

Uttar Pradesh Budget

2008-2009

Salient features

of

the budget

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BUDGET 2008-2009 At A GLANCE

(In Crore Rupees)

Item	Budget Estimates 2007-2008	Revised Estimates 2007-2008	Budget Estimates 2008-2009
1	2	3	4
Opening Balance	* 5481.47	* 5481.47	3364.30
1-Consolidated fund			
(1) Receipts			
(a) Revenue Receipts	74017.70	76565.48	85806.35
(b) Capital Receipts-			
(i) Receipts from Loans	# 25083.60	9592.48	# 24432.63
(ii) Recovery of Loans and advances	607.99	524.36	588.89
Total, (b) Capital Receipts	25691.59	10116.84	25021.52
Total, Receipts	99709.29	86682.32	110827.87
2-Expenditure			
(a) Revenue Expenditure	67871.38	67550.73	74828.67
(b) Capital Expenditure-			
(i) Capital outlay	18429.67	18995.44	22554.10
(ii) Repayment of loans	# 13801.02	3801.02	# 14378.57
(iii) Loans and advances	809.34	827.34	711.38
Total,(b) Capital Expenditure	33040.03	23623.80	37644.05
Total , Expenditure	100911.41	91174.53	112472.72
Deficit(-) / Surplus(+) of Consolidated fund	(-) 1202.12	(-) 4492.21	(-) 1644.85
2- Contingency Fund (net)	0.00	9.94	—
3-Public Account (net)	1823.08	2365.10	3475.60
Net Result of All Transactions	620.96	(-) 2117.17	1830.75
Closing Balance	6102.43	3364.30	5195.05

* As per RBI figures.

This includes Rs. 10,000.00 crore given by RBI in shape of advance for economic measures in the budget estimates for 2007-2008 and the budget estimates for 2008-2009.

Budget for Financial Year 2008-09
Salient Features

- Budgetary provision for 2008-09 is of the size of Rs. 112472.72 crore, up by 11 per cent over the budget of last year.
- 212 new schemes involving Rs. 12801.18 crore proposed in the budget of 2008-09. The budgetary provision made for these schemes is 44 per cent more than the provision made in the last year budget.
- Giving priority to infrastructure development in the State, an outlay of Rs. 22554.10 crore has been made under the capital head, up by 22 per cent over the last year.
- The year 2008-09 is the second year of the 11th Five-Year Plan. A provision of Rs. 38568.35 crore has been made under the plan schemes for balanced socio-economic development of the State. This provision is 25 per cent more than the provision made in budget of 2007-08.
- A revenue surplus of Rs. 10977.68 crore is estimated in the 2008-09 budget, showing an increase of Rs. 4831.36 crore over the estimated revenue surplus of Rs. 6146.32 crore in the 2007-08 budget.
- The fiscal deficit is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 11698.91 crore, which is Rs. 785.79 crore less than the fiscal deficit estimated in the Budget Estimates of 2007-08.
- The estimated fiscal deficit as a percentage of the Gross State Domestic Product is only 2.98 per cent in the 2008-09 budget, while it was 3.60 per cent in 2007-08.
- Besides, ensuring adequate and balanced allocation of resources for developmental schemes in the budget, effective supervision and financial discipline will be maintained.

Budget estimates of 2008-09

Receipts

- Total receipts of Rs. 110827.87 crore are estimated in 2008-09.
- Total receipts include Rs. 85806.35 crore by way of revenue receipts and 25021.52 crore by way of capital receipts.
- The share of tax revenue in revenue receipts during 2008-09 is to the tune of Rs. 67019.10 crore. This includes Rs. 34706.10 crore as State's share in the Central taxes.

Expenditure

- A total expenditure of Rs. 112472.72 crore is estimated in the year 2008-09.
- The total expenditure includes Rs. 74828.67 crore in shape of revenue expenditure and Rs. 37644.05 crore in shape of capital expenditure.
- A plan expenditure of Rs. 38568.35 crore is estimated in the 2008-09 budget.

Consolidated Fund

- Deficit is of the order of Rs. 1644.85 crore in the year 2008-09 after subtracting total expenditure from the receipts of consolidated fund.

Adjustment from Public Account

- To make over the deficit of consolidated fund in 2008-09, Rs. 3475.60 crore is to be adjusted from the Public Account.

