

Annex 1 : Major Policy Initiatives of State Budgets 2008-09

State	Social	Economic	Fiscal	Others
1. Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide financial assistance for promoting self-employment under Rajiv Yuvashakthi Programme. • Start INDIRAMMA Phase-III programme during 2008-09. • Scheme of providing scholarships to aid children who are economically backward irrespective of their caste/religion/sector. • Implement a new scheme called SUCCESS (Scheme for Universal Access and Quality at Secondary Stage Education) in co-ordination with the Government of India. • Implement a program for imparting computer education to all students in 5000 selected High Schools and Junior Colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a world-class Centre for Advance Research on livestock to improve livestock production efficiencies. • A mega project “Pranahita-Chevalla” to provide irrigation facilities to 12.20 lakh acres of the parched lands in Districts. • Extend Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to more Districts under phase-III. 	—	—
2. Arunachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free text books for scheduled tribe (ST) students from class IX to XII. • Increase the amount of stipend to all ST students. • Provide adequate grants for construction of class rooms, teachers' residence, approach roads and library buildings in newly opened colleges. • Increase in financial assistance for coaching and study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare an integrated master plan encompassing all categories of roads to be developed under various programmes. • Strengthen pisciculture and fishery activities and engage the youth in independent earning process. • Create necessary infrastructure to promote tourism. • Encourage private investors for taking 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of gender budget. • Give a special boost to the promotion of women self-help groups (SHGs) with technical support of NABARD and banking system; promote 5000 SHGs over next three years, of which 1500 SHGs will be promoted during 2008-09.

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	<p>materials to qualifying candidates to prepare for UPSC Civil Services Examination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance funding for development of Sports and Cultural Programmes. • Consolidation of District Hospital, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Sub-centres across the State. • Special focus on juvenile rehabilitation, persons with disability, implementation of nutrition programme and financial assistance to Arunachal Pradesh Social Welfare Advisory Board. • Priority to development and security of women and children. 	<p>up projects on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis for survey and exploitation of mines and mineral.</p>		
3. Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a Nursing College in the hill areas. • Set up an Engineering College in Bodoland Territorial Council area. • Establish six new Development Councils for the Moran, Motok, Ahom, Chutia, Koch-Rajbongshi and Tea Tribes ethnic groups. • Propose to set up a Gorkha Development Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a special package for rehabilitation of viable industrial units under the micro, small and medium enterprises sector. • Strengthen forest and wildlife protection measures by raising a dedicated Forest Protection Force. • Promote the use of solar energy by electrifying all 2,139 remote villages through solar lighting by 2009. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a dedicated fund for creation of major infrastructure projects in the State. The corpus will be placed at the disposal of a society to be formed, viz., Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority. An amount of Rs.105 crore that has been received as debt waiver from the Government of India will be transferred to the society for creation of the corpus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a pilot scheme to give a thrust to SHGs, provide interest-free loan to the Assam Financial Corporation for micro financing SHGs at a subsidised rate of interest. • Establish a bio-technology park at North Guwahati. • Introduce gender budgeting from 2008-09.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a special programme for all round socio-economic development of the minorities after due consultation with the representatives of minority organisations. • Introduce coaching facilities for the educated youths of the State to compete at the national level to join the civil services, defence services, banking services and such other services for which selection is made through national competitive examinations. • Set up one Agriculture College at Dhubri and one Engineering College in Barak Valley. • Launch a new health insurance scheme for the poor patients of the State in line with Arogya Scheme of Andhra Pradesh. • Set up super speciality unit in the Guwahati Medical College. • Mobile Medical units will be introduced in all the 27 districts as against 8 districts at present. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Guarantee Redemption Fund (GRF) from the next financial year. • Constitute the next State Pay Commission and give an interim relief of 10 per cent of the basic pay and basic pension to all Government employees with effect from April 1, 2008. • Reduction in the rate of stamp duty for registration of immovable property worth Rs.1 lakh or more from 12 per cent to 6 per cent. In case of women purchasers, the stamp duty will be fixed at 5 per cent. • Strengthen capital base of Assam Financial Corporation by providing an additional amount of Rs.5 crore as equity. • Continue the scheme of providing interest relief of 2 per cent for all crop loans up to Rs.20,000 sanctioned during the financial year ending March 31, 2008. 	
4. Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start 'Janshree Bima Yojana' for fishermen, under which dependents would get Rs.75,000 on accidental death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish one "Seed Gram" and "Bio Gram" in each Division to make the State self-sufficient in seeds and fertilisers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of e-tendering process to enhance speediness and transparency in tendering process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start e-Health, e-Municipalities, e-Panchayats, and e-Agriculture under State Mission Mode Project.

