

Budget 2012-2013

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1	20	In implementing the Twelfth Plan, the recommendations made by the Expert Committees to streamline and reduce the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and to address Plan and non-Plan classification, would be kept in view. The Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System would be expanded to facilitate better tracking and utilisation of funds released by the Central Government. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Planning Commission]	Streamlining and reducing the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) is a policy issue and would be kept in view during the appraisal of new schemes proposed during the course of implementation of the XII Plan. So far as the ongoing schemes are concerned, as per the recommendations of the B.K. Chaurvedi (BKC) Committee on "Restructuring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes", a Cabinet Note on implementation of CSS has been prepared by the Planning Commission, which is at the stage on inter-Ministerial consultations. A national rollout of the Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System has been proposed during the 12th Five Year Plan, for which a Cabinet Note is under process. Work in progress
2	22	The Government has decided that from 2012-13 subsidies related to food and for administering the Food Security Act will be fully provided for. All other subsidies would be funded to the extent that they can be borne by the economy without any adverse implications. It would be my endeavour to restrict the expenditure on Central subsidies to under 2 per cent of GDP in 2012-13. Over the next three years, it would be further brought down to 1.75 per cent of GDP. Such a step is needed to improve the quality of public spending. Our effort now will be directed towards better targeting and leakage proof delivery of the subsidies. [Nodal Ministries/Departments: Department of Expenditure, Department of Fertilizers, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas]	The committee constituted under the chair of Sh. Vijay Kelkar to formulate the fiscal consolidation roadmap has submitted its report. The report is being considered and further appropriate actions are contemplated, based on recommendations to keep the overall subsidy outgo of Government of India to the minimum possible level. Work in progress
3	23	The recommendations of the task force headed by Shri Nandan Nilekani on IT strategy for direct transfer of subsidy have been accepted. Based on these recommendations, a mobile-based Fertiliser Management System (mFMS) has been designed to provide end-to-end information on the movement of fertilisers and subsidies, from the manufacturer to the retail level. This will be rolled out nation-wide during 2012. Direct transfer of subsidy to the retailer, and eventually to the farmer will be implemented in subsequent phases. This step will benefit 12 crore farmer families, while reducing expenditure on subsidies by curtailing misuse of fertilisers. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Fertilizers]	Phase I of the mobile Fertilizers Monitoring System (m-FMS) has come into effect from 1st November, 2012. m-FMS is designed to provide information about stock position, sale and receipt of fertilizers till the last retail point. Fertilizer companies, retailers and wholesalers can update the data on mFMS portal (http://mfms.nic.in) through web or mobile application. With the help of the system, it would be possible to track movement of fertilizers from plant/port up to retailer level. Further, Department of Fertilizer would be doing pilots in 12 districts spread over eleven States to track the movement of fertilizers from retailer to farmer in the next Phase. In these pilot districts, part of the subsidy to manufacturers will be linked to sales of fertilizers to farmers by retailers, thereby accounting for the subsidized fertilizers from plant/port to consumers in the supply chain management of fertilizers. After successful implementation of these pilots, the next Phase, in which cash subsidy will be transferred to farmers, will commence. For this the mandatory requirement is that of an Aadhar enabled bank account. Simultaneously,

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			the Phase-II, on creation of a credible data base of farmers with Aadhaar enabled bank accounts, would be rolled out in the whole country. Action completed
4	24	All the three public sector Oil Marketing Companies have launched LPG transparency portals to improve customer service and reduce leakage. A pilot project for selling LPG at market price and reimbursement of subsidy directly into the beneficiary's bank account is being conducted in Mysore. A similar pilot project on direct transfer of subsidy for kerosene into the bank accounts of beneficiaries has been initiated in Alwar district of Rajasthan. The Aadhaar platform has also been successfully used to validate PDS ration cards in Jharkhand. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas]	Cash transfer of subsidy has commenced in the Kotkasim tehsil of the Alwar district. A total amount of ₹ 77.26 lakh has been deposited in 13,458 bank accounts. Action completed
5	25	These pilot projects show that substantial economies in subsidy outgo can be achieved by the use of Aadhaar platform. It will be our endeavour to scale up and roll out these Aadhaar enabled payments for various government schemes in at least 50 selected districts within the next six months. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Planning Commission]	51 districts were identified initially for Aadhaar enabled payment in 26 selected Government schemes, of which 8 districts in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat were excluded due to elections for their State Assemblies. However in the remaining 43 districts, a phased Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) rollout has been planned. DBT rollout commenced for 26 selected schemes in 20 districts on 01.01.2013. It will be rolled out in 11 more districts from 01.02.2013, and in the remaining 12 districts from 01.03.2013. Action completed
6	26	Tax Reforms As Hon'ble Members are aware, the Direct Taxes Code (DTC) Bill was introduced in Parliament in August 2010. It was our earnest desire to give effect to DTC from April 1, 2012. However, we received the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on March 9, 2012. We will examine the report expeditiously and take steps for the enactment of DTC at the earliest. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	The Direct Tax Code (DTC) Bill, 2010 shall be introduced in the Lok Sabha for consideration after examination of the recommendations of the Standing Committee. Work in progress
7	27	Similarly, the Constitution Amendment Bill, a preparatory step in the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced in Parliament in March 2011 and is before the Parliamentary Standing Committee. As we await recommendations of the Committee, drafting of model legislation for Centre and State GST in concert with States is under progress. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	As decided during discussions between Finance Minister and State Finance/ Taxation Ministers, a Committee on GST Design, consisting of the officials of Government of India and State Governments was constituted. The Committee has submitted its report (on 21.01.2013). The report is under examination in the Department of Revenue in consultation with the Legislative Department. Work in progress

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8	28	The structure of GST Network (GSTN) has been approved by the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers. GSTN will be set up as a National Information Utility and will become operational by August 2012. The GSTN will implement common PAN-based registration, returns filing and payments processing for all States on a shared platform. The use of PAN as a common identifier in both direct and indirect taxes, will enhance transparency and check tax evasion. I solicit the support of all my colleagues cutting across party lines for an early passage of these landmark legislations. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	The proposal relating to the incorporation of the company was approved by the Empowered Committee (EC) of State Finance Ministers on 13.07.2012 with suggestions. The proposal has been revised accordingly, and the revised proposal is under examination in the Department of Revenue. The mechanism for selecting Chairman, GSTN was also approved by the EC on 08.11.2012. Efforts are on to incorporate GSTN at the earliest. Work in progress
9	30	In 2011-12, as against a target of ₹ 40,000 crore, the Government will raise about ₹ 14,000 crore from disinvestment. For 2012-13, I propose to raise ₹ 30,000 crore through disinvestment. Let me reiterate here that while we are committed to enhancing people's ownership of CPSEs, at least 51 per cent ownership and management control will remain with the Government. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Disinvestment]	A total of ₹ 6905 crore has been realized so far through divestment of shares in National Mineral Development Corporation, Hindustan Copper Limited and National Building Construction Corporation Limited. Work in progress
10	32	Foreign Direct Investment Organised retail helps in reducing cost of intermediation due to economies of scale, benefiting both consumers and producers. At present, FDI in single brand and in cash and carry wholesale trade is permitted to the extent of 100 per cent. The decision in respect of allowing FDI in multi-brand retail trade up to 51 per cent, subject to compliance with specified conditions, has been held in abeyance. Efforts are on to arrive at a broad based consensus in consultation with the State Governments. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion]	Press Note 5 of 2012 has been issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion on 20.09.2012. Action completed
11	33	Advance Pricing Agreement In a globalised economy with expanding cross-border production chains and growing trade within entities of the same group, Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) can significantly bring down tax litigation and provide tax certainty to foreign investors. Though, the provision for APA has been included in the DTC Bill, 2010, I propose to bring forward its implementation by introducing it in the Finance Bill, 2012. [Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Revenue]	Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) Rules have been notified vide Notification No.36/2012, S.O. 2005(E) dated 30th August, 2012. The Rules have become effective from the same date. Action completed

