

HIGHLIGHTS FOR BUDGET ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Absence of disease, plenty in harvest, wealth, general happiness and security, these five are the jewels of a country.

(Kural-738)

- Hon'ble Chief Minister asked me to prepare the budget keeping in mind not just the present, but the future - including generations of Tamils yet unborn.

- This Government continues to fulfil its poll promises at a historically unprecedented pace, including many major announcements made in the Budget session last year.

- This Government has shown unparalleled fiscal discipline and management, asking the Legislature for an increase of only 1% of the Budget Estimates in the First Supplementary Estimates to the Budget.

- Reduction of Revenue Deficit by over Rs.7,000 crore – reversing an alarming trend of increasing deficits every year since 2014. Further, we are poised to see a significant reduction of the Fiscal Deficit – from 4.61% down to 3.80% even during such a challenging year

- Thamirabarani region have established the antiquity of ancient Tamil civilization as at least 3,200 years old, making it one of the oldest civilizations in the World.
- It is a basic tenet of our Constitution that 'India is a Union of States'.
- The Scales of Justice have been the symbol of the Dravidian Movement from the days of the Justice Party, our political ancestor.
- Now, as we see the economy bouncing back, we must rebalance our priorities and focus on social infrastructure and development without compromising on welfare schemes.

Mudalvarin Mugavari

- So far, 10,01,883 grievances have been resolved by this Department.

Union-State Fiscal Relations

- The GST compensation period is coming to end on 30.6.2022. Consequently, in the coming financial year, Tamil Nadu will face a revenue loss of approximately Rs.20,000 crore.

State Finance Commission

- The Government will soon place the Action Taken Report on State Finance Commission recommendations before this August House.

Tamil Development

- With a view to establishing the relationship between the Tamil language and the Indo-European language family, a committee of Tamil etymologists will be formed to prepare an etymological dictionary.
- The collection of Periyar's written works will be published in print and digital editions in 21 Indian and World languages at a cost of five crore rupees.
- Archaeological explorations are being carried out in order to find new Stone Age sites in five districts and archaeological sites along the Porunai river.
- This year, new museums will be built in Villupuram and Ramanathapuram districts at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore. In addition, the tribal on-site museum at Courtallam in Tenkasi district, the pre-historic on-site museum at Poondi in Tiruvallur district and the Hero-Stone on-site museum in Dharmapuri district will be upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore.

- Rs.82.86 crore has been allocated to the Tamil Development and Information Department in this Budget.

Revenue and Disaster Management

- The Government is taking every effort to retrieve and protect Government lands, including water bodies from encroachments. An amount of Rs.50 crore is provided in this Budget as a special fund for this purpose.
- An Advisory Committee had been set up to make suitable recommendations to prevent damages caused by floods in Chennai city. Based on the recommendations of this Committee, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that the first phase for the flood prevention works will be taken up at a cost of Rs.1,000 crore. An amount of Rs.500 crore has been allocated in this year's Budget for this purpose.
- The Government will establish an advanced early warning system with super computers, a system of weather balloons, two weather radars, 100 automatic weather stations, 400 automatic rain gauges and 11 automatic water level instruments. An allocation of Rs.7,474.94 has been made to the Revenue and Disaster Management Department in this Budget.

Police Department

- The Police Department has been provided an allocation of Rs.10,285.22 crore in this Budget.

Fire and Rescue Services Department

- Rs.496.52 crore has been provided for the Fire and Rescue Services Department in this Budget.

Administration of Justice

- Rs.1,461.97 crore has been provided for Administration of Justice in this Budget.

Cooperative Department

- A sum of Rs.2,531 crore for the waiver of agricultural loans, a sum of Rs.1,000 crore for the waiver of jewel loans and a sum of Rs.600 crore for waiving self-help group loans, totalling an amount of Rs.4,131 crore has been allotted for loan waiver in this year's Budget.
- An allocation of Rs.13,176.34 crore has been made to the Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department in this Budget.