Net Result of all Transactions

- The Net Result of all Transactions in 2008-09 is estimated at Rs. 1830.75 crore.

Closing Balance

- A Closing Balance of Rs. 5195.05 crore is estimated in 2008-09 after taking the opening balance of Rs. 3364.30 crore into account.

- Important decision to introduce a new middle-path pragmatic and realistic economic policy in the State to meet the challenge of including each and every section of the society in the mainstream of development.
- Keeping in view the limited resources of the Government, 'Public-Private Partnership' has been made an inseparable part of the new economy policy in the backdrop of its being essential to take advantage of capital investment and skill of private sector in the sphere of development.
- The reservation policy of the State Government will be continued accordingly also in those Government sectors and enterprises which will be developed on the basis of Public-Private Partnership.

Main Schemes and Programmes included in the 2008-09 Budget

Social Security

- The State Government is highly conscious and sensitive towards welfare of poor, backwards and weaker sections of the society. Destitute widows, old persons and disabled persons come under the weakest sections. For their welfare, the Government give pension. Now the income limit for eligibility of these pensions has been raised and fixed at the level of poverty line and all the eligible persons are being covered under the scheme. Subsequently, about 28 lakh more people will be covered under the scheme.
- For this purpose, an additional provision of Rs. 961 crore is proposed in the financial year 2008-09.
- National Health Insurance Scheme is being introduced for workers in unorganized sector. An amount of Rs. 15 crore is proposed for their purpose.

Infrastructure

- Top most priority accorded to capital formation and infrastructure for achieving desired increase in growth rate.
- Decision to construct on P.P.P. basis, eight-lane Ganga Express-way from Ballia to NOIDA on the left bank of the Ganga river at an expenditure of Rs. 40,000 crore through private capital investment.
- The State Government has also formulated a new and liberal rehabilitation policy for this project, under which the developer will meet all the expenditure.
- The Express-way will generate new opportunities of development in whole State, especially in central and eastern Uttar Pradesh.

- This ambitious project will be implemented by the developer fully through its own resources.
- Four other important link Express-ways, from Ghaziabad to Saharanpur-Mohanda, from Jhansi to Kanpur-Lucknow-Gorakhpur-Kushinagar, from Agra to Kanpur and from Bijnore to Moradabad-Fatehgarh, will also be constructed on P.P.P. model.
- The Government is considering the Taj International Airport and Aviation Hub.
- Several new schemes are being started for construction of roads and bridges, for which a provision of Rs. 2498 crore is proposed.
- A provision of Rs. 538 crore for new irrigation schemes to be launched.
- To increase availability of electricity, a provision of Rs. 10330 crore is proposed for power projects, which is 12 per cent more than the provision made in 2007-08.
- Out of this provision, Rs. 3906 crore has been earmarked for new projects.
- A proposal of Rs. 2341 crore has been made for strengthening distribution network and another Rs. 429 crore for transmission network.
- A proposal of Rs. 1136 crore has been made for power generation projects.

Rural Infrastructure

- A provision of Rs. 1000 crore has been made in the budget for construction of C.C. roads and K.C. drains in place of brick-paved roads and drains in the Gram Sabhas selected under the 'Dr. Ambedkar Gramin Samagra Vikas Yojana'.
- It is proposed to construct rural roads at an expenditure of Rs. 2246 crore in 2008-09 under the Prime Minister Rural Road Scheme. This will help link 2376 settlements with all-weather roads.
- A provision of Rs. 1080 crore for construction of rural link roads. This will be spent on construction of 3500 km long pucca link roads to connect 1000 villages.
- A proposal of Rs. 1206 crore for saturating 3800 Gram Sabhas selected under the 'Dr. Ambedkar Gramin Samagra Vikas Yojana' with link roads. This amount will be spent on construction of pucca link roads in a total length of 4000 kms.
- A budgetary provision of Rs. 150 crore under the Special Component Plan for construction and renovation of dilapidated and highly damaged roads in villages. The amount is proposed to be spent on re-construction and renovation of rural roads in a total length of 4500 kms.
- Incomplete rural electrification works in 3800 Gram Sabhas will be completed as a part of rural electrification programme under the

second phase of 'Dr. Ambedkar Gramin Samagra Vikas Yojana' in 2008-09 with an expenditure of Rs. 237 crore. These Gram Sabhas are proposed to be fully saturated by March 2009.

