
**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH OF
SHRI JAYANTRAO PATIL,
FINANCE MINISTER OF MAHARASHTRA
ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES OF 2005-06
PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATURE ON
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PART I

- * Turnaround in State's Finances.
- * Economic growth accelerates 13.8% in the current year (2004-05).
- * Revenue surplus of Rs. 265 crore projected for 2005-06 Revenue surplus for the first time since 1994-95.
- * Acceleration in tax collections.
- * Increase by 20.65% in 2004-05 over 2003-04. To go up by another 17.60% as per Budget Estimates for 2005-06.
- * Growth in Non-Plan Revenue Expenditure contained.
- * Resources for Annual Plan of Rs. 11,000 crore (2005-06) fully provided for in the Budget.
- * Fiscal deficit down to Rs. 8853 Crore (2.09% of State GSDP) for the year 2005-06.
- * Setting up of a trust to manage State Government Liability with Professional Fund Managers.
- * Fresh Fiscal Responsibility Bill to be introduced in the Legislature shortly.
- * A system of department wise monthly cash flows to be introduced to facilitate automatic releases.
- * Average rate of interest on the States outstanding debt brought down to 9.33%.
- * Sanction of 3% D.A. in cash to Government, Semi Government employees and Pensioners from 1st April 2005.
- * The size of the Annual Plan 2005-2006 fixed at Rs. 11,000 crore.

Recommendations Of Twelfth Finance Commission.

* State likely to receive estimated amount of Rs. 36,194.24 crore during the period 2005-10.

Maharashtra Health Systems Development Project.

* Cumulative expenditure upto December 2004 under the Maharashtra Health Systems Project was Rs. 457 crore. An Outlay of Rs. 122.42 crore is proposed for the year 2005-06.

Regional Referral Centre At Nashik And Amaravati.

* An outlay of Rs. 7 crore for establishing Regional Referral Centres to provide super speciality services at Nashik and Amaravati.

Tribal Sub-plan Scheme-health Scheme.

* An outlay of Rs. 28.80 crore is proposed for the year 2005-06 particularly to bring down the infant mortality in tribal areas.

Rajiv Gandhi Vidarthi Suraksha Yojana.

* 2.18 crore students provided with security cover. A provision of Rs. 2.70 crore is proposed for the year 2005-06.

Sarva Shikshan Mohim

* Rs. 674.80 crore have been spent under the scheme so far. An outlay of Rs. 2,044.24 crore has been sanctioned for the current Five Year Plan.

Midday Meal Scheme.

* A provision for Rs. 159.07 crore has been proposed benefitting 97 lakh students in the State.

Tribal Sub Plan.

* Total outlay of Rs. 990 crore has been provided for the Sub-plan which is 9% of the Annual Plan.

Integrated Child Development Scheme.

* A provision of Rs. 33.76 crores has been proposed for the next year. Government has sanctioned 2,838 new Anganwadi centres under ICDS.

Rajmata Jijau Mother-Child Health and Nutrition Mission.

* Rajmata Jijau Mother-Child Health and Nutrition Mission to be established at Aurangabad.

Self Employment.

* More than 2800 societies are functioning in the State extending various services particularly in urban areas.

Tourism Policy

* A Provision of Rs. 79.80 crore proposed for Tourism sector. A loan of Rs. 300 crore for IInd Phase of Ajanta-Ellora project has been sanctioned by Japan Bank of International Corporation. Share of State Government is Rs. 60 crore under this project.

New Community Driven Policy for Drinking water.

* Drinking water project in 3,061 Gram Panchayats are being implemented under the New Community Driven Policy by State Government. Government has taken up campaign for chemical testing of approximately Rs. 3.25 lakh for public drinking water sources.

Nirmal Gram Puraskar.

* Along with the Sant Gadgebaba Clean Village sanitation Campaign Nirmal Gram Puraskar scheme has been initiated in the State. Out of 38 Gram Panchayats in the country 13 Gram Panchayats in the State have been felicitated by Government of India under the Nirmal Gram Puraskar Scheme.

Rural Roads.

* 38,000 villages out of approximately 40,000 villages in the State have been connected by all rural roads.

Bandra Worli Sea Link Project.