Irrigation

- The Government has sanctioned a special desilting scheme for 4,964 km of canals at a cost of Rs.80 crore in 10 districts in the delta region.

- An allocation of Rs.7,338.36 crore has been made to the Water Resources Department in this Budget.

Animal Husbandry

- A new scheme "Vallalar Palluyir Kappagangal" will be launched to support NGOs which take care of abandoned and injured pet animals and strays. For this scheme, Rs.20 crore will be provided in this Budget. An allocation of Rs.1,314.84 crore has been made to the Animal Husbandry Department in this Budget.

Environment, Forests and Climate Change

- The Government will set up a botanical garden at a cost of Rs.300 crore near Chennai in partnership with Kew Gardens of London.

- To fund climate change initiatives, mitigation and greening projects, the Government will set up the "Tamil Nadu Green Climate Change Fund".

- The Government will implement "Project Nilgiri Tahr" with an initial allocation of Rs.10 crore.
- The Government has decided to set up a Children's Nature Park at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore which will house birds, butterflies and animals by remodelling the Guindy Children's Park.
- An allocation of Rs.849.21 crore has been made to the Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department in this Budget.

School Education

- In the coming financial year, model schools will be established in another 15 districts and an amount of Rs.125 crore is being allocated for this purpose in this Budget.
- The Government will launch a massive scheme called the 'Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme' to modernize Government schools (including Adi Dravidar, Tribal and Kallar Reclamation Schools) over the next five years. Along with necessary infrastructure in Government schools, 18,000 new classrooms will be constructed.
- In the next two years, the Government will establish District Central Libraries with modern infrastructure in the newly created 6 districts at an estimated cost of Rs.36 crore.

- Book fairs will be organized in all the districts of Tamil Nadu akin to the Chennai Book Fair.
- An allocation of Rs.36,895.89 crore has been made to the School Education Department in this Budget.

Higher Education

- A Knowledge City will be developed through international collaboration. This city will have branches of world-renowned universities with research and development hubs, skill training centres and knowledge-based enterprises.
- Over the next 5 years, a special scheme will be implemented to create new classrooms, hostels, laboratories and smart classrooms at a total cost of Rs.1,000 crore.
- An allocation of Rs.5,668.89 crore has been made to the Higher Education Department in this Budget.

Naan Mudhalvan

- The primary objective of the 'Naan Mudhalvan' programme, the dream project of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is to produce five lakh accomplished youth every year by enhancing their level of education, knowledge, intellect, motivation and skill.

- In order to motivate Government school students to aspire to join premier higher education institutions like Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Science and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the Government will bear the full cost of their undergraduate education.

Youth Welfare

- "Olympic Gold Quest" programme has been successful in mentoring Olympic medalists in our country. A similar programme to develop world class athletes and Olympic medalists from Tamil Nadu will be implemented by providing Rs.25 crore.

Chess Olympiad

- This year the Chess Olympiad competition will be held in Chennai for the first time. 2000 top players from 150 countries are set to participate in this event. This event will be a turning point for the sports sector in Tamil Nadu.
- An allocation of Rs.293.26 crore has been made to the Youth Welfare and Sports Development in this Budget.

Public Health

- The Government has decided to upgrade 19 Government hospitals into new District Headquarter Hospitals. This will

include the six newly created districts and these hospitals will be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 1,019 crore.

- To provide quality mental health services, the Government has planned to establish Tamil Nadu Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (TNIMHANS), by upgrading the Institute of Mental Health (IMH), Kilpauk.
- The Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre will further be upgraded to a 750-bed autonomous institution of excellence.
- A sum of Rs.17,901.73 crore has been allocated to the Health and Family Welfare Department in this Budget.

Social Welfare

- The Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme is being transformed as the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme.
- All girl students who studied from Classes 6 to 12 in Government schools will be paid Rs.1,000/- per month directly into their bank account till the uninterrupted completion of their undergraduate degree, diploma and ITI courses. The students will be eligible for this in addition to other scholarships. Through this programme, approximately

6,00,000 girl students can potentially benefit each year. An amount of Rs.700 crore has been allotted to this new scheme.