- A budgetary provision of Rs. 200 crore has been made in 2008-09 under the Mahamaya Housing Scheme.
- A proposal of Rs. 200 crore by way of State's share under the Indira Housing Scheme to provide dwelling units to poor and homeless families in rural areas.
- The work of constructing, strengthening and renovation of a pond/reservoir is being carried out in every Gram Panchayat under the model reservoir scheme. For this purpose a provision of Rs. 25 crore has been made in the budget.

Urban Infrastructure

- A lump sum provision of Rs. 500 crore has been made for housing, drinking water, water drainage, sewerage, health, employment, electrification, sanitation and other works under the 'Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram Ji Shahri Samagra Vikas Yojana'.
- Works on P.P.P. model will be carried out for developing infrastructure facilities of high class for Lucknow city.
- A provision of Rs. 200 crore has been made for implementation of those schemes, implementation of which is not possible on P.P.P. model.

Medical and Health

- A provision of Rs. 383 crore is proposed for construction of PHCs and CHCs in 2008-09, out of which Rs. 55 crore is proposed to be spent in the areas predominantly inhabited by scheduled castes.
- A provision of Rs. 200 crore for construction of sub-centres for the year 2008-09, out of which Rs. 25 crore will be utilized in the SC-dominated areas.
- A provision of Rs. 235 crore by way of State's share has been made for promoting health facilities, family welfare and maternal care services in rural areas under the National Rural Health Mission.
- A provision of about Rs. 694 crore has been made for medical colleges being constructed in various districts. Out of this amount, provision of Rs. 624 crore has been made under the special component plan.

Educational Institutions

- The budget also proposes construction of 2500 new primary schools, 4000 new senior primary schools and 15000 additional classrooms for seating of children.

- It is proposed to get constructed 30 new Government girls schools for expansion of girls' education in those unserved blocks where there is no girls high school/inter college.
- It is proposed to set up the State Open School Board to provide quality education of secondary standard to those children who drop education due to some or other reasons.
- New schemes of Rs. 46 crore are proposed for setting up of new Government polytechnics, construction of hostels therein and their strengthening with a view to encouraging technical education.
- New schemes of Rs. 25 crore are proposed for development of infrastructure in seven autonomous engineering institutions of the State.
- A provision of Rs. 36 crore for establishing two engineering colleges and 12 I.T. polytechnics under the special component plan. Out of them, one I.T. polytechnic will be established in Bundelkhand region.
- New schemes of Rs. 195 crore are proposed for setting up of Agriculture Universities and degree colleges, their strengthening and implementation of research projects/programmes.

Employment Schemes

- Target to set up about 1.10 lakh units under the first phase of the Dr. Ambedkar Dairy Self-Employment Scheme. Provision of Rs. 200 crore for this purpose.
- Target to produce 61 crore meters of handloom cloth for providing employment to 30000 weavers.
- Target to set up 6500 new village industries in 2008-09. This will generate employment opportunities for 52000 persons.
- Target to generate employment opportunities for 39600 persons by setting up 2200 units under the rural industry employment generation scheme (margin money).
- Action is on to fill 88000 vacancies of teachers in primary schools.

Development of Bundelkhand

- Decision to waive off interest accumulated on agricultural bank loans of farmers in all the seven districts of Bundelkhand. An expenditure of Rs. 300 crore is estimated to be incurred on it.
- A provision of Rs. 100 crore made in the budget for this purpose. If needed, additional amount will also be provided in future.
- Decision taken to implement drip irrigation system in Bundelkhand region. Under this system minimum water is utilized for irrigation through sprinklers and drips.
- It is planned to install these instruments at government expenses for promoting this system of irrigation among the small and

marginal farmers of 'Sarva Samaj' and also the farmers belonging to Scheduled Castes/Tribes.