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	<p>and Rs.30,000 on natural death of the insured person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up of 50 new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and extension of units in 15 old ITIs. • Provide free books to all students of primary schools belonging to minority community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Agriculture College in Saharsa to improve the quality of agriculture research and development. • Start a Knowledge City in the State, under which it is proposed to establish an IT park and an IT academy to educate and train the youths in IT related issues. • Set up 100 pathological laboratories at the sub-divisional level in animal hospitals. • Construction of Fish Marketing Complex in Dharbhanga District under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana. • Equipment Bank to ensure the supply of necessary material for the development of rural roads • Appoint an agriculture advisor for every Panchayat. • Start Baghmati Irrigation Project and extension of Gandak Irrigation Project. • Appoint third-party quality control adviser to ensure the quality of roads. • Start Geographic Information System (GIS) management system and online supervision for effective supervision of road development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computerisation of Commercial Tax Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up State Wide Area Network, to provide communication network to all the district and divisional headquarters. • Establishment of Common Service Centre in every Panchayat to provide IT based services to the general public. • Start e-procurement system in all the departments to enhance transparency in the procurement process. • Establishment of Overseas Employment Bureau to give assistance in getting jobs abroad. • Appoint a 'Rojgar Sevak' in all Panchayats for the effective supervision of Employment Guarantee Scheme. • Start biometric system for wage payment under Employment Guarantee Scheme on pilot project basis.

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5. Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of Food Security Scheme under which 34 lakh families get rice at Rs.3 per kg. Food Security Scheme was an important step towards improving the prevailing level of malnutrition and anaemia among children and pregnant women. • Upgrade 312 pre-secondary schools to high school and 218 high schools to higher secondary schools. • Start new Government colleges in eight tribal areas. • Start a new ITI and open seven new Polytechnics. • Upgrade 8 ITIs as "Centre of Excellence". • Construct 100 Primary Health Centres and 22 Secondary Health Centers. • Start a Nursing School in Kankare, Korea and Mahasamund and Nursing College in Jagdalpur and Bilaspur to provide better nursing facilities. • To strengthen medical education, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a Hybrid Seed Production Co-training Centre to increase the productivity of seeds. • Establish 26 new Animal Dispensaries in the rural areas for the expansion of better medical facilities for the animal husbandry. 	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computerisation of public distribution shops to strengthen and introduce transparency in the public distribution system. • Introduction of "Gender Budget" in 14 departments to ensure empowerment and active participation of women in various developmental schemes.

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	<p>start a new medical college in Raigad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme for providing houses to SC/ST families especially the primitive tribal groups. • Launched Shakti Swarupa scheme to provide self employment for widowed, divorced and deserted women in the densely populated ST areas of Bijapur, Dantewada Jagdalpur and Narayanpur on a pilot project basis. 			
6. Goa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all the cases under the Dayanand Social Security Scheme to weed out undeserving beneficiaries. Introduce the concept of creamy layer, say family income of Rs.6 lakh per annum, in all the sectors and schemes to maximise benefits to the poor. • Start a state of the art Centre of Excellence at Valpoi. • Enhance the level of assistance to the disabled children covered under the Dayanand Social Security Scheme. Cover HIV AIDS patients under this scheme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote roof-top rain water harvesting and extend subsidy for construction of rain water harvesting structures. • Launch a massive afforestation programme in the State. • Undertake cluster development plan for industries in Goa in the sectors of pharma, cashew processing and jewellery. • In order to accelerate investment in agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries sectors, provide loans to farmers at 4 per cent rate of interest up to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a pension liability fund for the employees covered under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. • To increase the revenue collection by strengthening the tax administration and enforcement measures, overhaul and reorganise both the Commercial Tax Department and Excise Department. • Impose entry tax of Rs.100 per vehicle (excluding goods vehicle) on vehicles with other than Goa registration. • One-time settlement scheme for all small entrepreneurs who 	—

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote computer-aided education in schools and provide necessary hardware, software and related infrastructure. Cover more schools under infrastructure loan scheme extended to the non-Government-aided educational institutions. Extend the mid-day meal scheme for all the students of Standard V to X. Upgrade Goa University to the level of Central University. Launch a new scheme of providing training on various trades through Mahila Mandals. Evolve a suitable scheme for setting up of day-care centres and for promoting pre-primary education in the State. Improve the quality of infrastructure and services in all the health institutions in the State. Construct a new 450 bed district hospital at Margao. 	<p>Rs.5 lakh. The difference in interest rate chargeable by the banks will be paid as subsidy to the banks by the Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote Village Agro Service Societies to provide skilled agricultural services including machinery and specialised workers. Provide subsidy to the extent of 50 per cent on machinery acquired for such registered societies and allow them to take bank loan for the remaining 50 per cent of the cost at 4 per cent rate of interest. For individual farmers also, in addition to the existing subsidy of 50 per cent, allow them to take loan from banks for the balance 50 per cent of the cost at subsidised interest rate of 4 per cent. Give priority for allotment of plots for women in industrial estates through the Industrial Development Corporation. Evolve special scheme with suitable subsidy component for setting up of industries by the women entrepreneurs. 	<p>had availed a loan of Rs.10 lakh and below from the Economic Development Corporation and also to other parties wherein the principal security has been totally eroded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waive all the loans taken by the farmers through Agriculture Department, housing loans taken under rural housing scheme of Directorate of Panchayats, housing scheme of Directorate of Social Welfare including Rajiv Awaas Yojana and loans given to Panchayats under remunerative schemes by the Directorate of Panchayats up to March 31, 2007. 	