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12	35	To encourage flow of savings in financial instruments and improve the depth of domestic capital market, it is proposed to introduce a new scheme called Rajiv Gandhi Equity Savings Scheme. The scheme would allow for income tax deduction of 50 per cent to new retail investors, who invest up to ₹ 50,000 directly in equities and whose annual income is below ₹ 10 lakh. The scheme will have a lock-in period of 3 years. The details will be announced in due course. [Nodal Ministry/Department: D/o Economic Affairs, D/o Revenue]	The Rajiv Gandhi Equity Savings Scheme was notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes on 23.11.2012, and the scheme has become effective from that date. Action completed
13	37	I now propose to take the next steps in deepening the reforms in Capital market by: ◆ Allowing Qualified Foreign Investors (QFIs) to access Indian Corporate Bond market; ◆ Simplifying the process of issuing Initial Public Offers (IPOs), lowering their costs and helping companies reach more retail investors in small towns. To achieve this, in addition to the existing IPO process, I propose to make it mandatory for companies to issue IPOs of ₹ 10 crore and above in electronic form through nationwide broker network of stock exchanges; ◆ Providing opportunities for wider shareholder participation in important decisions of the companies through electronic voting facilities, besides existing process for shareholder voting, which would be made mandatory initially for top listed companies; and	RBI and SEBI have issued circulars dated 16th July 2012 and 18th July 2012 respectively. A separate sub-limit of USD 1 billion has been created for QFIs investment in corporate bonds and mutual fund debt schemes. Action completed SEBI has issued the required Circular on 4th October 2012. Action completed On 13th July 2012 SEBI has come out with the necessary amendments to be made to equity listing agreement by stock exchanges. The main features of the scheme are as under:- a. Electronic voting is made mandatory for top 500 listed companies at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE), chosen based on market capitalization in respect of those businesses to be transacted through postal ballot. b. Listed companies may chose any one of the two agencies (Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. (CDSL) and National Securities Depositories Ltd.(NSDL) which are currently providing the e-voting platform. These platforms permit any shareholder holding shares in physical or demat form, to cast their votes electronically irrespective of which depository he holds his shares with. c. This shall be applicable for the shareholders' meetings, for which noticed are issued on or after October 01,2012. However, the listed companies are at liberty to provide e-voting facility to their shareholders in the meeting for which notices have been sent prior to October 01,2012. Action completed

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		♦ Permitting two-way fungibility in Indian Depository Receipts subject to a ceiling with the objective of encouraging greater foreign participation in Indian capital market. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	RBI and SEBI have issued final Circulars on implementation of two-way fungibility of Indian Depository Receipts (IDRs) on 28th August 2012. Ministry of Corporate Affairs have also issued the notification on Companies (Issue of Indian Depository Receipts) Amendment Rules, 2012 on 1st October 2012. Action completed
14	38	Legislative Reforms We have received the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance on "The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Bill, 2011", "The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2011" and "The Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008". The official amendments to these Bills will be moved in this session of the Parliament. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	The official amendments to "The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2011" was passed by both the Houses of Parliament and the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act 2012 has come into effect (from 18.01.2013). Cabinet has approved the remaining two Amendment Bills, and these are expected to be introduced during the Budget Session 2013. Action partially completed
15	39	To take forward the process of financial sector legislative reforms, the Government proposes to move the following Bills in the Budget Session of the Parliament: ♦ The Micro Finance Institutions (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2012; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services] ♦ The National Housing Bank (Amendment) Bill, 2012; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services] ♦ The Small Industries Development Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 2012; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services] ♦ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2012; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services] ♦ Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill, 2012; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Bill introduced in Parliament on 22.05.2012. Action completed Bill introduced in Lok Sabha on 30.04.2012. Action completed Bill introduced in Lok Sabha on 22.05.2012. Action completed Cabinet Note for amendment to NABARD Act has been referred to the Cabinet Secretariat for consideration by the Cabinet. Work in progress Cabinet Note for amendment to Regional Rural Banks Act has been referred to the Cabinet Secretariat for consideration by the Cabinet. Work in progress

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		♦ Indian Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 2012; and [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue] ♦ Public Debt Management Agency of India Bill, 2012. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	Vetting of the draft Bill is in progress in consultation with the Legislative Department. <i>Work in progress</i> Consultations with Ministry of Law have been completed, and the Bill is being processed internally in the Department of Economic Affairs for submission to the Cabinet. <i>Work in progress</i>
16	41	Capitalisation of Banks and Financial Holding Company The Government is committed to protect the financial health of Public Sector Banks and financial institutions. For the year 2012-13, I propose to provide ₹ 15,888 crore for capitalisation of Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and other financial institutions including NABARD. The Government is also examining the possibility of creating a financial holding company which will raise resources to meet the capital requirements of Public Sector Banks. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Capitalization of RRBs Cabinet has approved the proposal for capitalization of RRBs. An amount of ₹ 200 crore has been released to 11 RRBs on 08.07.2012. Further release will be made after finalization of Revised Estimate and subject to release of proportionate share by State Governments and sponsoring Banks. Capitalization of NABARD An amount of ₹ 108.20 crore has been released on 08.07.2012. Capitalization of Public Sector Banks Cabinet has approved the proposal of re-capitalization of Public Sector Banks, and an amount of ₹ 12,517 crore will be released in due course. Creating a Financial Holding Company to meet capital requirements of PSBs A Cabinet Note for formation of a Financial Holding Company for Public Sector Banks is at the stage of inter-Ministerial consultations. <i>Action partially completed</i>
17	42	To bring banking payment structure at par with global standards, a comprehensive action plan has been prepared for implementation in 2012-13. A central Know Your Customer (KYC) depository will be developed in 2012-13 to avoid multiplicity of registration and data upkeep. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Bringing banking payment structure at par with global standards The Key Advisory Group constituted on this issue has submitted its recommendations. A Committee constituted, vide order dated 17.07.2012, under the chairmanship of Secretary (Financial Services) is now seized with implementation of the recommendations on Payment Structure. Know your customer (KYC) depository The report of the Committee on developing KYC depository is under preparation. <i>Work in progress</i>