- An 'Integrated Training Centre for Social Empowerment' will be constructed in Athur, Chengalpattu district at a cost of Rs.27 crore. This Centre will be utilised to provide training to all Government officials including those from Social Welfare Department, on welfare, rights, development and empowerment of women and children.

- A sum of Rs.5,922.40 crore has been allocated to the Social Welfare Department in this Budget.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare

- A corpus of Rs.30 crore will be provided to Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) to support start-ups by Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC and ST) entrepreneurs. In order to encourage entrepreneurs from SC and ST communities, 5% of all divisible procurement by Government and Governmental agencies shall be reserved for products manufactured by Tamil Nadu based SC and ST entrepreneurs from the coming financial year.

- The Government has sanctioned construction of 443 houses this year at a cost of Rs.20.7 crore for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) such as Irulars. In the coming year, an additional 1,000 new houses will be built for PVTGs at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore.

- A sum of Rs.4,281.76 crore has been allocated to the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department in this Budget.

Welfare of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities

- A high-level committee will be constituted to do a comprehensive review of the functioning of Government hostels and suggest suitable measures to improve infrastructural facilities, sanitation, learning environment, quality of food, safety and related aspects
- The Government is providing funds for the repair and reconstruction of places of worship of minorities including churches, mosques and dargahs. This year, old places of worship such as Wesley Church and St. Thomas Mount Church in Chennai, Caldwell Church in Tirunelveli, St. Xavier Church in Nagercoil, Nawab Wallajah Mosque in Chennai, Ervadi Dargah in Ramanathapuram and Nagore Dargah in Nagapattinam will be renovated at a cost of Rs. 12 crore in the coming financial year.
- In the Budget, a sum of Rs.1,230.37 crore has been allocated towards the welfare of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities.

Welfare of Differently Abled

- The Government will take steps to coordinate the activities of these departments, facilitate the exchange of information and provide all services to children born with special needs through treatment centres at various levels.

- In the Budget, a sum of Rs.838.01 crore has been allocated to the Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled.

Rural Development Department

- The objective of Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam-II is to bridge the infrastructural deficit in villages and to usher a multi-faceted development. In the coming year, this scheme will be implemented in 2,657 village panchayats at a cost of Rs.1,455 crore.

- 149 Samathuvapurams, which have been neglected without maintenance for the last ten years, will be renovated in the first phase at a cost of Rs. 190 crore.

- In the Budget, Rs.26,647.19 crore has been allocated for the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

Municipal Administration

- A special fund of Rs.60 crore will be provided to augment infrastructure in the six newly formed corporations of Tambaram, Kanchipuram, Kumbakonam, Karur, Cuddalore and Sivakasi at Rs.10 crore each. Further, for 28 newly created municipalities Rs.2 crore each will be provided with the total allocation of Rs.56 crore.

- In this Budget, Rs.20,400.24 crore has been allocated for the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department.

Water Supply

- An amount of Rs.3,000 crore has been provided towards Jal Jeevan Mission in the Budget.

Housing and Urban Development

- The Government will release a 'Redevelopment Policy' this year to redevelop old and dilapidated residential tenements constructed by the Tamil Nadu Housing Board. So far, 60 such schemes have been identified and preliminary activities have been initiated. The project will envisage to achieve maximum FSI in partnership with private enterprises.

- The 50-metre wide stretch of land adjoining the eastern side of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) from Minjur to Vandalur with a

length of 62 kms will be developed as a Development Corridor.

- An amount of Rs.3,700 crore has been allocated towards Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in the Budget.
- In the Budget, Rs.8,737.71 crore has been allocated for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Highways

- Maduravoyal - Chennai Port Elevated Corridor Project, This 20.56 km long double-decker elevated corridor at an estimated cost of Rs 5,770 crore will be constructed.
- stretches containing Neelangarai, Injambakkam and Sholinganallur villages will be widened to six-lane at a cost of Rs.135 crore
- In the Budget, Rs.18,218.91 crore has been allocated to the Highways and Minor Ports Department.