- A subsidy at the rate of 75 per cent will be admissible on purchase of these instruments to the farmers belonging to other categories.
- A provision of Rs. 100 crore has been made initially for this scheme in the budget.
- Rs. 40 crore is to be spent on constructing tube wells to meet the shortage of water in canals in Bundelkhand region.
- Weather Insurance scheme will be implemented for agriculture in Bundelkhand region.
- An Agriculture University is proposed to be set up at a cost of Rs. 100 crore in Bundelkhand region.
- Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Medical College in Banda and Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram Ji Paramedical Training College in Jhansi are being constructed at a cost of Rs. 350 crore in Bundelkhand region.
- Provision of Rs. 100 crore for capital intensive works in Bundelkhand and other drought affected areas of the state.
- A provision of Rs. 330 crore for various works under the special schemes of Purvanchal and Bundelkhand regions.
- A special scheme for all round development of Purvanchal and Bundelkhand region, provision of Rs. 150 crore for this purpose.
- A provision of Rs. 700 crore in the budget for the programme fed under the backward area grant fund. The districts of Bundelkhand region will also be provided funds under it.

Law and Order

- The State Government has established the rule of law by creating injustice-free, crime-free and fear-free atmosphere in the state.
- Special drive against the elements creating disorder and anarchy in society, resulting in a perceptible dip of 22 per cent in dacoities, 43.3 per cent in loots, 19.1 per cent in murders, 20.7 per cent in riots, 25 per cent in road hold-ups and 42.3 per cent in kidnapping for ransom as compared to last year..
- The cases of atrocities on Scheduled Castes/Tribes went down by 10.85 per cent.
- Incentive allowance at the rate of 30 per cent of basic pay sanctioned to class-IV employees appointed in Police and PAC and posted in Naxal-Affected districts, as is admissible to other employees.
- Guidelines issued to curb Mafia activities effectively.
- Obtaining NOC and character certificate from DM/SP has been made compulsory for sanction of contracts and tenders involving works of Rs. 2 lakh or more.

- Ex-gratia payment amounting to Rs. 1.72 crore sanctioned to the dependents of 29 police personnel died in harness during discharge of hazardous duty. Similarly, financial assistance of about Rs. 6 lakh sanctioned to 18 personnel sustaining severe injuries during duties of such nature.
- A provision of Rs. 286 crore for modernization of police force and construction works.

Commercial Tax

- Value Added Tax System (VAT) comes into force from January 1, 2008 for benefit of all including consumers, farmers, traders and industries.
- To benefit the farmers, the rate of tax on agricultural inputs like water pump, tractor, harvester, thrasher, chemical fertilizers and pesticides reduced to 4 per cent. Similarly, all types of seeds and coarse grains like Jwar, Bajra, Makka, Jau, etc. have been exempted from tax.
- Tax rates fixed at the rate of 4 per cent in place of 10 per cent on kerosene oil under the public distribution system. Similarly, tax rates at the rate of 4 per cent in place of 8 per cent fixed on all types of milk products, medicines, cycles and match-boxes. This will give much relief to common people.
- For promoting industries, provision has been made to refund or adjust the tax paid on capital goods and refund and adjustment of tax paid on raw material.
- Tax liability on export/inter-state sale has been abolished. Rate of tax on Information Technology reduced to 4 per cent to give fillip to industries.
- To keep small traders out of tax purview, the registration limit of Rs. 2/3 lakh has been raised to Rs. 5 lakh. Tax exemption forms 3 Ka, 3 Kha, 3 Ga and 3 Gha abolished.
- A separate registering authority constituted for registration. The ceiling of sale amount in respect of the traders paying monthly tax and submitting blue print (Naksha) has been raised from Rs. 10 lakh to one crore rupees. Now, traders in a lesser number will have to submit monthly blue print (Naksha).
- Provision of registering prosecution against traders has been done away with.

Transport

- Facility center, 'Mayur Classic', constructed with the participation of private sector is starting for Transport Corporation.
- Operation of CNG buses started in NOIDA, Kanpur and Lucknow.

- Arrangements of newspapers, mineral water, television and film shows made in fast A.C. buses of 'Shatabdi' category plying between major cities.

Rural Development

- Top most priority accorded to employment generation under different schemes being implemented for all-round development of rural areas.
- Employment will also be provided under the Dr. Ambedkar Special Employment Scheme to the families subsisting slightly above the poverty line.
- Houses will be provided to the homeless poor families.
- The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, currently under implementation in 39 districts, will be implemented all over the State in the year 2008-09. A provision of Rs. 300 crore as the State's share for this scheme in this financial year.
- A provision of Rs. 630 crore in the budget for Legislature Area Development Fund Scheme.
- A Provision of Rs. 20 crore made in the budget for construction of community halls in the villages predominantly inhabited by scheduled castes.