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7. Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase employment opportunities by providing English training to youth in the age group of 15 to 35 years under the "SCOPE" programme. • Open 203 Secondary and 222 Higher Secondary Schools in the State. • Increase of seats at graduation level and Diploma level under Engineering, Pharmacy and Architecture. • Establish 100 Polytechnic Extension Centres. • Establish 10 new colleges in the backward areas of the state. • Constitute Gujarat State Health Infrastructure Development Corporation to maintain the level of excellence in infrastructural construction, repairs and maintenance of health institutions. • Start an institute called "Bal Gokulam" which will subsequently be converted into a "Children's University". • Establish new Agriculture Engineering College at Godhra and a new Agriculture Engineering Polytechnic at Dahod. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop modern and scientific methods of cultivation that reduce the cost of production. • Work out a new scheme for establishment of industrial estates through PPP. • Connect villages through broadband connectivity so that they can avail of the advantages of modern science and information technology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate powers to local bodies to levy, collect and retain the professional tax. • Impose an additional tax, in addition to the existing Value Added Tax (VAT), on the sale of goods in the State. There will be an addition of one paise in the rupee, in the tax rate of goods, which are being taxed at the rate of four paise in the rupee presently under the VAT Act. Similarly, there will be an addition of 2.5 paise in the rupee in the existing tax rates of other taxable goods. Additional tax will not apply to petrol, diesel, declared goods, exempted goods, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate a separate policy for the overall development of the unorganised sector.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Insurance Scheme implemented for the fishermen by increasing insurance cover to Rs.1 lakh from Rs.50,000. Implement "School Safety Programme" in the entire State by the year 2010. 			
8. Haryana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Health University at PGI Rohtak. Pay 50 per cent higher unemployment allowance to registered unemployed science graduates and post-graduates. Launch a new scheme for grant of loan at subsidised rate of interest to the members of scheduled caste (SC) for construction of their houses. Provide insurance cover to all the eligible persons in the age group of 18-60 years under Rajiv Gandhi Parivar Bima Yojana in case of death or permanent disability due to unnatural reasons. Start new scheme viz., "Financial Assistance to Non-School-going Disabled Children Scheme", whereby children in the age group of 6 to 18 years with 40 per cent and above 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in the rate of stamp duty on sale of land and property to 7 per cent in urban areas and 5 per cent in rural areas. Two per cent concession to women would continue. 	—

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	<p>disability will be provided financial assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up day care centres for old persons in all the urban estates of Haryana. 			
9. Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a special scheme for providing self-employment opportunities to the unemployed youth of the state. With a view to meet the shortages of teachers, fill up about 18,000 posts. Set up computer labs with broadband internet connectivity in all District Libraries and in all senior secondary schools. To meet the shortage of doctors, appoint 250 doctors in the concerned institutions. Provide incentives for working in tribal and difficult areas. Similarly fill up 1000 posts of nurses and other paramedical staff. Set up three more medical colleges in Mandi, Una and Hamirpur districts with suitable forms of PPP. Introduce a health insurance scheme for BPL families in which no expenditure will need to be made by these poor families. Introduce a special insurance scheme for weavers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Department to issue one lakh soil health cards to the farmers. Preparation of comprehensive District Agriculture and Irrigation Plans taking into account the net sown area of each District, irrigation potential already created and phased investment that would be required to double the irrigated area of farmland within the next five years in coordination with the Palampur Agriculture University and the Rural Development Department. Reorient irrigation projects towards sprinkler and drip irrigation. Give priority to soil testing to advise farmers about optimal farming practices for raising high value crops including fruits, off-season vegetables and medicinal herbs. Raise the procurement rates of milk by Rs.2 per litre. Marketing Board to facilitate the setting up of convenient market yards which 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide incentive for resource mobilisation, give the concerned revenue collection departments one per cent of the additional tax collections made over and above their budget targets for the next financial year. This incentive amount would be used by the concerned departments for their infrastructure requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to build more commercial spaces, including vehicle parking spaces, so as to augment their resource base from lease and rental of such commercial space. Initiate a new scheme under which 50 per cent of the funds for construction of commercial complexes and parking places shall be provided by the State Government and the remaining 50 per cent expenditure shall be borne by the concerned local bodies. The income earned from these properties will go to the concerned local bodies. Provide connectivity to all Panchayats within the next year. Increase in honorarium for all categories of elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and (ULBs). Create a new Directorate of Energy.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-matric scholarships for poor students belonging to other backward classes (OBCs). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> can attract the bulk purchasers. Facilitate the setting up of state of the art cold stores in the private sector. To attract more information technology (IT) industries, set up IT parks-cum-townships through a competitive bidding process. 		
10. Jammu and Kashmir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce Health Care Insurance Scheme for artisans and craftsmen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The three per cent interest subsidy on working capital given to new industrial units to be made applicable to existing units as well for a period of two years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in the upper limit for State Insurance Fund and increase in the minimum monthly subscription from 6.25 per cent of salary or presumptive pay to 8.33 per cent of the pay including dearness allowance (DA). Introduce demat for stamps in order to have a scientific management of stamps. Provident Fund Act to apply to those enterprises that employ 10 workers and more. At present, it applies to those with 5 or more employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a view to scrutinise, review and revise the pace and quality of delivery of expenditure under centrally sponsored schemes (CSS), set up an institutional mechanism in the form of 'Oversight and Monitoring Committee' to monitor these programmes.
11. Jharkhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start a new promotional scheme to reduce the drop-out rates of children in the schools. Set up "Jharkhand Open School" on the lines of National Open School. Provide quality education to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start "Gokul Village Development" plan to provide better infrastructure facilities for milk collection and inputs storage. Extension of National Horticulture Mission to five more districts. Set up an IT park to develop IT 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitute a Bio gram to develop Jharkhand as a Bio State. Digital mapping of all the Districts under the police modernisation scheme.

