

GENDER BUDGET

Gender Budget statement is a citizen friendly disclosure of budget allocation that have a bearing on women, with the objective of enhancing gender equality. 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.

Going forward, the generation of gender disaggregated data through MIS/MPIC (Monthly Programme Implementation Calendar), 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 well-being of women, particularly the vulnerable amongst them. Further, the increasing disclosures under gender budgeting also helps in better understanding of the allocation 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 27 Demands for grants. This allocation is presented in two categories; the budgetary allocation 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 allocation 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 number of schemes under Category-A and B in the year 2010-11 is 786. Forty nine of these are under Category-A and 737 under Category-B. In this document, a Table showing Demand-wise schemes for the year 2010-11 has been provided at Annexure – 1.

As can be seen from the table below, there has been an increase of 29 percent and 58 percent in the Plan and Non-Plan allocation respectively for Category-A schemes from 2009-10RE to 2010-11BE. The corresponding increase for the Category-B schemes is 11 percent and 15 percent respectively. The allocation under both the categories of Gender Budgeting in percentage to total Consolidated Fund of 2010-11BE under Plan stands at 43.99 percent and under Non-Plan at 33.48 percent. The total allocation is 37.54 percent of the Consolidated Fund.

The allocation for both the categories of Gender Budgeting under plan and non-plan allocation is given in the following table.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	2008-09 Accounts		2009-10 BE		2009-10 RE		2010-11 BE	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
Category-A	63626	166	84115	395	67298	385	86712	608
Category-B	806556	1140488	1032060	1196472	996115	1250590	1104126	1437667
Total (of A + B)	870181	1140655	1116175	1196867	1063413	1250974	1190838	1438275
Total Consolidated Fund	1988916	3414966	2451596	3789785	2332917	3672200	2706788	4296551

(Note: Rounded off to nearest decimal)

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.