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18	43	Priority Sector Lending A committee set up by RBI to re-examine the existing classification and suggest revised guidelines on priority sector lending has submitted its report. After stakeholder consultation, revised guidelines will be issued. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Revised guidelines on priority sector lending have been released by RBI on 20.07.2012. Action completed
19	44	Financial Inclusion In 2010-11, "Swabhimaan" campaign was launched to extend banking facilities through Business Correspondents to habitations having population in excess of 2000. I am happy to announce that out of 73,000 identified habitations that were to be covered by March, 2012, about 70,000 habitations have been provided with banking facilities. With this, over 2.55 crore beneficiary accounts would have been operationalised. The remaining habitations are likely to be covered by March 31, 2012. As a next step, Ultra Small Branches are being set up at these habitations, where the Business Correspondents would deal with cash transactions. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	As against the 74398 habitations with population over 2000 identified for coverage under Swabhiman, banking facilities to 74194 habitations had been provided till 31st March, 2012 through Branches, Business Correspondent Agents (BCAs), Mobile branches etc. More than 62,000 BCAs have been appointed and about 3.16 crore Financial Inclusion Accounts opened. Besides, Public Sector Banks and Regional Rural Banks have operationalized a total of 39,934 Ultra Small Branches (as on 30.11.2012). Action completed
20	45	In 2012-13, I propose to extend the "Swabhimaan" campaign to habitations with population of more than 1000 in North Eastern and hilly States and to other habitations which have crossed population of 2,000 as per Census 2011. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Since the village level Census data for 2011 is not available, it has been decided to cover villages with population 1600-2000 (as per 2001 Census) as it is expected that these villages would have crossed the population of 2000 in 2011 Census. Necessary instructions for identification, allocation and coverage of these villages, as well as villages with population 1000-2000 in the Hilly and North Eastern region states have been issued in May, 2012. Action completed
21	47	The Government had initiated the process of capitalisation of 40 financially weak RRBs, which has been completed in respect of 12 RRBs by the end of February, 2012. I propose to extend the scheme of capitalisation of weak RRBs by another 2 years to enable all the States to contribute their share. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Extension of the scheme on capitalization of weak RRBs has been approved by the Cabinet. Action completed
22	49	Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under the Scheme for Support to PPP in infrastructure is an important instrument in attracting private investment into the sector. This year it has been decided to make irrigation (including dams, channels and embankments), terminal markets,	The following sub-sectors have been notified as eligible for Viability Gap Funding under the Scheme for Financial Support to PPPs in Infrastructure on 24.03.2012: Oil/Gas/Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) storage facility (includes city gas distribution network)

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		common infrastructure in agriculture markets, soil testing laboratories and capital investment in fertiliser sector eligible for VGF under this scheme. Oil and Gas/LNG storage facilities and oil and gas pipelines, fixed network for telecommunication and telecommunication towers will also be made eligible sectors for VGF. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	b. Oil and Gas pipelines (includes city gas distribution network) c. Irrigation (dams, channels, embankments etc.) d. Telecommunication (Fixed Network) (includes optic fibre/wire/cable networks which provide broadband/ internet) e. Telecommunication towers, f. Terminal Markets g. Common infrastructure in agriculture markets; and h. Soil testing laboratories. It has been decided in consultation with Department of Fertilizer not to notify Fertilizer sector as eligible for Viability Gap Funding under the Scheme for Financial Support to PPPs in infrastructure. Action completed
23	52	For the year 2011-12, tax-free bonds for ₹ 30,000 crore were announced for financing infrastructure projects. I propose to double it to raise ₹ 60,000 crore in 2012-13. This includes ₹ 10,000 crore for NHAI, ₹ 10,000 crore for IRFC, ₹ 10,000 crore for IIFCL, ₹ 5,000 crore for HUDCO, ₹ 5,000 crore for National Housing Bank, ₹ 5,000 crore for SIDBI, ₹ 5,000 crore for ports and ₹ 10,000 crore for power sector. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	An aggregate amount of ₹ 53,500 crores has been approved for tax-free bonds issues in Financial Year 2012-13 as against ₹ 60,000 crores proposed in the Budget, and the requisite notification was issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes on 06.11.2012. Action completed
24	53	A harmonised master list of infrastructure sector has been approved by the Government. This will help in removing ambiguity in the policy and regulatory domain and encourage investment in the infrastructure sector. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	The notification for a harmonized master list of infrastructure sectors has been issued on 28.3.2012. An institutional mechanism for the updation of the harmonized master list has also been set up. Action completed
25	57	Power and Coal In power generation, fuel supply constraints are affecting production prospects. To address this concern, Coal India Limited (CIL) has been advised to sign fuel supply agreements, with power plants that have entered into long-term Power Purchase Agreements with DISCOMs and would get commissioned on or before March 31, 2015. An inter-ministerial group is being constituted to undertake periodic review of the allocated	A total of 143 Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) are to be signed by Coal India Limited till 2014-15 in respect of identified power projects of 60000 MW capacity, which have been assured for coal supply during 12th Five Year Plan period. Out of these 143 FSAs 92 FSAs are to be signed by the end of 2012-13. 46 FSAs have been signed so far. An Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to review allocation of Coal Mines was constituted on 21.6.2012, which has taken up for review 58 cases where show cause notices were issued

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		coal mines and make recommendations on de-allocations, if so required. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Coal]	earlier, and 18 other cases where it was decided to deduct Bank Guarantee based on earlier reviews. The IMG has recommended de-allocation of 13 coal blocks allocated to 29 companies, deduction of Bank Guarantee in the cases of 14 blocks allocated to 19 companies and imposition of Bank Guarantee in case of 1 coal block. No action has been recommended in cases of 3 coal blocks allocated to 2 companies. The recommendations of the IMG have been accepted by the competent authority and action is initiated accordingly. Action partially completed
26	58	I propose to allow External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) to part finance Rupee debt of existing power projects. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	Press Release was issued by the Government on 18th April, 2012, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a circular on 20th April, 2012. Action completed
27	59	Transport: Roads and Civil Aviation The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is set to achieve its target of awarding projects covering a length of 7,300 km under NHDP during 2011-12. This would be 44 per cent higher than the best ever length of 5,082 km awarded in 2010-11. Of the 44 projects awarded during 2011-12, 24 projects have fetched a premium. I propose to set a target of covering a length of 8,800 kms under NHDP next year. The allocation of the Ministry has been enhanced by 14 per cent to ₹ 25,360 crore in 2012-13. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways]	9 projects with a total road length of 879.90 Kilometer and total project cost of ₹ 7073.26 crore have been awarded till 15.01.2013. Work in progress
28	60	To encourage public private partnerships in road construction projects, I propose to allow ECB for capital expenditure on the maintenance and operations of toll systems for roads and highways so long as they are a part of the original project. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	A Press Release was issued by the Government on 18th April, 2012, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a circular on 20th April, 2012. Action completed
29	62	To address the immediate financing concerns of the Civil Aviation sector, I propose to permit ECB for working capital requirements of the airline industry for a period of one year, subject to a total ceiling of US Dollar 1 billion. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	A Press Release was issued by the Government on 18th April, 2012, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a circular on 20th April, 2012. Action completed