Agriculture

- Target to produce 497 lakh tonnes of food-grains in 2008-09. This includes 172 lakh tonnes in Kharif and 325 lakh tonnes in Rabi. Besides, it is also targeted to produce 12 lakh tonnes of oil seeds.
- A provision of Rs. 283 crore has been made to implement the National Agriculture Development Scheme to achieve desired growth rate in agriculture sector in encourage public investment in agriculture and allied sectors to increase crop, productivity and ensure increase in farmers income during 11th Five-Year Plan period.
- It is also targeted to treat 7 lakh hectares of land and generate 7.25 crore mandays of employment in next five years under the Rs. 890 - crore multi-faceted farmers' interest scheme being implemented during the 11th Five-Year Plan for making problem-afflicted land fertile in all the districts of the State. A provision of Rs. 170 crore for this in the budget.

Agriculture Education and Research

- Keeping in view stagnation in agriculture production and productivity in the State, a provision of Rs. 290 crore has been

made for making agriculture education, research and extension more effective.

- New educational curricula will be started in the field of agriculture education, besides strengthening facilities of infrastructure relating to agriculture education, research and extension in agriculture universities and the U.P. Council of Agriculture Research.
- New degree colleges and research centers will be established under the agriculture universities in the State and new subjects like basic science, agri-business management, home science, horticulture, I.T. and Food Processing, Veterinary science, dairy technology, etc.

Panchayati Raj

- C.C. roads and K.C. drains will be constructed in place of brick-paved roads and drains in the Gram Sabhas selected under the Dr. Ambedkar Gramin Samagra Vikas Yojana.
- It is proposed to construct about 30400 km long C.C. roads and 45600 km long K.C. drains in 3800 Gram Sabhas during 2008-09. A provision of Rs. 1000 crore has been made for this purpose in the budget.
- An amount of Rs. 138 crore is proposed to be spent under the rural sanitation programme on construction of individuals toilets for 10 lakh beneficiaries subsisting below the poverty line and one lakh beneficiaries subsisting above the poverty line.
- Target to construct 4000 Panchayat Bhawans in 2008-09, provision of Rs. 114 crore for this purpose.

Cooperatives

- For implementing the revival package prepared on the basis of the recommendations made by the Prof. Vaidyanath committee for reviving the structure of cooperative loan and making it economically viable, an agreement signed between the state government and Central Government/NABARD.
- Under the package, subsidy is to be given for doing away with the losses of cooperative banks and societies, besides effecting institutional reform in cooperative loan structure. A provision of Rs. 150 crore made in the budget for this purpose.

Cane Development and Sugar Industry

- The government accords top most priority to ensure payment of cane price arrears of cane growers at the earliest.
- Stringent steps taken against the Sugar mills for their lackadaisical approach towards payment of cane price and FIRs registered against them under IPC and Essential Commodities Act. Action is

under way to make mill owners tenant of their mills in order to making them directly accountable.

- In all, 133 sugar mills were operational in 2006-07. Nine new sugar mills are going to start crushing operation for the first time in the current crushing season, 2007-08. Thus, the number of total operational sugar mills has gone up from 133 to 142.

Minor Irrigation

- A provision of Rs. 83 crore under the Free Boring Programme, target to carry out two lakh free borings.
- Target to construct 400 tube wells under the Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Tube Well Scheme in the difficult and deep strata areas. A provision of Rs. 17 crore made for the purpose.
- A provision of Rs. 4.30 crore for construction of 200 deep tube wells under the Dr. Ambedkar Community Tube Well Scheme. Proposal to construct and deepen 198 community blast wells in Mahoba district.
- Works proposed under the minor irrigation for 2400 deep tube-wells, 4706 medium deep 11 borings, 192 in-well borings, 400 blast wells deepening of blast wells, 100 surface pump-sets, 100 artisan wells and 88 check dams.

