
Press Note-1

Important Schemes.

- The size for the Annual Development Plan for the year 2015-16 has been fixed at Rs.79,295.11 crore.
- The social sector has been accorded priority in the sector-wise allocation, under social services sector, allocation of Rs.38,484.15 crore has been made for the year 2015-16, which is 48.53% of total outlay.
- Grand celebration of 125th birth anniversary of Honourable Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution of the nation.
- A provision of more than Rs. 1900 Crore for various Cleanliness activities under Swachchta Mission.
- With a motto of Digital Gujarat for Digital India, there is an ambitious plan to provide Wi-Fi facilities in the districts and talukas on PPP basis, to create the facility of Digital Vault for the civilians and the institutions, to strengthen the State Resident Data Hub and to initiate novel programmes like Citizen Engagement Platform through social media.

Farmers Oriented Schemes

- Government had declared relief package of Rs.1,100 crore for the farmers, out of which, it was decided to offer the relief of special interest at the rate of two percentage on the crop finance taken by the farmers during the year 2014-15, for which, a provision of Rs. 350 crore is made for the current year and Rs.225 crore for the next year respectively.
- A plan of Rs.9000 crore for Sardar Sarovar Project. The works of sub-minor in the command area of 5 lakh hectare have been accelerated without acquiring the land of farmers, as per the new policy based on the spirit of participatory irrigation. For this, provision of Rs.2,151.14 crore.
- Provision of Rs.2,102 crore for the next year to continue the works of Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Sinchai Yojana (SAUNI Yojana) started last year.
with a provision of **Rs.1294 crore** and designed to usher in the second green revolution in the villages of Saurashtra,

- **Provision of Rs.465 crore** under the **drip irrigation** program. It has also been decided to give additional **10% subvention on the existing subvention provided to marginal farmers** to procure equipment for drip drop irrigation.

- To contain the possible side effects of widespread use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on soil fertility, human health and environment, the State Government has made a provision of **Rs. 10 crore** to implement the New Organic Farming policy so as to encourage the organic sustainable farming system under the inspiration of Hon. Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel.

- A provision of **Rs.60 crore** for providing the facility of irrigation by solar pumps to the farmers in the interior areas.

- The government has decided to create a **Gauchar Vikas Fund** for the development and maintenance of grass lands and thereby to ensure the supply of sufficient fodder for the animals. A provision of **Rs.100 crore** for the same.

- State Government has taken a historical decision in the field of cattle-health in the State. In partnership with the Dairy Unions, it is proposed to facilitate the establishment of **one veterinary dispensary centre per group of ten villages** in a phased manner. A provision of **Rs.15 crore** is made.

**Storage of Agriculture Produce and Market Management.**

- The State Government has launched a systematic program to enhance the storage capacity at Farm sector so as to enable farmers to avail of sustainable prices of the farm products and also to prevent the wastage of agri-produce. A provision of Rs. 73.72 Crore for the same.

- A provision of **Rs. 18.27 crore** is made to provide assistance to five Marketing Committees to establish **satellite centre** in distant areas to expand the coverage of agriculture produce marketing management as well as to provide the basic facilities to **newly-formed 26 APMCs**.
**Education.**

- Our government has introduced the ‘Chief Minister Scholarship Scheme’ allotting **Rs.200 crore** till date so that talented children belonging to poor and middle class families may not be deprived of the scope of higher education merely for want of finance only. It is proposed to create a corpus fund of **Rs. 1000 crore** within the next four years to expand this scheme. It is proposed to augment the Fund by **Rs 300 crore** in the coming year.

- With a view to providing free of cost education to the children of the poor in private public schools situated in the State; state is providing assistance of upto **Rs.10,000** per child towards the fees. It is now proposed to provide an additional amount of **Rs. 3000** per child for uniform, shoes, schoolbag and ancillary facilities to **43000** children. A provision of **Rs.55.82 crore** for the same.

- A provision of **Rs.20 crore** to start **new 10 Colleges in the Talukas not having a single college**, at talukas such as Liliya, Buraval, Gariadhar, Umanpada, Khambhaliya, Santalpur, Morva-Hadaf, Patdi and Kwant.

- A provision of **Rs. 55 crore** to establish a **new University in Saurashtra** and one new University to cater to the largely tribal areas in Panchmahals, Dahod, Chhota Udeper and Mahisagar districts.

- There is a plan to create a global level **Knowledge Hub at Chokari Village in the Padra taluka of Vadodara district.** Within this Knowledge Hub, institutions like Children University, Teacher's University, Sports University and Central University shall be rendering their services, with common infrastructure. An initial provision of **Rs.50 crore** has been made for the same. Further, an additional provision of **Rs.20 crore** is made for the same project under the Education Department and Sports Department.

**Extension of Public Health and Medical Services.**

- A proposal to expand the **Doodh Sanjivani Yojana** being implemented to prevent malnutrition in children of tribal talukas at present, **for beneficiaries of the Anganwadi program**, in all the tribal talukas with a provision of **Rs.182.55 crore**.