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30	63	A proposal to allow foreign airlines to participate up to 49 per cent in the equity of an air transport undertaking engaged in operation of scheduled and non-scheduled air transport services is under active consideration of the Government. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Civil Aviation]	Press Note No.6 (2012 series) was issued by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) on 20.9.12. Action completed
31	64	Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor The Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) is being developed on either side along the alignment of the Western Dedicated Rail Freight Corridor. The project has made significant progress. In September 2011, Central assistance of ₹ 18,500 crore spread over a period of 5 years has been approved. The Japanese Prime Minister has announced US\$ 4.5 billion as Japanese participation in DMIC project. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion]	The Deed of Public Trust of the DMIC Project Implementation Trust Fund has been executed on 27.9.2012 and the first meeting of the Trust was also held on the same day. An amount of ₹ 411.4 crore has been allocated under BE 2012-13 for the project. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) as settler of the DMIC Project Implementation Trust Fund has contributed ₹ 312.4 crore as initial contribution to the main corpus of the Trust and another ₹ 99 crore as additional corpus to the Trust. Action completed
32	65	Housing sector In view of the shortage of housing for low income groups in major cities and towns, I propose to: ◆ Allow ECB for low cost affordable housing projects; ◆ Set up Credit Guarantee Trust Fund to ensure better flow of institutional credit for housing loans; ◆ Enhance provisions under Rural Housing Fund from ₹ 3000 crore to ₹ 4000 crore; ◆ Extend the scheme of interest subvention of 1 per cent on housing loan up to ₹ 15 lakh where the cost of the house does not exceed ₹ 25 lakh for another year; and ◆ Enhance the limit of indirect finance under priority sector from ₹ 5 lakh to ₹ 10 lakh. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Financial Services]	The notification has been issued on 17.12.2012. Action completed Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has set up the Credit Guarantee Trust Fund. Action completed The Fund amount has been increased and allocation of banks has been made on the basis of the shortfall of Priority Sector Lending targets as on last reporting Friday of March 2012 by RBI. Action completed Release order was issued by Department of Financial Services on 24.09.2012. Action completed Notification on Priority Sector Lending was issued by the RBI on 20.7.2012 and clarifications on targets and classifications issued on 17.10.2012. Action completed

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33	66	Fertilisers To reduce India's import dependence in urea, Government has taken steps to finalise pricing and investment policies for urea. It is expected that with the implementation of the investment policy, country will become self sufficient in manufacturing urea in the next five years. In case of the potassic-phosphatic (P&K) fertiliser, use of single super phosphate (SSP) will be encouraged through greater extension work. This fertiliser is manufactured entirely in the domestic sector. Enhanced production would bring down our dependence on imports in the P&K sector. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Fertilizers]	Department of Fertilizer has notified the New Investment Policy 2012 on 02.01.2013 in order to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector, to enhance indigenous production of urea and to reduce import of urea in the country. With the approval of this policy, it is expected that nearly 100 lakh MT of additional urea capacity will be added in the country to an already existing capacity of 220 LMT and 20 LMT from OMIFCO, Oman with an investment of nearly ₹ 35,000 crore during 12th Five Year Plan period. This will make the country self reliant in urea by the end of the 12th Five Year Plan period. In order to encourage usage of single super phosphate (SSP), following steps have been taken: (i) SSP has been included under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy wherein subsidy on SSP has been given based on its nutrient content and MRP has been left open. (ii) Apart from indigenous source of Rock Phosphate, a number of grades of rock phosphate and their blending combinations have been notified to be used by SSP units for production of SSP. (iii) Low Grade Rock Phosphate has also been allowed for Beneficiated Rock Phosphate in order to produce SSP as per FCO standard. (iv) New SSP plants have been inducted under NBS policy in order to increase the production of SSP.
34	67	Textiles The Government has recently announced a financial package of ₹ 3,884 crore for waiver of loans of handloom weavers and their cooperative societies. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Textiles]	Action completed Handloom Package for loan waiver of Co-operative Societies and individual weavers is progressing as per the norms of the schemes. So far 24 State Governments have signed MOUs and made budgetary provisions for State share. Till December 2012, special audit of 26 Apex and 6702 Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies has been completed and a loan waiver amount of ₹ 479.11 crore has been assessed. In addition, loan of 40,622 weavers and SHGs have also been assessed for waiver. NABARD has released about ₹ 180 crore to the beneficiary Co-operatives/ individuals so far. During the current year, so far 16,854 Weavers Credit Cards have been issued by the banks, with a sanction of ₹ 61.38 crore of loan, out of which ₹ 22.91 crore have been disbursed to them.
35	68	In addition to 4 mega handloom clusters already operationalised, I am now happy to announce two more mega clusters, one to cover Prakasam and Guntur districts in Andhra	Work in progress M/s ICRA Management Consulting Pvt. Limited, NOIDA has been selected as Cluster Management and Technical Agency (CMTA) for Prakasam & Guntur Districts in Andhra Pradesh and Godda & neighboring Districts in Jharkhand.

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		Pradesh and the other for Godda and neighbouring districts in Jharkhand. I also propose to provide assistance in setting up of dormitories for women workers in the 5 mega clusters relating to handloom, power loom and leather sectors. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Textiles/Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion]	A Memorandum of Agreement has been signed for this purpose on 15.01.2013. So far as setting up of dormitories for women workers in 5 mega clusters relating to handloom, power-loom and leather sector is concerned, Ministry of Textile (MOT) has requested for flexibility to set up the dormitories in projects under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP) in addition to handloom and power-loom clusters. It has been decided that financial assistance will be ensured for this purpose within the approved outlays of MOT as per the scheme guidelines. At present no mega cluster has been set up in leather sector, and the assistance announced in the Budget would be extended by the DIPP as and when Mega Leather Clusters are set up. Action partially completed
36	69	The Ministry of Textiles runs Weavers' Service Centres in different parts of the country for providing technical support to poor handloom weavers. I propose to set up three such Centres, one each in Mizoram, Nagaland and Jharkhand. I am also happy to announce ₹ 500 crore pilot scheme in the Twelfth Plan for promotion and application of Geo-textiles in the North East Region. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Textiles]	State Governments of Mizoram, Nagaland and Jharkhand have been requested to provide land for setting up of new Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) in their States as per the norms of the scheme. Simultaneously, the proposal has been considered by the SFC on 14.12.2012 and minutes have been circulated to all concerned. As regards the pilot scheme for promotion and application of Geo-textiles in the North East Region, a budget line has been created for this scheme. 'In principle' approval has been accorded by the Planning Commission, and a proposal has also been prepared for consideration by the EFC. Several rounds of consultations have been held with stakeholders in the North East Region. Identified proposed sites have been received for site visits and techno-economic viability studies. Work in progress
37	70	To address the need of the local artisans and weavers, I propose to set up a power-loom mega cluster in Ichalkaranji in Maharashtra with a Budget allocation of ₹ 70 crore. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Textiles]	M/s D.K.T.E Society's Textile Engineering Institute, Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra has been selected as Cluster Management and Technical Agency (CMTA) for setting up a Powerloom Mega Cluster in Ichalkaranji in Maharashtra. A Memorandum of Agreement has also been signed with them on 15.01.2013. Action partially completed
38	71	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises In order to enhance availability of equity to MSME sector, I propose to set up a ₹ 5,000 crore India Opportunities Venture Fund with SIDBI. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	India Opportunities Venture Fund has been set up in August 2012. Action completed
39	76	This year, under RKVY, I also propose to allocate ₹ 300 crore to Vidarbha Intensified Irrigation Development Programme. This Scheme seeks to bring in more farming areas under protective irrigation. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Agriculture & Cooperation]	Operational guidelines for the scheme have been approved and sent to the State Government of Maharashtra. State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of Maharashtra has approved Action Plans for ₹ 300 crore under the scheme and ₹ 150 crore have already been released as first installment. Action completed