Land development and water Resource

- Target to carry out works in an area of 1.14 lakh hectares under command area development programme.
- 54 lakh man days of employment is estimated to be generated during 2008-09, in which about 11 lakh man days are included for Scheduled Castes/Tribes.
- A provision of Rs. 20 crore under the drought intensive area programme for treating an area of 1.12 lakh hectares.

Infrastructure and Industrial Development

- A separate Infrastructure Development Department has been constituted to provide basic facilities, encourage large scale projects and ensure their proper monitoring with a view to ensure accelerated development of infrastructure projects.
- Five very important priorities worked out for infrastructure development. These include empowerment of farmers, growth of energy sector, urban regeneration, excellent transport system and road infrastructure of global standard.
- For development of infrastructure with the maximum help of private investors, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Policy passed, under which new projects started arriving.
- The U.P. Special Economic Zone (Amended) Policy-2007 has come into force by amending the Special Economic Zone Policy. Under it,

decision taken to give priority to transparency and competition in selection of developers with a view to ward off forcible acquisition of farmers' land.

- A provision of Rs. 150 crore in the budget for encouraging industrial units investing Rs. 100 crore and above in the state.

Energy

- Action started to generate an additional power generation capacity of 10,500 MW in Public, Private and Joint Sectors during the 11th Five Year Plan.
- Target fixed for curbing commercial and technical losses in the power distribution system and increasing revenue recovery in 2008-09.
- Special stress on implementing special technological devices like double metering and automated meter reading in phases.
- A provision of Rs. 10,330 crore proposed for power projects in 2008-09, up by 12 per cent over the provision made last year.
- An amount of Rs. 2,341 crore proposed for strengthening distribution network and increasing power availability.
- A provision of Rs. 429 crore for strengthening of transmission network.
- Provision of Rs. 1136 crore for starting new power generation projects in 2008-09.

Roads and Bridges

- A provision of 6,347 crore for construction, strengthening and maintenance of roads and bridges in 2008-09.
- A provision of Rs. 1095 crore for widening and strengthening of roads. The amount will be spent on widening and strengthening of 1800 Km. long roads.
- A provision of Rs. 175 crore is also included in the Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram ji Shahri Samagra Vikas Yojna for improvement and reconstruction of Urban roads.
- A provision of Rs. 470 crore in 2008-09 under the World Bank aided State Road Project Scheme for widening and strengthening of 600 km long roads.
- A provision of Rs. 1239 crore for proper maintenance of road network in the State. The amount is to be spent on making 25000 km long roads patch-less.
- A provision of Rs. 575 crore for construction of bridges and railway over-bridges. Of this amount, Rs. 425 crore will be spent on construction of bridges across rivers and big nullahs.

Irrigation

- Special thrust on the programme of running canals up to tale by carrying out their de-silting.
- A provision of Rs. 3789 crore in the budget for irrigation works, up by 15 per cent as compared to last year.
- A provision of about Rs. 180 crore made in the budget for revival, modernization and new construction of Government tube-wells.
- A provision of Rs. 370 crore in the budget for the schemes pertaining to flood control and water drainage.

Urban Development

- The Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram Ji Shahri Samagra Vikas Yojana is being started for ensuring well-planned and all-round development of cities. For this purpose, a lump sum provision of Rs. 500 crore made in the budget.
- The Integrated Housing and slum development scheme is under implementation to provide better housing facilities to the people living in urban slums. For this purpose, a proposal of Rs. 242 crore made in the budget.
- A provision of Rs. 200 crore made in the budget for interest-free loan under the Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram Ji Urban Development Scheme for developmental works of urban bodies.
- A budgetary provision of about Rs. 176 crore for drinking water and water drainage works in 2008-09.
- A provision of Rs. 100 crore in the budget for development of infrastructure facilities under the Adarsh Nagar Yojana in the cities which have not been covered under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission and the urban infrastructure development scheme for small and medium towns, and population of which is less than one lakh.

Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation Programme

- Target to generate 20000 self-employments, impart training to 35000 individuals and constituting 77 'Dawakua' groups. Besides, it is also targeted to generate 6.50 lakh mandays of employment under the urban wages scheme.

Handloom and Textile

- Target to provide employment to 30000 weavers and produce 61 crore meters of handloom cloth in 2008-09.
- Under the health insurance scheme for weavers, three lakh weavers are to be benefited.