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	<p>students of secondary schools of remote villages from trained faculties with the help of satellite connections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitute an "Inter University board" for better co-operation between the various universities. • Set up 12 new polytechnic institutes and 2 engineering colleges in the government sector. • Set up State Labour Institute in Ranchi. 	<p>infrastructure in the State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up Dairy Technology College and Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Research Institute. 		
12. Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private high schools started in the year 1993 and 1994 to be admitted to grants-in-aid. • Upgrade 37 ITIs. • Establish ITIs in 9 talukas, where there are no ITI's. • Facilitate higher education interest subsidy at the rate of 6 per cent per annum for college students from poor families. • Provide bicycles to all children studying in the 8th standard in the Government aided schools through the state except major cities. • Set up 'Skill Commission' to improve the skills of the youth for facilitating creation of 10 lakh jobs. • Set up 'Karnataka Knowledge and Higher Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Rs.1,000 for every family of small and marginal farmers, who are completely dependent on dry land farming, as a special measure for purchasing seeds, fertilisers and agricultural implements. • The farmers, weavers and fishermen to be given loans from co-operative societies at 3 per cent per annum rate of interest. • To facilitate improved water resources management and regulation in the state, establish Karnataka Water Resources Regulation Authority. • Establish an Agriculture University at Raichur and an Agriculture University with emphasis on horticulture at Bagalkot. 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form suitable legal framework for better management of ground water resources. • Pay monthly honorarium to 90,000 members of Gram Panchayaths. • Increase in untied grants provided to each Gram Panchayat from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.6 lakh. • Set up a new undertaking called the 'Karnataka Public Lands Corporation' to raise resources for development through sale or lease of valuable government land through a competitive process. • Constitute a special Task Force for the conservation of the flora and fauna of the Western Ghats. • Establishment of cyber kendras in all Gram Panchayaths.

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	<p>Commission' for improving the standard of higher education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide emergency health care with the help of fully equipped ambulances in every taluka, 'Arogya Kavacha' scheme will be started under PPP. Increase in financial assistance to girl children under the Bhagyalakshmi Scheme to Rs. One lakh. Set up 'State Child Development Academy' for the integrated development and welfare of children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the comprehensive development of agriculture and allied activities, set up a Karnataka Agriculture Mission. Develop Karwar port on PPP model. Establish Karnataka Maritime Board. Introduce air connectivity to all districts. New textile policy to be formulated with major focus on garments. Formulate new industrial policy. Based on natural endowments in the state, form separate industrial zones for steel, cement and textiles. Provide free electricity for irrigation pump sets of farmers. Promote production of organic manure and adoption of organic farming methods by farmers in at least 1,000 villages. Provide an assistance of Rs.2,000 to those families that adopt organic farming methods. In case of falling prices, use market intervention. Ensure remunerative prices by utilising a revolving fund of Rs.500 crore. Provide a cash incentive of Rs.2 per litre of milk sold by farmers to milk co-operative societies. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHGs to get financial support at 6 per cent rate of interest.

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13. Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension at the rate of Rs.250 to be paid to old age people below poverty line. Launch a health insurance scheme for all BPL families. Launch a scheme called the 'Kerala Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme', to be implemented on an experimental basis in Kollam and Apappuzha district. Create a welfare fund for farmers in the State. Implement the National Employment Guarantee Programme at the State level as a programme for rejuvenation of the agrarian sector. Integrated Watershed Development Programme to be implemented in association with the National Employment Guarantee Programme. Through this change, soil and water conservation in private lands of farmers can also be taken up under the National Employment Guarantee Programme. Strengthen 'Haritha Sree' programme through establishing 1,000 vegetable villages. Implement a comprehensive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a price stability scheme for the stability of agricultural produce. Other funds meant for the procurement of agricultural products will be integrated with this fund. Establish non-conventional energy products park. Implement a package for renovation and restructuring of Kerala State Road Transport Corporation. Take up modernisation and restructuring of the public sector units. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in pension of nearly one million workers in the unorganised sectors, working in all sectors like fisheries, coir, cashew, handloom, building construction, agricultural workers, etc., to Rs.200 per month. Prepare an amnesty scheme for disposing off arrears of all taxes collected by the Commercial Taxes Department. One per cent cess on sales taxes and VAT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance Department to be completely restructured on commercial lines. Prepare a special package for the northern region of Kerala considering the backwardness and the development potential of the region. Establish an institution on the lines of Bureau for Industrial Finance and Restructuring (BIFR) of the Government of India. One-time settlement to reduce non-performing assets of Kerala Finance Co-operation from 55 per cent of its total assets to 35 per cent and further to 10 per cent through increase in share capital. Expand the share capital base of Kerala State Financial Enterprises. Implement a comprehensive restructuring package for the Kerala Water Authority, by cleaning up its balance sheet to enable it to raise loans on a commercial basis. Restructuring Kerala Rural and Urban Development Finance Corporation as a financial agency