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40	77	The Government intends to merge the remaining activities into a set of missions to address the needs of agricultural development in the Twelfth Five Year Plan. These Missions are: (i) National Food Security Mission which aims to bridge the yield gap in respect of paddy, wheat, pulses, millet and fodder. The ongoing Integrated Development of Pulses Villages, Promotion of Nutri-cereals and Accelerated Fodder Development Programme would now become a part of this Mission; (ii) National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture including Micro Irrigation is being taken up as a part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change. The Rainfed Area Development Programme will be merged with this; (iii) National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm aims to increase production and productivity of oil seeds and oil palm; (iv) National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology focuses on adoption of appropriate technologies by farmers for improving productivity and efficiency in farm operations; and (v) National Horticulture Mission aims at horticulture diversification. This will also include the initiative on saffron. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Agriculture & Cooperation]	In-principle approval for all the five Missions has been obtained from Planning Commission, and the memoranda for obtaining the approval of EFC are under preparation. Work in progress
41	79	Agriculture Credit Farmers need timely access to affordable credit. I propose to raise the target for agricultural credit in 2012-13 to ₹ 5,75,000 crore. This represents an increase of ₹ 1,00,000 crore over the target for the current year. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	The enhanced target of ₹ 575,000 crore for agricultural credit has been communicated to Banks/NABARD. Action completed
42	80	The interest subvention scheme for providing short term crop loans to farmers at 7 per cent interest per annum will be continued in 2012-13. An additional subvention of 3 per cent will be available to prompt paying farmers. In addition, the same interest subvention on post harvest loans up to six months against negotiable warehouse receipt will also be available. This will encourage the farmers to keep their produce in warehouses. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Approval of the Cabinet has been obtained and instructions have been communicated to the Banks on 18.09.2012. Action completed

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43	81	A Short term RRB Credit Refinance Fund is being set-up to enhance the capacity of Regional Rural Banks to disburse short term crop loans to the small and marginal farmers. I propose to allocate ₹ 10,000 crore to NABARD for refinancing the RRBs through this fund. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Necessary allocation has been made to the NABARD. RBI has allocated funds on 24.07.2012. Action completed
44	82	Kisan Credit Card (KCC) is an effective instrument for making agricultural credit available to the farmers. KCC scheme will be modified to make KCC a smart card which could be used at ATMs. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Revised Kisan Credit Card (KCC) guidelines have been issued by the RBI on 11.05.2012. Action completed
45	83	Agricultural Research Food security and agricultural development in the coming decades would depend upon scientific and technological breakthroughs in raising productivity. We have to develop plant and seed varieties that yield more and can resist climate change. I propose to set aside a sum of ₹ 200 crore for incentivising research with rewards, both for institutions and the research team responsible for such scientific breakthroughs. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Agricultural Research and Education]	Six high priority research projects have been identified for incentivizing research. The modalities for implementing these projects are being finalized. Work in progress
46	84	Irrigation Unless we recognise water as a resource, the day is not far when water stress will start threatening our agricultural production. Focus on micro irrigation schemes to dovetail these with water harvesting schemes is necessary. To maximise the flow of benefits from investments in irrigation projects, structural changes in Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) are being made. The allocation for AIBP in 2012-13 is being stepped up by 13 per cent to ₹ 14,242 crore. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Water Resources]	The Cabinet Note to restructure the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) including Command Area Development and Waste Management (CADWM) programme during 12th Plan is under finalization. A component of micro irrigation to cover at least 10% cultivable command area of each CADWM project is proposed to be implemented through PPP during the 12th Plan. Work in progress
47	85	To mobilise large resources to fund irrigation projects, a Government owned Irrigation and Water Resource Finance Company is being operationalised. The Company would start its operations in 2012-13 by focusing on financing sub-sectors like micro-irrigation, contract farming, waste water management and sanitation. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	Irrigation and Water Resource Finance Corporation Limited has been operationalised. It has sanctioned one project of ₹ 28 crore and disbursed an amount of ₹ 8 crore. Action completed

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48	86	A flood management project for Kandi sub-division of Murshidabad District has been approved by the Ganga Flood Control Commission at a cost of ₹ 439 crore, to be taken up for funding under the Flood Management Programme. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Water Resources]	After appraisal by Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC), the techno-economic viability of the scheme namely, "Improvement of embankments and ancillary works in Kandi and other adjoining areas in district, Murshidabad, West Bengal" with estimated cost of ₹ 438.94 crore, was accepted by the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources for Irrigation Flood Control and Multi-purpose Projects in March, 2012. The Planning Commission accorded investment approval to the scheme in June, 2012. West Bengal Government has requested for release of ₹ 24.75 crore during the financial year 2012-13, which is under consideration. Action is also at hand to obtain requisite approvals for the State Sector Scheme "Flood Management Programme" during XII Plan. Work under progress
49	87	National Mission on Food Processing The food processing sector has been growing at an average rate of over 8 per cent over the past 5 years. In order to have a better outreach and to provide more flexibility to suit local needs, it has been decided that a new centrally sponsored scheme titled "National Mission on Food Processing" would be started, in cooperation with the State Governments in 2012-13. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Food Processing Industries]	The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 23.08.2012 has approved the launching of a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme- National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) to be implemented by States / UTs. In pursuance of approval of CCEA, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has issued guidelines for implementation of NMFP during the 12th Five Year Plan vide letter dated 28.8.2012. ₹ 179.39 crores have been released to States / UTs for taking up preparatory activities and implementation of NMFP scheme. Action completed
50	88	The Government has taken steps to create additional foodgrain storage capacity in the country. Creation of 2 million tonnes of storage capacity in the form of modern silos has already been approved. Nearly 15 million tonnes capacity is being created under the Private Entrepreneur's Guarantee Scheme, of which 3 million tonnes of storage capacity will be added by the end of 2011-12 and 5 million would be added next year. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Food and Public Distribution]	Under the Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme, a capacity of about 181.08 lakh tonnes is to be created in 19 states through private entrepreneurs and Central and State Warehousing Corporations. Approvals have already been given for creation of storage capacity of 130 lakh tonnes. A total of 37.75 lakh tonnes has been completed under PEG. It is expected that by March, 2013 a cumulative capacity of 73 lakh tonnes will be completed and taken over under the scheme. The EGOM in its meeting held on 7.2.2012 had approved the proposal to construct 2 million tonnes of storage capacity in the form of silos through the PPP mode, within the overall storage requirements of FCI. The capacities to be created in the different States have been finalized, and the locations have been decided in consultation with the State Governments. An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has also been constituted to give recommendations on all aspects of the project, and its first meeting was held on 19.11.2012. FCI has appointed CRISIL as integrated consultants for construction of silos. The bid documents are expected to be ready by March 2013. Work in progress

