

**Government of Rajasthan
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PRESS RELEASE

**Budget
2010-11**

Salient features of Budget 2010-11

- ◆ Annual plan of current financial year as per revised estimate is Rs.18561 crore. The annual plan for the year 2010-11 is Rs.23822 crore which is 37% higher than the approved annual plan of the year 2009-10.
- ◆ The size of Budget 2010-11 is Rs.54348 crore which is 8.32% higher than the revised estimates of the 2009-10.
- ◆ Budget surplus of Rs.48 crore is estimated in the Budget 2010-11.
- ◆ Total revenue receipts of Rs.42463 crore estimated in the Budget 2010-11 which is 14% higher than the revised estimates of the current year.
- ◆ State's own tax revenues of Rs.19021 crore is estimated in the Budget 2010-11 which is 14% higher than the revised estimates of Rs.16663 crore in the current year.
- ◆ State's own tax revenue has been estimated to be 7.87% of the GSDP in the Budget 2010-11.
- ◆ Interest payment has been estimated to be Rs.7427 crore in the Budget 2010-11, which is 17.49% of the total revenue receipts of the State Government.
- ◆ Revenue deficit and fiscal deficit are estimated to Rs.1098 crore and Rs.8461 crore respectively in the Budget 2010-11. The Gross Fiscal Deficit as per revised estimates of 2009-10 is 4.5% of the GSDP whereas this ratio is 3.50% in the BE 2010-11.
- ◆ The award of the Thirteenth Finance Commission for the period 2010-2015 has been favourable for the State. The Finance Commission has prescribed the target of elimination of revenue deficit and containing the fiscal deficit upto 3% of GSDP in the year 2011-12. As per present estimates the State would be able to achieve these targets.
- ◆ The capital outlay in 2010-11 as per BE is Rs.7433 crore which is higher by Rs.1907 crore from the revised estimates of the current year. The capital outlay to GSDP ratio in 2010-11 is 3.07% as against the ratio of 2.51% in the current year.
- ◆ In the annual plan 2010-11 maximum outlay has been provided for power sector, which is 52% of the total plan outlay.
- ◆ The plan outlay for social and community services is 27% of the total plan ceiling of 2010-11.

Salient Features of Budget Announcements

- The main thrust of the Budget is on good governance and accountability besides better delivery of services.
- A Public Grievances Redressal Commission is to be constituted at the State level.
- Ambitious plan for road sector through RSRDC, RIDCOR, VGF, SUOMOTO and NABARD. Plan for construction of roads of 5000 Kms length.
- In the energy sector, special emphasis on generation of power. During current year addition of 945MW, another 1800MW by end of Eleventh Plan period and further 10280MW by the end of Twelfth Plan period.
- New solar energy policy to be announced.
- Provision of Rs.777.58 crore for irrigation sector in 2010-11.
- For drinking water provision of Rs.1231 crore under Plan and Rs.284 crore under CSS. In addition another Rs.1100 crore under Nation Rural Drinking Water programme.
- Mukhya Mantri BPL Jeevan Raksha Kosh extended to old-age, widow and disabled pensioners for free medical treatment.
- Additional 150 '108 Ambulance Service' in the State.
- Addition of 750 beds in CHCs and District Hospitals.
- All district hospitals and hospitals on National Highways to have Trauma Units.
- A general Nursing College in Chittorgarh on PPP model.
- New Unani Directorate.
- Addition of 1000 beds in associated hospitals of Medical Colleges.
- New policy for disabled to be issued.
- Substantial increase in the rates of old-age, widow and disabled pension. Rs.500 per month for pensioners below 75 years of age and Rs.750 for pensioner above 75 years of age.
- Increase in the capacity of hostels for SC, ST and OBC. Construction of 11 new hostel building at Tehsil headquarters.
- Provision of Rs.1 crore for private schools for disabled children.
- Post-metric scholarship and financial assistance for coaching for RAS and IAS competitive examination to special OBC boys and girls.

