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SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME -2007

Indian Budget 2008

Social Sector

Allocation on Healthcare to increase by 21.9 per cent.

Allocation for education to be enhanced by 34.2 per cent.

Allocation under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Mission stepped up from Rs 4680 crore to Rs 5850 crore.

Annual target of 15 lakh houses under Bharat Nirman Programme to be exceeded.

Allocation for National Rural Health Mission stepped up from Rs 8207 crore to Rs 9947 crore.

Allocation for Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) to be increased from Rs 4087 crore to Rs 4761 crore. 130 more districts under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA).

Additional allocation of Rs.12,000 crore for it. Rs 800 crore for Sampoorna Gram Rozgar Yojana in districts not covered by NREGA. Swarna Jayanti Swarozgar Yojana allocation increased from Rs 250 crore to Rs 344 crore.

Allocation for schemes only for SCs and STs to be increased to Rs 3271 crore.

Allocation for SC/ST scholarships enhanced from Rs.440 crore to Rs.611 crore. Rs 63 crore for share capital for National Minorities Development Finance Corporation following Sachar Committee recommendations. To prevent high rate of school dropout, a National Means-cum-Merit scholarship to be implemented, with an allocation of Rs 6,000 per child. Rs 1290 crore to be provided for elimination of polio.

Allocation for AIDS control programme to be raised to Rs 969 crore. Computerisation of PDS and integrated computerisation programme for FCI. Rs.22,282 crore allocated for women development.

Death and disability cover for rural landless families to be introduced, known as 'Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana'.

Health insurance cover for weavers to be enlarged to ancillary industries.

Allocation increased from Rs 241 crore to Rs 321 crore.

The ceiling of loans for weaker sections under differential rate of interest scheme will be raised from Rs 6500 to Rs 15,000 and in housing loan from Rs 5000 to Rs 20,000.

Reverse mortgage scheme for senior citizens announced. Rs. 73.24 billion allocated for mid-day meal scheme.

Two lakh more teachers to be employed and five lakh more classrooms to be constructed.

Government to provide 1 lakh jobs for physically disabled with a salary limit of Rs 25,000 a month Backward Regions Grant Fund to be raised to Rs 5800 crore