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	<p>insurance programme covering fishing crafts, implements and fishermen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earmark at least 10 per cent of the projects under the State Plan on projects which bring benefits to women directly. 			<p>for providing loans to local Government institutions. The agency will start functioning in 2008-09.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish Gender Board. Operationalise a welfare fund for NRIs. A system for gender-related statistics to be framed by Finance Department. Special statement on gender impact to be submitted to the legislature along with the Budget from next year.
14. Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct 254 girls' hostels and upgrade 448 middle schools to the high school level. Start "Colleges of Excellence" in the 38 educationally backward districts. Set up medical and nursing college with the participation of public. Launch scholarships for students belonging to the weaker sections. Start a scheme to improve health facilities in the tribal areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in rate of interest from 7 per cent to 5 per cent on short-term agriculture loans. Increase in the rate of grant from 10 per cent to 30 per cent on drip/sprinkler irrigation. Expansion of computerisation network to 64 agricultural <i>mandis</i> to provide updated information on agriculture commodities to farmers. Emphasis on developing State road network through PPP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitute a Pay Commission, which will submit its report by 31st December 2008. Start a contributory pension scheme for people working in unorganised sector. Set up a fund, which will work as a guarantee for the banks' education loans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitute a separate Directorate and conduct independent audit for panchayats in order to strengthen the Panchayati Raj System. Issue smart cards to achieve the target of cent per cent financial inclusion. Payment under various government schemes will directly be credited into the accounts through banks.

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15. Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct short-term skill upgradation training programmes for the unemployed youth and employment opportunities made available to them. • Construction of 10 lakh houses under various schemes to be completed in the next two years for low income group and middle income group families. • Put in place arrangement through single window system to enable such students to obtain educational loans from banks. Share the burden of interest on the educational loans availed by such students. 	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of a computerised budget distribution system aimed at improving the cash flow system.
16. Manipur	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a Bill to amend the Manipur Ceiling on Government Guarantees Act, 2004 to lay down the criteria to be fulfilled by institutions that seek to raise loans on the strength of the State Government guarantee. Set up Guarantee Redemption Fund and Consolidated Sinking Fund. • Cover the remaining 6 treasury offices during 2008-09 to automate the treasuries and render the budget formulation and expenditure control systems more effective. 	—

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17. Meghalaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide all uncovered, partially covered and water quality (iron) affected habitations with safe drinking water supply. • Mid Day Meals Programme, which presently covers all primary schools and also upper primary schools in 9 educationally backward blocks to be extended to cover all upper primary schools. • Provide better and specialised services in urban and rural health centres. Urban health facilities to be decentralised to have effective referral systems and decongest the secondary health institutions. • Pursue establishment of an Indian Institute of Information Technology at Shillong in PPP mode. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct a helipad at Upper Shillong; initiate the upgradation of Umroi airport. • Establish five new 'Horti-Hubs'. • Revitalisation of cooperative credit structure through appropriate infusion of capital, reform measures and use of IT. • Ensure availability of improved variety of livestock, establishment of new piggery and cattle farms, support services, professionalisation of veterinary services and generation of additional employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth. • Take steps towards setting up of an IT Estate at New Shillong under PPP. 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend financial assistance to support NGOs engaged in various welfare activities.
18. Mizoram	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS) to be implemented on 50:50 sharing pattern between the Government of India and the State Government. • Create a separate Department of Information Technology. 	—	—

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19. Nagaland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on improvement of infrastructure and augmentation of manpower, with the basic objectives of updating and modernising the health care delivery system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on improvement and construction of new roads in all the districts; construction of residential quarters for the district administration; creation of infrastructure in the small and medium towns, set aside more funds for land compensation so that major projects with funding from Central and external agencies can be taken up without any hindrances. Improvement of electricity transmission systems to improve load capacity and minimise transmission losses. 	—	—
20. Orissa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the quality of health service and health infrastructure. Development of School Education, Higher Education and Technical Education. Improvement in water supply and sanitation in urban and rural area. Optimum utilisation of resources and generating self-employment. A new housing programme for the poor people of rural areas who are deprived of Central assistance to avail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance capital investment for infrastructure development. Development and expansion of irrigation. Development of mineral-based industries in the State. Emphasis on extensive irrigation programme. Special provision for promotion of handicraft industries. 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of the incomplete projects by prioritising the outlay. Allocation of more funds for maintenance of Government buildings, roads and bridges and water supply projects, etc.

