
**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH OF
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PART I

Economic Review of Maharashtra

- Gross State Domestic Product is expected to increase by 9.3 per cent during 2006-07.
- Revenue Receipts are estimated to grow by 13.33 per cent during 2007-08.
- Per capita Income of State for the year 2005-06 is estimated at Rs. 37,081 as against the per capita National Income of Rs. 25,716.
- Percentage of Revenue Expenditure to Revenue Receipts will decrease from 89.77 per cent in 2006-07 to 82.47 per cent in 2007-08.
- As a result of better fiscal management, the debt as a percentage of Gross State Domestic product will decline from 27.05 per cent in 2006-07 to 25.53 per cent in the year 2007-08.
- In the year 2007-08 the revenue surplus of Rs. 510.68 crore is expected.

Annual Plan 2007-08

- Annual Plan for the year 2007-08 is fixed at Rs. 20,200 crore.
- Fiscal deficit as compared to gross State domestic product is 3.14 per cent in 2006-07 and will be 1.97 per cent in the year 2007-08.
- Special attention towards infrastructure and social sectors – allocation for irrigation sector is Rs. 4,521 crore, for water supply Rs. 983 crore and for school education Rs. 599.78 crore, for energy sector Rs. 1,282 crore and for road development Rs. 685 crore.
- District Plan has been increased by 20 per cent and accordingly provision for 2007-08 is Rs.1,080 crore.
- Adequate allocation for removal of backlog.
- Outlays proposed in the Annual Plan 2007-08 are commensurate with the State resources and as such the plan is realistic.

Irrigation Sector

- An outlay of Rs.3,828.77 crore is made available for major, medium and minor irrigation projects.
- About two lakh hectare area is expected to come under the irrigation command.
- An outlay of Rs. 438 crore has been proposed for Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement Project.

- A capital outlay of Rs.650 crore has been proposed for Hydro Power Projects.
- An outlay of Rs.20 crore has been proposed for Khar Land Development Scheme.

Agricultural

- An assistance of Rs. 473.47 crore has been given to about 15 lakh flood affected farmers.
- With a view to give relief to distressed farmers, various developmental activities have been provided to them through Special Package for six districts of Vidarbha.
- A provision of Rs. 450 crore has been proposed for giving financial assistance of Rs. 1,500 per hectare to all cotton growing farmers in the State.
- A subsidy of Rs. 9.87 crore has been paid to the beneficiary farmers in six districts of Vidarbha for insurance premium for the year 2006-07 under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme.
- A provision of Rs. 21 crore has been proposed for 2007-08 for premium subsidy to small and marginal farmers in the State.
- An outlay of Rs. 10.02 crore has been proposed for Micro Irrigation.

School Education & Sports

- An outlay of Rs. 277 crore has been provided as State share under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- A provision of Rs. 100 crore has been proposed for Third Common Wealth Youth Games .
- An outlay of Rs. 131 crore has been proposed for the sports sector.
- The scholarship at the 4th and 7th standard examination has been doubled.

Development of Minority

- An outlay of Rs. 1.54 crore has been proposed for the Maulana Azad Alpasankhank Arthik Vikas Mahamandal towards share capital.
- Additional amount will be made available for construction of Haj House at Nagpur depending upon progress of work.

Information Technology

- For connecting all 35 districts to Mantralaya and all Talukas to the District Head Quarters, an outlay of Rs. 19.20 crore has been provided under Maharashtra State Wide Area Network Project.

Home

- Rs. 179 crore provided for modernisation of State Police Force under Central Plan.
- Rs.184 crore provided for modernisation of State Police under State Plan.
- Motivation Allowance of Rs. 250 per month for maintaining physical fitness to police personnel.
- An outlay of Rs. 120 crore has been proposed for construction of residential buildings for Police employees.

Industry

- Industrial, Investment and Infrastructure Policy, 2006 has been announced to encourage industrial investment and to generate employment opportunities.
- To facilitate timely payment of financial incentives, substantial provision of Rs. 400 crore has been proposed.
- Mega Project Policy has received overwhelming response - 38 major projects have been attracted to the State during last one and half year. Committed investments of Rs. 43,000 crore.

