

GENDER BUDGET

Gender Budget statement is the beginning of citizen friendly disclosure of budget allocations that have a bearing on women. Karnataka has been presenting the Gender Budget statement since 2007-08. The fine-tuning of the process to classify schemes is continuous. The Statement includes (i) existing schemes with clear focus on women (ii) schemes that have added new activities benefiting women and (iii) new schemes added during the current year. This process has resulted in increase in the number of schemes from 136 in 2007-08, to 703 in 2008-09 and finally to 789 in the year 2009-2010. In this statement, a new Table showing departmentwise schemes for the year 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 has been provided at Annexure – 1 of this document.

Going forward, the generation of gender disaggregated data through MIS/MPIC, during implementation of the schemes will further the cause of Gender Budgeting for deeper analysis. Such data would not only enable government to go for need based policy formulation but also in optimising expenditure to meet the growing demands for State support for the wellbeing of women, particularly the vulnerable amongst them in Karnataka. Further, the increasing disclosures under gender budgeting also helps in better understanding of the allocations made under each of the services like general services, social and community services and economic services as well as their impact.

This document presents the Gender Budget allocation as reflected in 26 Demands for grants. These allocations are presented in two categories; the budgetary allocations for schemes designed to exclusively benefit women 100 percent are classified as Category 'A' and schemes that benefit women at least to the extent of 30 percent of allocations are classified under Category 'B'. Thus, 30 percent of allocation in the schemes with social and economic component has been taken into this category. The 39 departments covered are Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences, Backward Classes Development, Commerce and Industries, Co-operation, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Education, Employment and Training, Finance, Fisheries, Food and Civil Supplies, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Handlooms and Textiles, Health and Family Welfare, Home, Horticulture, Housing, Information, Kannada and Culture, Labour, Law, Minorities Development, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation, Physically Handicapped and Senior Citizens, Planning and Statistics, Revenue, Rural Development and Panchayathi Raj, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development, Science and Technology, Sericulture, Social Welfare, Tourism, Town Planning, Transport, Urban Development, Watershed, Women and Child Development and Youth Services.

The Plan allocation for the year 2009-2010 is Rs.84114.95 lakh and non-Plan allocations are Rs.394.63 lakh for Category-A schemes. The Plan allocation for the year 2009-2010 is Rs.1032060.38 lakh and the non-Plan allocation is Rs.1196470.89 lakh for Category-B schemes.

The total allocation for both the categories are as follows

(Rs.in lakhs)

	2007-08 Accounts		2008-09 Budget		2008-09 Revised		2009-10 Budget	
	Plan	non - Plan	Plan	non - Plan	Plan	non – Plan	Plan	non - Plan
Category – A	55017	149	65912	265	51137	265	84115	395
Category – B	642019	986017	942567	1133915	806485	1137641	1032060	1196471
Total	697036	986165	1008479	1134180	857621	1137906	1116175	1196866
Total Consolidated Fund	1626304	3184618	2398104	3651615	1817831	3416708	2451596	3789785

The allocations under both the categories of Gender Budgeting in percentage to total Consolidated Fund of 2009-10 under Plan stands at 45.53 % and under non-Plan at 31.58 %. The total allocation is 37.06 % of the Consolidated Fund outlay. The impact of these allocations on the overall socio-economic status of women can be attempted through a monitoring system in the Women and Child Development Department.