

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INTERIM BUDGET
PRESENTED BY FINANCE MINISTER,
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Economic review of Maharashtra :

- Gross State Domestic Product growth in 2008-09 is 6.7 per cent.
- The inflation rate has slipped to 2.43 per cent.
- Revenue Deficit in 2008-09 expected Rs. 8,462.56 crore.

Agriculture

- For Dr.Punjabrao Deshmukh interest Relief Scheme, Rs.32.79 crore provision proposed.

Home

- Setting up of FORCE ONE on the lines of the National Security Guards.
- Due to terrorist attack on Mumbai, an additional amount of Rs.126 crore made available in 2008-09 for modernisation of police force.
- 11,021 posts were created in the police force in various cadre in 2008-09.

Industry

- Under the Package Scheme of Incentives, grant of Rs.1,696.64 crore has been sanctioned during the year 2004-05 to 2008-09.
- MIHAN project at Nagpur with an investment of Rs. 5,000 crore is being developed by Maharashtra Airport Development Company.

Energy

- An outlay of Rs. 163 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10 for infrastructure development in the energy sector.
- An outlay of Rs. 164.33 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10 to minimise load shedding in the State.
- For co-generation electricity project an outlay of Rs.11.67 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10.

School Education and Sports

- An outlay of Rs. 134.16 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10 for Sarvashiksha Abhiyan.

Minority Development

- An amount of Rs. 167.62 crore made available during 2008-09 for the overall development of minorities in the State.

Employment Guarantee Scheme

- An expenditure of Rs. 523.59 crore has been incurred upto December, 2008 under Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Road Development

- Four laning of 619 kilometer length of National Highway is completed and four laning of 717 kilometer is in progress.

Health

- A provision of Rs. 12.84 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10 for upgradation of Medical Colleges.
- An expenditure of Rs.26.13 crore has incurred for purchase of new MRI machine at Medical Colleges, Nagpur, Aurangabad, Latur and Pune.

Relief for Natural Calamities

- During the last two years, an amount of Rs. 1,363.36 crore has been sanctioned as subsidy to compensate loss suffered by Paddy, Cotton, Soyabean, Orange, Sweet Lime, Mango Grower due to natural calamities.
- Reduced in price of onion an amount of Rs. 80 crore has been sanctioned as subsidy during the year 2008-09.
- For providing irrigation facilities in the six district of Vidarbha Region, an expenditure of Rs. 1,690 crore has been incurred during last two years, creating an irrigation potential of 89,000 hectares.

Rural Development

- A provision of Rs. 2,132.72 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10 for the irrigation.

- An outlay of Rs. 23.68 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10 for Indira Awas Yojana.

Water Supply

- During 2008-09 water facility was provided to 14,203 villages and wadis.

Tribal Development

- During last five years Rs. 12,920.91 crore have been provided for the development scheme of Scheduled Casts, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

Women Development

- A provision of Rs. 13.86 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10 for the difference interest burden for womens self help groups.

Urban Development

- An outlay of Rs. 400 crore has been proposed in the interim budget 2009-10 for urban infrastructure development.

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