- A provision of Rs. 15 crore in the budget for integrated handloom development scheme.

Khadi and Village Industries

- Target to establish 6500 new village industrial units, providing employment to 52000 individuals. Out of these units, 1100 will be set up for the beneficiaries of Scheduled Castes/Tribes, providing employment to about 8800 individuals of these categories.
- Target to provide employment to 39,600 individuals by setting up 2,200 units under the rural industry employment generation scheme (margin money).
- Under the scheme, 280 new units will be set up with an investment of about Rs. 14 crore for the beneficiaries of Scheduled Castes, providing employment to about 6000 individuals.

Medical, Health and Family Welfare

- A budgetary provision of Rs. 5626 crore for medical and health, showing an increase of 20 per cent over the last year. Besides, an amount of Rs. 1330 crore, to be received from the Central Government under the National Rural Health Mission, will also be available.
- A provision of Rs. 234 crore under the head of drugs and chemicals, which is 37 per cent more than the last year.
- The 100-bed hospitals being constructed in Kaushambi, JP Nagar, Tarwan (Azamgarh) and Sirauli Ghauspur (Barabanki) will be completed in 2008-09.
- A provision of Rs. 383 crore for construction of PHCs and CHCs.
- Sub-health centers will be constructed under a proposed provision of Rs. 200 crore in 2008-09. Out of this amount, Rs. 25 crore is meant for construction of these centers in the areas predominantly inhabited by Scheduled Castes.
- A provision of about Rs. 235 crore is mooted by way of state's share under the National Rural Health Mission.

Medical Education

- Decision to develop the Chhatrapati Sahuji Maharaj Medical University, Lucknow as a center of excellence. An expenditure of Rs. 447 crore is estimated under this head in the next five years.
- A proposal of Rs. 453 crore for Government Medical Colleges under construction in Ambedkar Nagar, Saharanpur and Banda.
- The buildings of Medical College under construction in Azamgarh, Orai (Jalaun) and Kannauj and as also of Paramedical College in Jhansi will be completed at the earliest.

- Two new homoeopathic medical colleges are being set up in Gorakhpur and Aligarh.

Primary Education

- The Government is committed to make available basic facilities in Government schools. A provision of Rs. 40 crore in the budget for repairing of school buildings.
- Target to construct about 85000 school toilets.
- Proposal to construct boundary-wall around about 9000 board schools in Ambedkar villages. Arrangements are being made for furniture and starting programme of computer education in senior primary schools.
- Digital photography of students from class 1 to 8 is being carried out to make the process of distributing scholarship transparent.
- Target to get constructed boundary-walls and carried out electrification under the Education for All Campaign in the school lacking in these facilities.
- It is proposed to get constructed 2500 new primary schools, 4000 new senior primary schools and 15000 additional classrooms for seating of children in 2008-09.
- Under the alternative education programme for out of school children, it is proposed to open 3900 education guarantee centers, 5000 'Vaikalpik Navachari Shiksha Kendras', 800 residential bridge courses and 2000 non-residential bridge courses.

Secondary Education

- A provision of Rs. 13.50 crore made in the budget for construction, expansion, electrification, land/building purchase for Government Senior Secondary Schools.
- It is proposed to open 30 new Government Girls Schools in the unserved blocks where there is no girls high school/inter college at present.
- 11 schools are proposed to be upgraded under the scheme of upgrading government high schools to inter level with a view to easily providing educational facilities up to intermediate level to boys and girls.

Higher Education

- Target to set up new government degree colleges in such districts of the State where there is no government degree college at present.
- BBA/BCA courses to be introduced in 51 government degree colleges in the State.

- 20 government and aided non-government degree colleges in the State will be developed as excellence centres of higher education.

Technical Education

- Under the special component plan, the process of setting up of two engineering colleges to be named as Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram Ji Engineering College of Information and Technology and four polytechnics to be named as Mahamaya Polytechnic of Information and Technology is under way.
- Two other engineering colleges of information technology and 12 polytechnics of information technology will be established in 2008-09.
- A provision of Rs. 21 crore has been made for establishing government polytechnics.