* Bandra Worli 8 lane Sea Link Project completed by December 2007 costing approximately Rs. 1,306 crore.

Industry.

* 9 percent industrial growth registered during the last 3 years. Maharashtra continues to be Number One destination in the country.

* ASIDE project of Rs. 513 crore being implemented for 29 projects in industrial areas. Infrastructure Development projects with a cost of Rs. 550 crore being taken up in various industrial sectors.

Power Sector.

* Maharashtra State Electricity Board has undertaken Thermal Power Projects of 250 Mega Watt each at Parli and Paras. New Power proposed at Uran, Talegaon and Khaparkheda. MSEB is taking a loan of Rs. 500 crore for implementing scheme of single phasing in the State. The State Government will undertake a responsibility of repayment of principal. This will ensure regular supply of power for household use and minimise the effects of load shading.

* Policy for investment in power generation sector for capacity 500 Mega Watt project.

Development of pilgrimage places.

* An outlay of Rs. 31.23 crore has been proposed for the year 2005-06, +

1033 pilgrimages works at the State level are in progress.

Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana.

* A provision of Rs. 121.79 crore has been proposed.

Indira Awaas Yojana.

* Rs. 119.36 crore outlay proposed for the forthcoming year. 13,200 houses proposed during the current year.

Disbursement of compensation under crop insurance.

* Rs. 193.65 crore was sanctioned under the Crop Insurance Scheme for Rabbi 2003-04.

Khar Lands Development

* Expenditure of Rs. 52.54 crore has been incurred upto December 2004 for 119 kharland development schemes. An outlay of Rs. 4.97 crore proposed for the year 2005-06.

Hydro Project.

* Rs. 62 crore proposed for Ghatgar and Koyna Stage-IV.

Development of Mumbai.

* Projects worth Rs. 1,113 crore proposed under Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP). 100 new MUTP Project raise to be made available by the year 2007.

* Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project (MUIP) of Rs. 2600 crore expected to be completed by December 2007. Construction of 53,000 tenements made available to project affected families under the MUTP and MUIP. An outlay of Rs. 1,000 crore proposed for development of Mumbai.

Status of Mumbai as Regional financial centre next by Government of India in its budget in order to give impetus to tourism.

Gorai area to be recommended as Special Economic Zone for promotion of leisure and tourism.

Memorial proposed in the memory of Late Dr. Dwarkanath Kotnis and Late Govindbhai Shroff at Aurangabad and Late Narayan Shripad Kulkarni alias Rajhans alias Natsamrat Balgandharv at Nagthane, Taluka Palus in Sangli District.

Science and Technology.

* Science and Technology Commission established under Dr. Vasant Gowarikar for giving impetus to science and technology activities in the State.

Statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

* It has been decided to erect a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Arabian sea near Mumbai, Technical and Visualisation Committees have been constituted.

Forests.

* Eco Tourism Project of international standards at Gorewada near Nagpur.

MasterPlan with a purpose outlay of Rs. 84.21 crore proposed for a period of 10 years.

Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana.

* An outlay of Rs. 36.15 crore proposed for the forthcoming year. 2730 dwelling houses completed so far.

Medical Colleges.

* Medical Colleges in Marathwada upgradation of medical colleges at Latur, Aurangabad and Nanded proposed at a cost of Rs. 156 crore during the year 2005-06.

Tercentenary of Guru-ta-Gaddi.

* Tercentenary at Nanded master plan of Rs. 817 crore finalised to create infrastructure facilities on the eve of Tercentenary celebrations on 2008. Outlay of Rs. 12 crore proposed for the next year.

Employment Guarantee Scheme.

* Outlay of Rs. 575 crore proposed for the next year.

Fast Track Courts.

* 187 fast track courts established in the State. These courts disposed off 94,455 civil and criminal cases by January 2005. An outlay of Rs. 42 crore proposed for completing construction of court buildings and infrastructure facilities.

Financial assistance for Marathi Film Producers.

* Financial assistance to Marathi Film Producers enhanced from 15 Lakh to 20 Lakh. The amount has been increased to Rs. 30 Lakh for giving excellent technical product for the year 2005-06. An outlay of Rs. 5 crore proposed for forthcoming year.