- Special package for minorities – 1000 para teachers for madarasas and Rs.2 crore for library, computer and furniture.
- A new hostel in Jaipur for girls of minorities.
- 200 pakka houses for kathodi families in Udaipur division with the assistance of NABARD.
- Special assistance to 38000 tribal families for promoting horticulture.
- Rs.3 crore provided for the breed improvement of animals to ST families.
- Rs.3 crore provided for training and education of tribal children to avoid their migration.
- 50% subsidy on interest on loans taken by women SHGs.
- Women Security and Advisory Centres at all district headquarters.
- Increase in remuneration of Gram Rojgar Sahayak under NEREGA from Rs.2500 to Rs.3500.
- Rajasthan Rural Engineering Service to be constituted.
- Engagement of cooks on honorarium of Rs.1000 per month under Mid-day meal scheme.
- Weather based Crop Insurance Scheme extended in all the districts.
- Input subsidy of Rs.797 crore to farmers of drought affected areas.
- Distribution of minikits for growing green fodder.
- Target of Rs.5000 crore crop loan by Co-operative Banks to 21 lacs farmers.
- Advance storage of DAP and Urea.
- Extension in the veterinary services in the State.
- New Fisheries College in Udaipur.
- Setting-up of Food and Civil Supply Corporation in the State.
- Increase in the Commission rate of whole sellers from Rs.5 per quintal to Rs.10 per quintal and for retailers from Rs.8 to Rs.20 per quintal, under PDS.
- Wheat at Rs.2 per Kg. to all BPL families.
- Establishment of ITIs at all Panchayat Samiti headquarters.
- Indira Priyadarshni Award to first position holder girls in 8th, 10th and 12th board examination in each district, belonging to SC, ST, OBC minorities and disabled.
- Higher education in a foreign country to first three position holder girls in 10th board exam at Government cost.
- Separate Arts PG College at Ajmer.

- E-Secretariat Scheme to be implemented.
- New Rajasthan Infrastructure Development Act.
- Disinvestment of 10% shares of RSMML.
- Promoting legal mining with a view to provide more employment.
- Special efforts for containing road accidents and strengthening of the Transport Department.
- Setting-up of State Urbanisation Commission.
- Constitution of Rajasthan Urban Development Fund with a corpus of Rs.400 crore.
- Simplification of Urban Development Tax and introduction of Self Assessment Scheme.
- Constitution of 'Mela Authority' to ensure safety and security of pilgrims and tourists.
- Police Commissioner System in Jaipur and Jodhpur.
- State Disaster Response Force to be constituted.
- Funds provided for new buildings for High Court and Judicial Academy at Jodhpur.
- Setting-up of rent Tribunals and Appellate Tribunals at Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota and Ajmer.
- Setting-up of 7 family courts in the State.
- Interest waiver on payment of outstanding principal amount by farmers upto 31st December, 2010 in colonisation area.
- Pension of 2nd World War Soldiers and Widows increased from Rs.800 to Rs.1200 per month.
- New Collectorate building at Alwar.
- Pension of freedom fighters raised from Rs.8,000 to Rs.10,000 per month.
- Revision in the advertisement rates of news papers.
- Early decision on recommendations of Pay Upgradation and Anomaly Redressal Committee when received.

Budget Highlights – 2010-11 : Tax Proposals

Focus on an atmosphere of trust in trade and industry, according due respect to the tax payer and reducing the unnecessary interface between trade and department by simplifying and facilitating the modalities of payment of tax, rationalizing the tax structure and making the system practical to the extent possible.

Simplification and facilitation:

- Simplification of quarterly returns. The number of attachments reduced from 9 to 3 - Will benefit 70,000 dealers.
- Dealers opting for composition scheme or filing Audit report exempted from filing annual return in VAT 10A
- Eight more goods - Gur, match boxes, all goods made of cement , fireworks, non-edible oil, cotton seed, photographic goods, audio & video cassettes - removed from compulsory listing for VAT47.
- Annual turnover threshold for compulsory registration raised from Rs 5 lac to Rs 10 lac – will benefit 11000 dealers.
- First appeal by dealers to be disposed off compulsorily within one year.
- Dealer will have to deposit up to 10% of disputed tax (excluding penalty and interest) only before filing first appeal.
- Date for filing of audit report extended from December 31 to January 31.
- Self assessment made applicable for dealers filing annual return or audit report in time even if quarterly returns were delayed.