Women and Child Development

- Target to benefit girls of families belonging to all sections of society and subsisting below the poverty line under the Balika-Shri Yojana. Under the scheme, provision of accident insurance up to Rs. 500 on a saving of Rs. 200.
- In case of death of mother or father both in any accident, the nominated guardian of the girl will be given an amount of Rs. 5 lakh for maintenance and upbringing of the girl.
- The national saving certificate of Rs. 2000 to be bought in the name of beneficiary girl will yield Rs. 8000 when the girl attains the age of 18 years.
- The coverage of grant scheme for maintenance of destitute widows is being increased by including the destitute widows living below the poverty line.
- A provision of Rs. 712 crore in 2008-09 under the scheme, which is more than the double of the provision made last year.

Welfare of Scheduled Castes

- A provision of Rs. 7016 crore under the Scheduled Castes Special Component Scheme in 2008-09, which is 41 per cent more than the last year.
- The government Ashram type schools being run for the students of scheduled castes have been upgraded to class 12 in order to make them more useful.
- A scheme of Rs. 238 crore is proposed for self-employment scheme meant for removing poverty of poor families belonging to scheduled castes and safai workers engaged in un-hygienic occupations and also

for urban area shop construction/purchase scheme, interests free loan scheme, skill enhancement training scheme, dairy scheme, dry cleaning and laundry occupation, safai worker liberation and rehabilitation scheme, etc.

Minority Welfare

- A provision of Rs. 60 crore in the budget for scholarship to students of Minority communities.
- Arrangements to be made for about 3700 primary and upper primary teachers for teaching modern subjects in Madarsas/Maktabas imparting religious education.
- Assistance will be provided to the minorities for establishing small industry/trade under the Manyawar Shri Kanshi Ram Ji Shahri Samagra Vikas Yojana.

Social Welfare

- Target to cover all the old persons of the families included in BPL list by increasing income limit eligibility under the old age pension scheme. A provision of Rs. 1451 crore in the budget, up by 66 per cent as compared to last year.

Backward Class Welfare

- A provision of Rs. 883 crore under the scholarship scheme for the students belonging to backward classes. Besides, another provision of Rs. 7 crore for construction of 14 hostels.
- A provision of Rs. 20 crore for marriage of daughters and treatment of members of the backward class families subsisting below the poverty line.
- Arrangement to transfer scholarship amount of students from class 1 to 8 to Gram Nidhi-3 and directly to the account of students of class 9th and above by fully computerizing the scholarship scheme of backward classes.

Welfare of Physically Handicapped

- A provision of about Rs. 305 crore for maintenance of physically handicapped persons, covering all the eligible persons up to poverty line by raising eligibility limit.
- A provision of Rs. 5.50 crore for construction of hostels for disabled persons in universities.
- A provision of one crore rupees for establishing a university for disabled persons on the basis of Public-Private Partnership.

- The monthly amount being given for daily expenses to disabled inmates of different government institutes and schools is being raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 800.
- A provision of Rs. 6 crore for setting up of government inter colleges for disabled persons.

Forest and Environment

- With a view to increasing afforestation and maintaining ecological balance the high value plantation scheme is being started in 15 districts. For this purpose, a provision of Rs. 8.37 crore has been made.
- The U.P. Participatory Forest Management and Poverty Alleviation Project is being started. A provision of Rs. 55 crore made in the budget for this purpose.
- A budgetary provision of Rs. 80 crore made in the budget for Taj Trapezium Scheme.

Jail Administration

- Target to complete district jails being constructed in the newly set up districts including Baghpat, Maharajganj, Kaushambi and Balrampur.
- A provision of Rs. 60 crore for new jails to be constructed after shifting them existing from densely populated areas are also for development of infrastructure in other jails.
- It is proposed to construct jails in the districts which do not have jails at present.

Justice Administration

- Action is on for creation of 16 new courts in different districts.
- A high level committee has been set up to give recommendations for early disposal of the cases pending in High Court.

Revenue

- An amount of Rs. 710 crore allotted to different districts for coping with flood and drought in the current year.
- An amount of Rs. 387 crore allotted to 7 drought affected districts in Bundelkhand region and two districts in Vindhyaachal division.
- Recovery of main dues from farmers has been stayed till March 31, 2008.
- A provision of about Rs. 166 crore is proposed for building construction works in divisions, districts and tehsils.