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51	91	To ensure that the objectives of the National Food Security Bill are effectively realised, a Public Distribution System Network is being created using the Aadhaar platform. A National Information Utility for the computerisation of PDS is being created. It will become operational by December 2012. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Food and Public Distribution]	Government of India has approved implementation of the Component I of the Plan Scheme on "End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations" in all States/UTs during the period 2012-17 on cost-sharing basis with States/UTs. This component, inter alia, includes digitization of ration cards/ beneficiary and other database to be completed by March 2013 and computerization of supply-chain management, to be completed by October 2013. It has also been decided that once a certain level of computerization of PDS is achieved, an institution could be considered to manage the programme and network. Action partially completed
52	92	Multi-sectoral Nutrition Augmentation Programme Following the decision taken in the Prime Minister's National Council on India's Nutritional Challenges, a multi-sectoral programme to address maternal and child malnutrition in selected 200 high burden districts is being rolled out during 2012-13. It will harness synergies across nutrition, sanitation, drinking water, primary health care, women education, food security and consumer protection schemes. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Women & Child Development]	The framework for the multi-sectoral programme to address maternal and child malnutrition in 200 high burden districts was submitted to Planning Commission for 'in principle' approval. In November 2012 it was decided to re-look the concept in view of limited resources. Accordingly, an EFC memo has been circulated in January 2013 for inter-Ministerial consultations. Work in progress
53	93	In this context, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme is being strengthened and re-structured. For 2012-13, an allocation of ₹ 15,850 crore has been made as against ₹ 10,000 crore in 2011-12. This amounts to an increase of over 58 per cent. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Women & Child Development]	The proposal for Strengthening and Restructuring of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 24.9.2012. Administrative approval for the scheme has been issued on 22.10.2012. Action completed
54	98	A major initiative has been proposed to strengthen Panchayats across the country through the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA). This programme will expand on the existing schemes for Panchayat capacity building. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Planning Commission]	The proposal for launching the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) during the 12th Plan Period was considered by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in November 2012. A Note for the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) is at the stage of inter-Ministerial consultations. Work in progress
55	99	In my Budget Speech last year, I had referred to our focus on the development of backward regions. We have decided to carry the Backward Regions Grant Fund scheme into the Twelfth Plan with an enhanced allocation of ₹ 12,040 crore in 2012-13, an increase of about 22 per cent over BE of 2011-12. This includes	It is proposed to restructure the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) scheme in the Twelfth Five Year Plan. Until the completion of this exercise, the BRGF including the District component as well as the State component comprising special plan for Bihar, special plan for the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts of Odisha, special plan for West Bengal, Bundelkhand Package and

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		the State component which covers projects in backward areas in Bihar, West Bengal and the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput region of Odisha, development projects for drought mitigation in the Bundelkhand region and projects under the Integrated Action Plan to accelerate the pace of development in selected tribal and backward districts.	the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) are being continued in 2012-13 in its present form. Since unspent balance of previous years is lying with States/ Districts, no additional fund is required for the District component of BRGF. Allocation for the State component of the BRGF at the RE stage is proposed to be retained at the BE level of ₹ 6990 crore.
		[Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Planning Commission]	Work in progress
56	100	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund This year, I propose to enhance the allocation under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to ₹ 20,000 crore. Further in view of the warehousing shortage in the country, I propose to earmark an amount of ₹ 5,000 crore from the above allocation exclusively for creating warehousing facilities under RIDF.	RBI has allocated the necessary funds on 24.07.2012. Necessary earmarking has also been made towards warehousing facilities. Action completed
		[Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	
57	104	A scheme for education loans is being implemented by banks. To ensure better flow of credit to deserving students, I propose to set up a Credit Guarantee Fund for this purpose.	A Cabinet note for setting up a Credit Guarantee Fund is being processed internally in Department of Financial Services for submission to the Cabinet. Work in progress
		[Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	
58	105	Health They say persistence pays. I am happy to inform Hon'ble Members that no new case of polio was reported in the last one year. By modernising existing units and setting up a new integrated vaccine unit near Chennai, the Government will achieve vaccine security and keep the pressure on disease eradication and prevention.	Modernization of existing units (i) The upgradation of DPT group of vaccine manufacturing facility at Central Research Institute (CRI) Kasauli has been completed and the upgraded facility has been taken over by the CRI, Kasauli in August 2012 on provisional basis. (ii) Recommendations of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for upgradation of the DPT manufacturing facility at PII, Coonoor have been approved and the Hill Area Conservation Authority Committee (HACA), Chennai has also cleared the construction of the new structure. A proposal has been submitted to the State Department of Municipal Administration and Water supply for relaxation of building height to 12 meters, as this is higher than the permissible height of 7.00 metres under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities (Hill Station) Building Rules, 1993. (iii) So far as the BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy is concerned, civil works have started after obtaining all the required approvals from the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA).
		[Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare]	

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			Setting up of a new Vaccine Unit Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved establishment of Integrated Vaccine Complex (IVC) at Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu in public sector by M/s. HLL Life Care Ltd. Work order for civil work will be placed with M/s Shapoorji and Pallomji Co. Ltd., the L1 bidder, by the third week of January. The tender preparation for other engineering works is progressing. <i>Action partially completed</i>
59	106	National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is being implemented through 'Accredited Social Health Activist'- 'ASHA'. The scope of ASHA's activities is being enlarged to include prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders, ensure 100 per cent immunisation and better spacing of children. At the community level, a more active role is envisaged for ASHA as the convenor of the Village Health and Sanitation Committee, as also to support the initiative on malnutrition. Since ASHAs receive activity-wise, performance-based payments, this will also enhance their remuneration. I propose to increase the allocation to NRHM from ₹ 18,115 crore in 2011-12 to ₹ 20,822 crore in 2012-13. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Women & Child Development]	It has been decided to expand the scope of ASHA's activities by giving following additional incentives: Immunisation ◆ ₹ 100 for each ASHA per child completing all vaccination upto 1 year under full immunization coverage. ◆ An additional ₹ 50 to ASHA on ensuring complete immunization beyond 1st and upto 2nd year of age of the child National Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) control Programme ◆ ₹ 25 per month to each ASHA on testing of at least 50 salt samples per month in 303 endemic districts where the prevalence of total IDD is more than 10% in the country. Family Planning ◆ ₹ 500 for ensuring spacing of 2 years after marriage. ◆ ₹ 500 for ensuring spacing of 3 years after the birth of 1st child. Conducting meeting of Village Health Sanitation & Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) ◆ ₹ 150 as incentive to ASHA for facilitating the VHSNC meeting followed by meetings of women and adolescent girls every month. Orders have been issued to the States for the implementation of the above decisions. <i>Action completed</i>
60	107	National Urban Health Mission is being launched to encompass the primary healthcare needs of people in the urban areas. The Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) aimed at setting up of AIIMS-like institutions and upgradation of existing	National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has recommended the proposal, and a Cabinet Note is under process in Department of Health & Family Welfare for submission to the Cabinet.