Energy

- An outlay of Rs. 1,282 crore has been proposed for the Power Sector.
- Substantial provision of Rs. 692 crore for the Electricity Generation capacity addition.
- Efforts are being made to remove a large demand-supply gap in the power sector.
- Funds provided to complete thermal projects at Parli, Paras, Chandrapur, Khaparkheda, Koradi and Bhusaval.
- State is expected to receive 4,000 Mega Watt power from eight private sector power projects with generation capacity of 12,500 Mega Watt.
- To ensure energy conservation and proper utilization of power, Single Phasing Scheme and Gaothan Feeder Separation Scheme are being implemented.

Employment Guarantee Scheme

- A total provision of Rs. 1,000 crore has been proposed for Employment Guarantee Scheme and Maharashtra Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for the year 2007-08.

Road Development

- An outlay of Rs. 1,437.57 crore has been proposed for Road Development Programme.
- For the development of State highways and district roads 169 projects amounting to Rs. 21,175 crore have been taken up. Out of these, 90 projects have already been completed.

Health

- For the implementation of National Rural Health Mission, Rs. 170.70 crore expected from Government of India.
- A provision of Rs. 15 crore has been proposed for Jeevandai Arogya Yojana.

Forests and Eco Tourism

- To improve forests, an outlay of Rs. 20.85 crore is proposed.
- A provision of Rs. 11 crore has been proposed for encouragement to eco-tourism.
- An outlay of Rs. 10.67 crore has been provided for conservation and management for forests areas under the Joint Forests Management Programme.
- Rs. 83 crore has been provided to complete the task under Work Plan.

Rescue and Relief Work

- Distribution of cash assistance of Rs.68.98 crore for affected persons.
- Assistance of Rs.105 crore distributed for restoration of public amenities in 31 affected districts.
- An outlay of Rs.12.53 crore for Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project.

Water Resources

- An outlay of Rs. 121 crore has been proposed for Indira Awas Yojana.
- Rs. 6.66 crore has been proposed for the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme.
- An amount of Rs. 5 crore has been proposed for Vidarbha Watershed Development Mission.

Water Supply

- An outlay of Rs. 872 crore has been proposed for Rural Water Supply Scheme.

Social Justice

- For economic, social and educational development of Scheduled Caste and Navbahadhas Rs. 2,060 crore has been provided under Special Component Plan during the year 2007-08.
- Reimbursement of fees in professional courses of unaided and permanent unaided educational institutions to the Scheduled Caste students.
- Two and half times increase in monthly scholarship given to the first two Scheduled Caste students studying in each class of secondary schools.

Tribal Development.

- An outlay of Rs. 1,798 crore for Tribal Sub Plan.
- An outlay of Rs. 40 crore provided for providing gas units to below poverty line Scheduled Tribe families.
- An outlay of Rs. 90 crore proposed for providing milch and goat units to below poverty line Scheduled Tribe families.

Women Development.

- Rs. 5.43 crore provided for Tejaswini Maharashtra Rural Women Empowerment Programme.

Tourism

- An outlay of Rs.163 for Tourism Sector.

Urban Development.

- An outlay of Rs.2,203 crore for Urban Development Scheme during 2007-08.
- An outlay of Rs. 400 crore is proposed as State share under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.

Development of Mumbai

- Approval for Mumbai Urban Transport Project, Phase-II (Rail Component) of Rs.6,553.39 crore submitted by Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation.

- Establishment of Mithi River Development and Protection Authority for development and protection of Mithi river. So far an expenditure of Rs. 55 crore has been incurred on this project. The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 800 crore.
- Initiation of Mumabi Metro Railway Project for providing rapid transport to Mumbaikars.
- A project for construction of 16 new flyovers costing Rs. 421 crore has been proposed.
- Approval to the Middle Vaitarna Project, Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project and two flyovers by the Central Government for development of Mumbai.
- Bids received for Sewree-Nhava Sealink Project.