Union Budget 2010-11 Highlights

Highlights of 2010-11 budget presented by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee in parliament Friday February 26, 2010:

Highlights

Online news agencies to attract tax

Sensex surges 350 points on new tax slabs

Rationalising tax criteria on gaming software

No hike in service tax

Corporate surcharge down from 10 per cent to 7.5 per cent

Liquor prices set to go up

Prices of gold, silver, precious stones set to rise

Makers of mobile accessories to get tax breaks

No taxes on transportation of pulses

Prices to go up for cars, cement, fuel, cigarettes, air conditioners, TVs, steel

To restore 7.5 per cent duty on petrol and diesel

Raise excise duty on all non smoking tobacco

Uproar over hike in fuel prices in Lok Sabha

To restore 5 per cent duty on crude petroleum

Fuel prices likely to go up

Central exicse duty on petrol and diesel raised to Rs 1 per litre

Rollback in excise duty to 10 per cent

Govt announces partial rollback in excise duty

Excise on large cars, SUVs and MUVs raised to 22 per cent

Presumptive tax limit raised to Rs 60 lakh

Investment linked deduction benefit for two star hotels

Deduction of Rs 20,000 towards infrastructure bonds

Reduce current surcharge on companies to 7.5 per cent

Income above 8 lakh - 30 per cent tax

Income from 5 lakh to 8 lakh - 20 per cent tax

Income between 1.6 lakh to 5 lakh - 10 per cent tax

No tax on income up to Rs 1.6 lakh

IT department to notify Saral 2 forms

Net market borrowing pegged at Rs 3.45 lakh crore

IT return forms to be more user friendly

Govt to bring subsidy related liability into fiscal accounting

Borrowing plan to be decided in consultation with RBI

FY 10 budget deficit seen at 6.9 per cent of GDP

FY 13 fiscal deficit target at 4.1 per cent

Fy 12 fiscal deficit target at 4.8 per cent

Govt to set up National Mission of Delivery of Justice

Gross tax receipts seen at Rs 7.46 lakh crore in FY'11

Fiscal deficit target of 5.5 per cent in FY11

15 per cent increase in plan expenditure

Defence Capex rasied to Rs 60000 crore for FY'11

Allocation for defence raised to 1.47 lakh crore

UIDA to roll out first set of IDs by end of 2010

Allocation of Rs 1900 crore to Unique Identity Project

Allocation to minority welfare ministry Rs 2600 crore

Govt to contribute Rs 1000 per month for pension security

Home loans up to Rs 20 lakh to get 1 per cent subvention up to March 2011

Allocated RS 66,100 crore for rural development

Social Security Fund to have a corpus of Rs 1000 crore

National Social Security Fund for unorganised sector

Extend interest subvention for housing loans up to Rs Rs 10 lakh

To allocate Rs 10,000 crore to Indira Aawas Yojana

Rs 1200 crore assistance for drought in Bundelkhand

To allocate 48000 crore for Bharat Nirman

Allocation to NREGA raised to Rs 41,000 crore

To allocate 22,300 crore allocation for health ministry

Social sector spending at 1.38 lakh crore for FY11

25 pc of plan allocation for development of rural infrastructure

To increase plan allocation for education to 31600 crore

Rs 300 crore of Krishi Vikas Yojna

Body for macro supervision of big companies

Annual health survey to be conducted in rural areas in 2011

Govt ready with draft food securty bill

To provide one time grant to Tirupur exports

Competitive bidding for coal block for power sector

Allocation for power sector Rs 5130 crore in FY11

Allocation for road infrastructure raised to 19,894 crore

Rs 1.73 lakh crore or 46 per cent of the plan allocation for infrastructure

Oil ministry to consider Parikh report in due time

Crop loan interest subvention for timely repayment raised to 2 per cent

Period of repayment of farm loan waiver extended to June 30

Farm credit target raised to Rs 3.75 lakh crores for FY11

Govt to take a firm view on opening up retail trade

More captial for rural banks

Govt to provide credit support to farmers

RBI will give addtional licenses to private banks

Challenge is to make growth inclusive

FDI regime has been simplified by the government

India received more FDIs last FY

Disinvestment target Rs 25000 crore this year

Good and Services Tax to be in place next year

Valuation of listed PSUs has increased greatly

Listing of PSUs will ensure corporate governance

Govt will implement direct tax code by April 1, 2010

Process to make a simple taxation system

Need to make growth broad-based

Gradual phasing out of fiscal stimulus

With economy recovering, need to review public spending

Bad monsoon affected food prices adversely

Food inflation should come down in 2010-11: Pranab

Export figures for January have been encouraging: Pranab

Hope to breach 10% growth mark in the near future: Pranab

Manufacturing has been a growth driver: Pranab

Growth registered a strong rebound in the second quarter: Pranab

Govt must deliever to lesser privileged sector: Pranab

Economy stabilised in first quarter of 2009-10: Pranab

We have to sustain food security in rural areas: Pranab

Modernisation of PDS a priority for the govt: Pranab

Our task is to quickly revert to high GDP growth path: Pranab

Challenge to make development more inclusive: Pranab

Indian economy is in far better position now: Pranab

Pranab Mukherjee begins Budget speech

Pranab Mukherjee reaches Parliament

Banks raise deposit rates ahead of budget.

Mukherjee is scheduled to begin his budget speech at 11 am.

Budget is expected to slash the deficit as the economy rebounds.

Government borrowing was forecast to rise by another 2.2 per cent.

Investors were hoping FM will also be firm on keeping borrowing in check.

Calls for fiscal discipline are urgent as inflation is forecast to reach 10 pc in coming weeks.

Mukherjee may also unveil plans to address shortfalls in food production and distribution.

Budget may include initiatives to address India's chronic infrastructure deficit.