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		Government medical colleges is being expanded to cover upgradation of 7 more Government medical colleges. It will enhance the availability of affordable tertiary health care. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare]	Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) Construction work for the 6 AIIMS-like institutions being set up at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur and Rishikesh is in full swing and the hospital is expected to be functional by 2013-14. For two others, one each is West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, land is yet to be acquired and handed over to the Central Government. Out of the 13 existing Medical Colleges taken up for up-gradation in the first phase, civil work at 5 medical colleges has already been completed. At Jammu Medical college, civil work for Super Specialty Block has been completed except installation of integrated OT. Work at remaining institutions is in progress. Out of the 6 Medical Colleges taken up for up-gradation in the second phase, civil work for 3 Colleges, viz Government Medical College, Tanda, Jawaharlal Medical College of Aligarh Muslim University and Amritsar Medical College, has been awarded. Tender for civil work at Government Medical College, Madurai is under evaluation/ finalization. At Nagpur Medical College, up-gradation programme involves only procurement of equipment and procurement process has already been initiated. For Pt. B D Sharma Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rothak, detailed Project Report has been approved. In the third phase, 7 more Medical Colleges are proposed to be upgraded, one each in Kerala, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh and two each in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Work in progress
61	110	In last year's Budget I had announced creation of a 'Women's SHG's Development Fund'. This has been set up in NABARD. In 2012-13, I propose to provide ₹ 200 crore to enlarge the corpus to ₹ 300 crore. This Fund will also support the objectives of Aajeevika i.e. the National Rural Livelihood Mission. It will empower women SHGs to access bank credit. I propose to provide interest subvention to Women SHGs to avail loans up to ₹ 3 lakh at 7 per cent per annum. Women SHGs that repay loans in time will get additional 3 per cent subvention, reducing the effective rate to 4 per cent. The initiative, in the first phase, would focus on selected 600 Blocks of 150 districts, including the Left Wing Extremism affected districts. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services/ Ministry of Rural Development]	Additional ₹ 200 crore to enlarge the corpus of 'Women's SHG's Development Fund' has been released to NABARD. National Rural Livelihood Mission, now renamed Aajeevika, is being implemented across the country in Mission Mode in a phased manner for targeted and time bound delivery of results. For the interest subvention of Women Self Help Groups, a Cabinet Note has been initiated. Action partially implemented

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62	111	It is proposed to establish a Bharat Livelihoods Foundation of India through Aajeevika. The Foundation would support and scale up civil society initiatives and interventions particularly in the tribal regions covering around 170 districts. Private trusts and philanthropic organisations would be encouraged to partner with the autonomous body that will be managed professionally. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Rural Development]	A proposal for setting up of Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation has been considered by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) on 14.01.2013. The proposal is being modified as suggested by the EFC before seeking their final approval.
63	114	The NSDC partners have opened 496 permanent and 2429 mobile centres in 220 districts across 24 states. More than 89,500 persons have been trained and almost 80 per cent employed. Under NSDC, 10 Sector Skill Councils have been sanctioned. Of these, 3 Skill Councils for Automobile, Security and Retail sectors have become operational. For 2012-13, I propose to allocate ₹ 1000 crore to National Skill Development Fund (NSDF). [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	In view of the present fund position of the NSDF, it has been decided not to allocate any additional funds to NSDF in the current fiscal. Action completed
64	115	In order to improve the flow of institutional credit for skill development, I propose to set up separate Credit Guarantee Fund. This will benefit youth in acquiring market oriented skills. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Financial Services]	A Cabinet note is being processed internally in Department of Financial Services for submission to the Cabinet. Work in progress
65	117	Social security and the needs of weaker sections I am raising the allocation under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) by 37 per cent from ₹ 6,158 crore in 2011-12 to ₹ 8,447 crore in 2012-13. Under the ongoing Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme for BPL beneficiaries, the monthly pension amount per person is being raised from ₹ 200 to ₹ 300. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Rural Development]	Cabinet has approved the proposal on 18.10.2012, and necessary guidelines have been issued to States/UTs on 08.11.2012. Action completed
66	118	On the death of the primary breadwinner of a BPL family, in the age group 18 to 64 years, a lumpsum grant of ₹ 10,000 is presently provided under the National Family Benefit scheme. I propose to double this amount to ₹ 20,000 and expect a matching contribution by the State Governments. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Rural Development]	Cabinet has approved the proposal on 18.10.2012, and necessary guidelines have been issued to States/UTs on 08.11.2012. Action completed

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67	120	Institutions that are being given grants The driving force of a modern nation is research and the creation of new knowledge. With this in mind I propose to provide: ◆ ₹ 25 crore to the Institute of Rural Management, Anand; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Rural Development] ◆ ₹ 50 crore to establish a world-class centre for water quality with focus on arsenic contamination in Kolkata; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation] ◆ ₹ 100 crore to Kerala Agricultural University; ◆ ₹ 50 crore for University of Agricultural Sciences Dharwad, Karnataka; ◆ ₹ 50 crore to Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar; ◆ ₹ 50 crore to Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology; ◆ ₹ 100 crore to Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University in Hyderabad; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Agricultural Research] ◆ ₹ 15 crore to National Council for Applied Economic Research; [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs] ◆ ₹ 10 crore to Rajiv Gandhi University, Department of Economics, Itanagar; and [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs] ◆ ₹ 10 crore to Siddharth Vihar Trust Gulbarga, to establish a Pali language Research Centre. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Higher Education]	The proposal is scheduled to come up for consideration by the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) on 12.02.2013 and the grant is expected to be released by the end of February, 2013. Work in progress A proposal to set up an International Centre for Water Quality in Kolkata has been prepared for consideration of the Expenditure Finance Committee. Memorandum of Association, along with bye laws, has also been finalized. Work in progress SFC/ EFC proposals for all the 5 State Agricultural Universities have been circulated to the appraisal agencies for comments. SFC/ EFC meetings are being planned in the months of January and February 2013. Work in progress It has been decided to provide the grant to NCAER as a Corpus Fund. Rules for administering the Corpus Fund are being formulated in consultation with NCAER. The grant is expected to be released by the end of February, 2013. Work in progress Order sanctioning ₹ 10 crore issued on 15.01.2013. Action completed Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSkS), a deemed University under the Department of Higher Education, which has been entrusted with the work of promotion of Pali language, has been working with Siddharth Vihar Trust, Gulbarga to establish a Pali Language Research Centre. An MOU between the two entities is proposed, and the matter is under examination in the Department of Higher Education. Work in progress

