped. The Government has accepted this genuine demand. Therefore, I propose to make certain legislative changes required to fulfill this promise.</p> <p>[Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Revenue]</p>	<p>With the enactment of Finance Act (No.2) on 19.8.2009, the exemption notification issued in respect of services provided to GTA has been given retrospective effect w.e.f. 1.1.2005.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action completed</b></p>