Transport

- Under the 'Climate Friendly Modernisation of Buses in major cities of Tamil Nadu' Project being implemented with KfW assistance, 2,213 BS-VI new diesel buses and 500 new electric buses will be procured.

- In the Budget, Rs.5,375.51 crore has been allocated to the Transport Department.

Energy Department

- In the Budget, Rs.19,297.52 crore has been allocated to the Energy Department.

Labour Welfare

- A special scheme will be implemented in collaboration with reputed institutions for transforming 71 Government ITIs as Technology and Skilling Centres to meet industry 4.0 standards at a cost of Rs.2,877 crore.
- Mobile Information-cum-Assistance centres for migrant workers will be introduced through voluntary organizations to ensure reach of government welfare schemes and to raise awareness about their legal rights.
- In the Budget, Rs.2,353.93 crore has been allocated to the Labour Welfare Department.

MSME

- The Government will launch a new "Micro Cluster Development Programme".

- Tamil Nadu Coir Business Development Corporation will be set up in Coimbatore district
- In the Budget, Rs.911.50 crore has been allocated to the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Industries

- A special fund of Rs. 100 crore will be created to build the required public infrastructure to promote exports from Tamil Nadu.
- a new Footwear and Leather Industry Development Policy will be released.
- In the Budget, Rs.3,267.91 crore has been allocated to the Industries department.

Startups

- The Government will contribute Rs.50 crore to the Emerging Sector Seed Fund for making equity investments in Tamil Nadu based startups.
- The Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) will setup Regional Startup Hubs in Erode, Madurai and Tirunelveli to ensure the balanced regional development of startup eco-

system. An iconic State Startup Hub Centre with all facilities will be established by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) at Nandambakkam, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.75 crore.

- In order to support the startups based in Tamil Nadu, the Government will allow Government departments and public sector undertakings to do direct procurement of innovative manufactured products up to Rs.50 lakhs.

Information Technology

- The Government will set up the i-Tamil Nadu Technology (iTNT) hub at a total initial cost of Rs.54.61 crore in Chennai.
- In the Budget, Rs.199.60 crore has been allocated to the Information Technology department.

Tourism

- In the Budget, Rs.246.06 crore has been allocated to the Tourism department.

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

- The Government will renovate, restore, preserve and conserve these ancient temples that are more than thousand years old at a cost of Rs.100 crore.

- In the Budget, Rs.340.87 crore has been allocated to the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.

Welfare of Government Employees

- Considering the welfare of the families of the pensioners, the Government will sanction Rs.50 crore to clear the backlog claims.

Administrative Reforms

- The Government will constitute a Human Resources Reforms Committee, which will be tasked with proposing a comprehensive roadmap for reforms in human resource management within a six-month period.
- e-procurement system will be made mandatory for all procurements by Government and public procuring entities from 1.4.2023 onwards.

PART- B**Finances of the State Government**

- On account of prudent fiscal management of this Government, the overall Revenue Deficit has decreased to Rs.55,272.79 crore in Revised Estimates as against the budgeted amount of Rs.58,692.68 crore.
- The Fiscal Deficit as a percentage of GSDP has reduced to 3.80% in the Revised Estimates from 4.33% in the Budget Estimates.
- The States' Own Tax Revenue is estimated to be Rs.1,42,799.93 crore in the Budget. The State's Own Non-Tax Revenue is projected to be Rs.15,537.24 crore.
- The Total Revenue Receipts are expected to be Rs.2,31,407.28 crore.
- The Total Revenue Expenditure is expected to be Rs.2,84,188.45 crore.
- The Revenue Deficit is estimated at Rs.52,781.17 crore.

The Fiscal Deficit is estimated at Rs.90,113.71 crore.