- Exemption from quarterly return for dealers with tax liability up to Rs. 20000 in the previous year.
- Provisional ITC refund on submission of a Bank Guarantee.
- 50% ITC refund to those dealers who e-file their returns and have 10 % growth in tax deposit vis a vis last year.
- Demands created for want of verification of input tax credit not to be enforced.
- e-Refunds directly in the CBS bank accounts of dealers.
- Penalty imposed for late filing of audit reports of year 2006-07 to be waived.
- Government department and their agencies to deposit VAT directly to tax authorities on their purchases.
- E-filing dealers to get 15 more days for filing returns.

Tax Reliefs:

- Battery driven motor vehicles and solar energy equipments, *Mehandi cone*, Beehive, Bee-colony, Bee-box and *Rudraksh* exempted from VAT
- Mess facilities to students up to Rs. 1500/- per month exempted from tax.
- Cinemas having maximum admission rate of Rs. 50/- exempted from entertainment tax. Tax levied on cinema reels exempted from VAT.
- VAT reduced from 14% to 5% for Water tankers, CFL bulbs, marble powder, chips and *karezi*, wood of *safeda* and *Arusa*, flour mills of more than 2 HP.

- VAT on pulses to continue at 1%.
- Price based tax on Kota stone at 5%.
- Tax on food items in hotels below three star category and in restaurants reduced from 14% to 5%.
- Exemption of Entry tax charged for the second time on textile. Outstanding demand to be waived. Longstanding problem of Bhilwara textile dealers solved.
- Exemption from Stamp duty on affidavits filed for caste certificate, bonafide resident certificate and those filed for admissions in educational institutions and scholarships.
- Exemption from Stamp duty on documents of inter se agreements for taking loans by members within women self-help groups.
- Exemption from Stamp duty on documents for purchase of land for power plants.
- Reduction of stamp duty from 1% to 0.1% on documents for non agriculture loans.
- Revocable power of attorney to be made compulsorily registrable and stamp duty on such documents to be reduced from 2% to 0.2%.
- Royalty on Makrana marble to be reduced from Rs. 325/- to Rs. 300/- per ton.
- Exemption from royalty on marble slurry/ powder.

Measures for Additional Revenue Mobilisation:

- Lower tax rate of VAT increased from 4% to 5%.

- Tax rate for dealers opting for section 3(2) composition raised from 0.25% to 0.5%.
- VAT rate 14% for coal tar, bitumen, lime stone, generator and invertors, automobile bodies, EPABX, electrodes, branded readymade garments, multi-functional devices, U-foam, certain chemicals and high voltage cables.
- VAT rate 5% for cotton seed oil cake and crowbar.
- Ceiling of Special Road Tax for covered all India permit passenger vehicles raised to Rs. 35,000/- per month.
- Ceiling for one time tax on Special Class of Non transport vehicles withdrawn.
- One time tax on two wheelers up to 100 cc reduced from 5% to 4% while that for above 100 cc increased to 8%.

- One time tax on cars / four wheelers rationalized – Number of slabs reduced from 6 to 4; one time tax on cars:
 - costing up to Rs. 2.5 lac 2.5%
 - costing Rs. 2.5 lac to Rs. 6 lac 5%
 - costing Rs. 6 lac to Rs. 10 lac 8%
 - costing above Rs. 10 lac 10%
- Urban Cess of 10 paisa per unit on consumers in municipal areas consuming more than 100 units per month. The revenue collected

from cess will be used for street lighting, sanitation, sewerage and energy conservation in urban areas.

- Compulsory registration of mobile towers and levy of annual user charges on them.

An additional revenue of approximate Rs. 550 crores is likely to be mobilized as a result of these revenue proposals for the year 2010-11.