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68	122	Government is making efforts to increase the availability of residential quarters to forces. In 2012-13, it is envisaged to construct nearly 4,000 residential quarters for Central Armed Police Forces for which ₹ 1,185 crore is proposed to be allocated. A provision of ₹ 3,280 crore for 2012-13 has also been made for construction of office buildings including land acquisition and barracks to accommodate 27,000 personnel. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Home Affairs]	The physical achievement up to 31.12.2012 for Residential Building is 2174 and for Barracks is 87. In addition 3,718 houses and 111 barracks are under construction. Work in progress
69	123	The scheme to create the National Population Register (NPR) is progressing well. It is likely to be completed within the next two years. The Government is also considering a proposal of issuing Resident Identity Cards bearing the Aadhaar numbers to all residents who are of age 18 years and above to help in the e-governance initiatives. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Ministry of Home Affairs]	National Population Registrar (NPR) The demographic data for NPR (in paper format) has been collected for the entire country (approx. 1.2 billion population). The filled-in NPR Schedules (approx. 27 crore) have been scanned. The Data Entry (in English and the Regional language) from the scanned images has been completed for more than 107.10 crore records. The NPR biometric enrolment is in progress by organising camps in the local areas and biometrics have been captured for more than 9.21 crore persons. Resident Identity Cards (RICs) The proposal for issuance of RICs to all the usual residents of 18 years and above, under the scheme of NPR in the country, has been appraised by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC). The EFC has recommended the scheme at an estimated cost of ₹ 5552.55 crore. Action is at hand to obtain the approval of the Cabinet. Work in progress
70	126	I propose to lay on the table of the House a white paper on Black Money in the current session of Parliament. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	The 'White Paper on Black Money' has been laid before the Parliament on 21st May, 2012. Action completed
71	127	Public Procurement Legislation Government is committed to the enactment of a Public Procurement legislation to enhance confidence in public procurement and to ensure transparency and efficiency in the process. The Bill in this regard is to be introduced in the Budget session of the Parliament. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Expenditure]	Public Procurement Bill, 2012 was introduced in Lok Sabha on 14.5.2012. Action completed
72	142	In order to provide low cost funds to some stressed infrastructure sectors, the rate of withholding tax on interest payments on external commercial borrowings is proposed to	The provisions have come into effect with the passage of the Finance Bill, 2012. Action completed

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		be reduced from 20 per cent to 5 per cent for three years. These sectors are: ◆ power; ◆ airlines; ◆ roads and bridges; ◆ ports and shipyards; ◆ affordable housing; ◆ fertilizer; and ◆ dams [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	
73	152	In order to reduce transaction costs in the capital markets, I propose reduction in Securities Transaction Tax (STT) by 20 per cent (from 0.125 per cent to 0.1 per cent) on cash delivery transactions. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Economic Affairs]	The provision relating to reduction in STT has come into effect from 1st July, 2012. Action completed
74	154	I propose to introduce a General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR) in order to counter aggressive tax avoidance schemes, while ensuring that it is used only in appropriate cases, by enabling a review by a GAAR panel. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	General Anti Avoidance Rules have been incorporated in the Income-tax Act, through Finance Act, 2012. These provisions were deferred through Government Amendment. Thereafter following a report of an Expert Committee, Government has taken a number of decisions, including the decision that provisions of Chapter X-A of the Income Tax Act will come into effect from 01.04.2016. Action completed
75	155	I propose a series of measures to deter the generation and use of unaccounted money. To this end, I propose ◆ Introduction of compulsory reporting requirement in case of assets held abroad. ◆ Allowing for reopening of assessment upto 16 years in relation to assets held abroad. ◆ Tax collection at source on purchase in cash of bullion or jewellery in excess of ₹ 2 lakh.	These series of measures have been introduced in the Finance Bill, 2012 and are finally part of the Finance Act, 2012 except the provisions of the tax deduction at source on immovable property which has been dropped from the Finance Bill during the official amendments while passing the Bill as Finance Act, 2012. Action completed

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		◆ Tax deduction at source on transfer of immovable property (other than agricultural land) above a specified threshold. ◆ Tax collection at source on trading in coal, lignite and iron ore. ◆ Increasing the onus of proof on closely held companies for funds received from shareholders as well as taxing share premium in excess of fair market value. ◆ Taxation of unexplained money, credits, investments, expenditures etc., at the highest rate of 30 per cent irrespective of the slab of income. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	
76	168	As a measure of harmonisation between Central Excise and Service Tax, a number of alignments have been made. These include a common simplified registration form and a common return for Central Excise and Service Tax, to be named EST-1. This common return will comprise only one page, which will be a significant reduction from the 15 pages of the two returns at present. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	A common registration form and a common return for Central Excise & Service Tax have been placed in the public domain. The responses from public and departmental officers have been invited. The Central Board of Excise & Customs has appointed a committee headed by DG, Service Tax to go into all aspects of this issue. Work in progress
77	169	Revision Application Authority and Settlement Commission are being introduced in Service Tax to help resolve disputes with far greater ease. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	Statutory provision relating to Revision Application Authority is effective since 28th May, 2012, the date of enactment of the Finance Act, 2012. For Settlement Commission, notification no. 16/2012-ST dated 29.05.2012 prescribing rules has been issued. Action completed
78	171	Place of Supply Rules, that will determine the location where a service shall be deemed to be provided, are being placed in public domain for stakeholders' comments and shall be notified when the negative list is put into effect. These rules will also provide a possible backdrop to initiate an informed debate to assess all the issues that may arise in the taxation of inter-state services for the eventual launch of GST. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	Notification No.28/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 stands issued. Place of Provision of Services Rules have come into effect from 1st July, 2012. Action completed

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79	172	I propose to set up a Study Team to examine the possibility of a common tax code for service tax and central excise which could be adopted to harmonise the two legislations as much as possible at the right time. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	A Study team to examine the possibility of a common tax code for service tax and central excise has been constituted. Action completed
80	173	While the problems faced by exporters of goods with respect to taxes on input services was addressed earlier this year, disbursement of taxes that go into the export of services has been an irritant for long. I now announce a new scheme that will simplify refunds without resorting to voluminous documentation or verification. As an added incentive, such refunds will also be admissible for taxes on taxable services that have been exempted. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	The scheme was made operational through notification no. 27/2012-CE(NT) dated 18.06.2012 prescribing the safeguards, conditions, limitations and the procedure for the refund claims. Action completed
81	174	Rules pertaining to the Point of Taxation are also being rationalised, providing greater clarity and removing the irritants. Cenvat credits in a number of areas are being restored. There are a number of other proposals both for the facilitation of business and to check malpractices. I do not wish to take the valuable time of this House for discussing all these proposals. [Nodal Ministry/Department: Department of Revenue]	Notification Nos.04/2012-ST dated 17.03.2012 and 37/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 have been issued in respect of Point of Taxation Rules. Notification Nos.18/2012-CE(NT) dated 17.03.2012 and 28/2012-CE(NT) dated 20.06.2012 have been issued in respect of Cenvat Credit Rules. Notification No.26/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 has been issued in respect of abatements in the case of certain taxable services. Action completed