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	<p>benefit under Indira Awas Yojana.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on employment generation for un-employed youth. • Pre-matric scholarship is proposed to be increased. 			
21. Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of 'Punjab State Development Fund' to facilitate smooth flow of funds for activities in the field of education, health and social welfare. • Introduce Janshree Bima Yojana for providing an insurance cover of Rs.75,000 for accidental death and Rs.30,000 for natural death through LIC for the BPL families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High priority to energy sector with major thrust towards power generation and upgradation of transmission. • Revive loss-making Milk Unions with 50 per cent assistance from the State Government. • Irrigation Development Programme to aim at remodelling of existing canal systems, laying new minors, lining of old water channels and construction of new water channels as well as anti-flood and anti-water logging operations. • A new scheme for industrial infrastructure upgradation. 	—	—
22. Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop 22 Government and 12 private colleges as Centres of Excellence. • Upgrade 3,108 upper primary schools to secondary schools in 2008-09. Open secondary schools under PPP scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a financial empowerment scheme for BPL and other poor and marginal families. • Provide incentives to unemployed veterinary doctors and livestock assistants to open their own clinic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take up computerisation of treasuries. • Reduction in entertainment tax to 30%. • Stamp duty on movable properties abolished • Provide interest subsidy to all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up women hockey academy in Ajmer. • Establish State-wide Rajasthan State Wide Area Network (RAJSWAN). • Customised incentive package for private investment exceeding Rs.500

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	<p>in all the left out panchayats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide computer education in 6,608 secondary schools. • Provide free text books for all students of class I to VIII in 2008-09. • Incentivise Government schools to upgrade the level of education by providing Rs.50,000 to those government schools whose students get selected in National Talent Scholarship and Rs. 1 lakh to those schools whose students get selected in IIT, IIMs and AIIMS. • Provide insurance cover to 10 lakh students of government schools in all 33 district headquarters of the state from 2008-09. • 40 new ayurved hospitals, 7 new mobile ayurved units to be opened and 7 ayurved hospitals to be upgraded to "A" grade hospitals. • Set up a new Medical College at Bharatpur under PPP mode. • Establish ICUs in PPP mode in 9 district hospitals. • Eklaya scheme for training 2 lakh 8th grade pass SC/ST students under Rajasthan Mission on Livelihoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide road connectivity in all left out villages between populations of 250 to 499 in general areas and all villages in desert and tribal areas. • Start a new rail tourism service "Royal Rajasthan on wheels" on the lines of "Palace on Wheels" to meet the growing demands. • Increase the use of recycled water by taking up projects on build-operate-transfer (BOT) basis. • Provide an incentive of Rs.1,500 to all families covered under the health insurance scheme on opening a bank account enabled with the smart card in the name of female member of the family in order to enhance financial inclusion. 	<p>borrowers of cooperative societies which have not defaulted for more than 5 years.</p>	<p>crore in first three backward districts having no big projects.</p>

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State	Social	Economic	Fiscal	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start Chirayu scheme for old age homes under PPP mode. Abhinav Gharonda scheme for BPL families which will provide a self-owned house at Rs.10 per day. 			
23. Sikkim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch Mukhya Mantri Awas Yojana for construction of rural houses at the rate of Rs.3 lakh per house. Provide health insurance for two members of each of the BPL family. Start Sikkim Nirman project that would primarily concentrate on creating more income and employment opportunities in rural Sikkim. A High Level Commission to study and suggest reform measures for the schools. Take up with Delhi University and the Delhi administration to include Sikkim in the North Eastern States category for admissions into colleges and other facilities to students including hostel facilities. Provide an initial grant of Rs.50 lakh to the Sikkim University to undertake policy research exclusively on Sikkim. Provide school uniforms for school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a package of measures including transfer of farm technology, adoption of high yielding varieties, use of organic inputs, etc., to improve the level of productivity. Provide 100 green houses in each constituency for taking up cultivation of off-season vegetables. Distribute 50 cows per constituency during 2008-09. Provide funds for building new roads and maintaining old roads to various heritage and pilgrimage centres in the rural areas. 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary Action Fund of Rs.20 lakh to be created to be given to the NGOs bringing about changes and progress in any of the rural sectors. Setting up of a Media Development Fund of Rs.50 lakh in the State, which can be accessed by any accredited media persons in the State for undergoing training, skill building, attending conferences and workshops anywhere in India and abroad. Set up a High Level Committee led by the Chief Secretary to examine the issues related to the minimum wages for the media persons and also provisions thereof related to the Employees Provident Fund. Establishment of a full-fledged Institute of Capacity Building in the State.

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State	Social	Economic	Fiscal	Others
	<p>children upto Class VIII in schools located in remote areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake repairing and maintenance of primary schools in rural areas of all the four districts. • Induct a social-economic strategy to deal with the problems faced by the people who have remained on and alongside the river courses in the State. Provision of Rs.50 lakh as the River Course Development Project (RCDP) Fund. 			
24. Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade 100 middle schools to high schools and 100 high schools to higher secondary schools. • Provide computers to the remaining 100 Government higher secondary schools and 606 Government high schools. In addition, in the first phase, provide computers to 2,200 out of the 6,650 middle schools belonging to the Government and local bodies. • Provide totally free education in government and government-aided schools. • Establish five new engineering colleges through Anna Universities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disburse new crop loans to the tune of Rs.1,500 crore during 2008-09. Reduction in the rate of interest on crop loans from 5 per cent to 4 per cent. • Provide financial support to 25 lakh farmers to insure their crops. • Extension of precision farming which reduces consumption of water and at the same time increases agricultural production to all districts in the State under National Agriculture Development Programme. • Provide a subsidy of 25 per cent to farmers to purchase and use machinery 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the e-District programme for the computerisation of the District Collector's Office in 5 districts. e-governance to be introduced in the three main departments' viz., Food and Civil Supplies Department, Commercial Taxes Department and Treasury Department. • Waive all outstanding dues in respect of housing loans up to Rs.25,000, availed from Urban and Taluk Co-operative Housing Societies by people from economically weaker sections who are unable to repay them.