- A provision of **Rs.15 crore** for the establishment of **Transplantation and allied Science University.** In addition to this, **Public Health University** is also planned.
With a view to expanding the reach of the Medical Services available to the citizens, the State Government is keen to formulate a new policy for encouraging the private and voluntary organisations of this field, so that affordable services with high quality and high level are made available to the common man in the interior areas also. The State Government will formulate a new policy involving the NGO and PPP model in future to encourage Medical Colleges, Referral as well as Multi Speciality hospitals; and Diagnostic lab; and for equipping Voluntary organisations with high quality equipments.

- A provision of **Rs.1,128.50 crore** for development of five Medical Colleges, construction etc of new medical colleges at Vadnagar, Junagadh and Himmatnagar under Gujarat Medical Education and Research Society and Upgradation of Hospitals at Palanpur, Nadiad and Amreli.
- A provision of **Rs.5 crore** for the establishment of Cardiology Satellite Centres and Cath lab at Surat and Rajkot.
- A provision of **Rs.91.25 crore** for starting Tertiary Cancer Care in Government Medical Colleges at Rajkot and Vadodara.

**Development of the Deprived.**

- A provision of **Rs.50 crore** has been made for undertaking development programmes by various boards – corporations functioning in social justice and empowerment sector.
- The present rates of pre-metric scholarship for Std.1 to 10 will be increased to encourage school education;
  - It has been decided to increase the existing rate of monthly maintenance grant of Rs. 1000 per student to **Rs. 1500** to the Grant in aid organizations running Ashram shalas under Social justice and empowerment department and Tribal Development Department.

**National Swavalamban Scheme**

- Under National Swavalamban Scheme, it is proposed to make additional contribution of State Government, so that the persons saving Rs.2000
annually in the National Swavalamban Scheme would get a total of Rs.1500 in the Pension Fund by the Central and State Government.

- A provision of **Rs.5.13 Crore** for approximately One lakh women workers and helpers of Aganwadi.
- A provision of **Rs.25 crore** with the aim of covering about 5 lakh workers of the unorganised sector.
- A provision of **Rs.56.38 lac** for registered workers of the **Cottage Industry Sector**
- It is also planned to cover 3 lakh **women of Self Help Group** under this scheme.

**Addressing Local Issues.**

- A provision of **Rs.500 crore** for the resurfacing works of the roads in the areas of Municipalities and Corporations
- For the first time, a provision of **Rs. 100 crore for shifting the electricity poles** installed on roads in area within Municipality and Municipal Corporations.
- **Rs.50 crore** for deploying 1000 buses for the public transportation in Municipality and Corporation areas and a provision of **Rs.21.84 crore** has been made for filling up 1500 vacancies to resolve traffic problems.
- A provision of **Rs.50 crore** to avail the benefits of electricity supply based on **solar light** in the houses to the families scattered living in the rural area.
- Provision of **Rs.2 crore** for works of Jetty and ancillary works at villages MithiTalai and Vamleshwar of Bharuch district to provide necessary facility to the pilgrims undertaking Narmada Parikrama.

**Small and Cottage Industries**

- a provision of **Rs.562 crore for the augmentation of MSME sector**
- Government has come up with the **Start Up Scheme** with a view to support the young entrepreneurs of the state. The youth will be supported to develop their business idea, to receive **technical knowledge** and guidance and assistance. There has been a provision of **Rs.12.05 crore** for the same.
➢ It is planned to give further benefits to the weavers and handicraft women industrial cooperative societies. Presently, 5% of **regular rebate** is given on the articles sold by them, which will be increased to 15%, and the 10% of **special rebate** will be increased to 20%.

➢ A provision of **Rs.3.75 crore** for providing a notable raise in the **assistance provided to the workers working through the Khadi Institutions and Boards.** Such assistance will be meant for the weaving, spinning and assistance on the tools and machinery.

**New Infrastructure**

➢ A provision of **Rs. 40 Crore** for development of Dholera and Bechraji Mandal Special Investment Region.

➢ A provision of **Rs.10 crore** has been made for the formation of The **Island Development Authority**, which will contribute for the development, exploring the potential of tourism and security of the islands on the coastal line of the state.

➢ A primary provision of **Rs.10 crore** has been made for the proposed **Regional Rail Project**, connecting Ahmedabad with Kalol-Kadi, Sanand-Viramgam-Katosan Road, Naroda-Prantij, Barejadi-Mehmdabad. which will be carried out in the partnership of Rail Vikas Nigam, Government of India. The proposed project will connect totally 38 stations,

➢ A provision of **Rs.25 crore** for raising a permanent facility to hold **industrial exhibitions at the River Front in Ahmedabad.**

➢ A provision of Rs. 1100 Crore under Mukhyamantri Gruh yojana, There is a planning of about 2 lakh houses in next year. Provision of Rs. 871 crore for housing in Rural Areas.

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