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State	Social	Economic	Fiscal	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish two new medical colleges. Establish a Centre for providing immediate medical care to people affected in large numbers during natural calamities and major accidents at Chennai with Central assistance. Construct 22,000 houses for low income groups, middle income groups and government servants in areas around the cities through Tamil Nadu Housing Board. 	<p>under the National Agriculture Development Programme. Entrepreneurs manufacturing agricultural machinery and equipments to be given necessary concessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 10,000 SHGs consisting of one lakh farmers who are availing crop loans from Primary Agricultural Co-operative Banks. These groups will be provided with Rs.10 crore of revolving fund through co-operative banks. Continue the scheme of providing free power to all farmers. Implement a new scheme by which 10,000 crossbred milch animals will be provided to women SHGs. This scheme will be taken up in 200 villages of the State suitable for milk production benefiting 5,000 women. Establish SEZs in the industrially backward areas of the State (a) Transport Engineering Goods, (b) Automobile and Auto spare parts, (c) Engineering goods and (d) Leather Sector. Install 90 new electrical sub-stations to improve power transmission 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 25,000 new SHGs with 4 lakh women as members during 2008-09. With a view to benefiting these SHGs by helping them engage in economic activity, provide them a revolving fund of Rs.150 crore.

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		<p>and distribution infrastructure in the State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Tamil Nadu Urban roads Development Project involving improvement in all roads in Municipal Corporations and Municipalities, pavements, storm water drainage and provision for laying pipes under them. • Construct a Circular High Speed Transportation Corridor over the banks of water courses in Chennai which will be connected to the Chennai Bypass Road. • Organise small traders into SHGs and provide them loans through co-operative banks. 		
25. Tripura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a Veterinary College. • Establishment of 376 new primary schools. • Upgradation of 118 primary schools to upper primary schools. • Provide free text books to about four lakh students of Class I to VIII. • Set up 3 new polytechnic institutes. • Establishment of 3 PHCs, 2 CHCs, 60 Health Sub-centres, 4 Ayurvedic Dispensaries and 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of market infrastructure for providing financial linkage to the growers and traders for agriculture produce. • Implement revamped scheme of Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme. Cluster Development Programme under State Bamboo Mission to be consolidated and extended further. • Expansion of fruit crop, winter 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rejuvenate State Land Use Board.

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State	Social	Economic	Fiscal	Others
	<p>Homeopathic Dispensaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of 2 Sub-divisional Hospitals. Establishment of 2 Trauma Centres. 	<p>vegetable, dry-land horticulture and agro-forest area; construction of water harvesting structure/ pond/ water bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover 10,224 farmers/growers under the programme of transfer of modern technology through training and publicity. Construction of 65 major and medium bridges and 125 slab/box culverts. 		
26. Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of hostels for girls and extension of Kasturba Gandhi Residential School for girls upto matric level. Extension of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme to all districts. Provide free education for about 450 children living in slum areas through PPP mode. Extension of Mid Day Meal scheme up to class VIII children. Ambulance service to be provided in all emergency cases under a PPP arrangement. Universal health scheme to be launched for all BPL families. Hospitalisation treatment upto Rs.30,000 and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A comprehensive Industrial Incentive Scheme, 2008 for promotion of industries in the hilly and remote areas. Constitute "Uttarakhand Infrastructure Development Corporation" to ensure speedy and effective completion of Government projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All treasuries in the state to be inter-connected for efficient fiscal and cash management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create PPP cell in the Planning Department for promoting private investments and better decision-making. Extend the coverage of gender budgeting to 20 Departments from 18 Departments.

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	<p>insurance amount of Rs.25,000 to be given in cases of accidental death of any member of the family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash-less medical reimbursement scheme through "Smart Cards" to be introduced for Government servants and pensioners. 			
27. Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 28 lakh new pensioners in the category of old age, widow and disability pension scheme. • Introduce National Health Insurance Scheme for workers in unorganised sector. • Establish a university for disabled persons on PPP basis. • National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to be implemented all over the State during 2008-09. • Provide houses to the homeless poor families. • Set up 2,500 new primary schools, 4,000 new senior primary schools and 15,000 additional classrooms for seating of children. • Under the alternative education programme for out of school children, open 3,900 education guarantee centers, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct eight-lane Ganga Expressway on PPP basis. • Construct four other important link expressways on PPP basis. • Develop infrastructure facilities of high class for Lucknow city on PPP basis. • A new scheme "Adarsh Nagar Yojana" has been introduced for small and medium towns with a population less than one lakh which have not been covered under the JNNURM for the development of urban infrastructure. • Start a scheme Dr. Ambedkar Dairy Self-Employment Scheme to promote milk production in the State. • Set up 6,500 new village industries in 2008-09 to generate employment opportunities for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waive off interest accumulated on agricultural bank loans of farmers in all the seven districts of Bundelkhand. • Provide interest-free loans under the "Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram Ji Urban Development Scheme" for developmental works of urban bodies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start "Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram Ji Shahri Samagra Vikas Yojana" for ensuring well-planned and all-round development of cities.

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	<p>5,000 'Vaikalpik Navachari Shiksha Kendras', 800 residential bridge courses and 2,000 non-residential bridge courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct 30 new Government girls' schools for expansion of girls' education in those unserved blocks where there is no girls high school/ inter-college. • Set up State Open School Board to provide secondary education to those children who drop education due to some or other reasons. • New schemes for development of infrastructure in seven autonomous engineering institutions of the State and for setting up of new Government polytechnics, construction of hostels therein and their strengthening with a view to encouraging technical education. • Develop Chhatrapati Sahuji Maharaj Medical University, Lucknow as a center of excellence. • Set up two new homoeopathic medical colleges in Gorakhpur and Aligarh. 	<p>52,000 persons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start drip irrigation system in the Bundelkhand region. • Five important priorities worked out for infrastructure development which included empowerment of farmers, growth of energy sector, urban regeneration, excellent transport system and road infrastructure of global standard with the maximum help of private investors. • Set up an Agriculture University in Bundelkhand region. 		

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State	Social	Economic	Fiscal	Others
28. West Bengal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Government to bear the cost of development of land distributed and construction of houses under the scheme of free distribution of land for cultivation and construction of house to poor farmers. Set up additional 1000 primary schools, 1,000 junior high schools and 200 junior high madrasa, 200 Sishu Siksha Kendras and 300 Madhyamik Siksha Kendras in areas where there is a concentration of minority communities. Upgrade additional 500 high schools to higher secondary schools and 100 madrasas to high madrasas. In order that the girl students coming from poor families are able to compete at secondary and higher secondary level education, introduce a scheme of payment of financial assistance at the rate of Rs.100 per month each to the girl students coming from poor families. Set up 22 new colleges with focus on employment-oriented education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up 20 bio-villages. Set up a new marketing corporation for procurement and supply of commodities at fair price through SHGs. Create a Special Assistance Fund of Rs.100 crore to impart job-oriented training and extend other necessary forms of assistance to land-losers from setting up of industries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline the procedure for payment of refund through necessary amendments in the West Bengal Value Added Tax Rules, 2005. Increase in Government's contribution in the existing provident fund scheme for landless agricultural labourers. Extend the scope of the Settlement Commission by bringing pending cases under the Central Sales Tax Act under its purview. Revised scheme of one-time settlement of disputes for all pending cases under the West Bengal Sales tax Act, 1994, Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 and other repealed Acts. Operationalise a facility for electronic payment of tax by dealers at their option. Reduction in the rate of luxury tax on hotels to promote tourism. 	—

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29. NCT Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board for development of all sub-standard areas. • Extend the schemes of uniform subsidy and cash payment for books to the students admitted under free-ship quota in non-governmental schools also. • Set up Delhi Knowledge Development Foundation to increase the opportunities for technical education through distance learning and continuing education. • Set up University of National Law. • Create Higher Education Scholarship Fund for providing scholarship to the students of socially and economically backward classes admitted in the institutions on merit-cum-means basis. • Introduce a pension scheme for the eminent literary personalities. • Enhance unemployment allowance to disabled persons from Rs.600 to Rs.1,000 per month w.e.f. April 2008. • Streamline the functioning of the different schemes of 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give subsidy of Re.1 per unit to domestic consumers consuming 150 and 200 units per month in off-peak and peak months respectively. • Increase the uniform subsidy for students from Rs.300 to Rs.500 per annum. • Enhance monthly pension for senior citizens and widows from Rs.600 to Rs.1,000 per month with effect from April 2008 under Old Age Pension Scheme. • Raise the State's share of Anganwadi workers from Rs.500 to Rs.1,000 per month so that the Anganwadi workers may get a total honorarium of Rs.2,500 per month. 	—

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	social welfare. Redefine the norms for 'social welfare entitlements' by increasing the income limits.			
30. Puducherry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen women and children hospital in order to ensure improvement of ante-natal, neo-natal and post-natal child care and to achieve 100 per cent institution deliveries. Organise training for women for better employment opportunities in call centres and BPO organisations. Reserve 3 per cent for the physically challenged persons in beneficiary-oriented schemes implemented by various departments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 'farmers' SHGs during the next financial year on the lines of SHGs for women. These SHGs will be involved in the production of horticulture produce through precision farming, rice cultivation by the system of rice intensification, organic farming, mushroom cultivation, apiculture, pisciculture, dairy and poultry farming and construction of rural godowns. Simplify procedures for issue of agriculture loans to enable the small and marginal farmers to get faster loans. Reduction in the rate of interest charged by Village Co-operative Agricultural Credit Societies for agricultural loan from 7 per cent to 4 per cent. Handicrafts production to be developed on the lines of 'One village one product' movement of Japan and other Asian countries. 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce e-tendering process in the Government to usher greater transparency. Implement e-governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions to bring transparency in administration. Create an exclusive 'Mission Directorate' by drawing technical personnel from various departments to implement the projects under JNNURM scheme. The Puducherry Planning Authority to be upgraded and renamed as the 'Puducherry Planning and Development Authority' to enable it to draw a Master Plan covering long-term development of urban areas of Puducherry.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give special attention to increase the incomes of the BPL families by implementing various income-generating schemes through departments like Agriculture and Animal Husbandry. • Establish Textile Park to create more employment opportunities. 		

Source : Budget Documents of the State Governments.