

**GENDER BUDGET INITIATIVES OF  
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA – 2007-08  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

It was assured by the Finance Minister of Karnataka, while presenting the budget for 2006-07, that the Government would create a separate cell in the Finance Department to identify the quantum and resource allocation and expenditure for women and proper translation of policy commitments. Accordingly, in the year 2007-08, the first ever Gender Budget document was presented at the Legislature with a hope to improve the sensitivity to address the issues which concerns women.

A gender analysis of Government budgets offers a new tool or methodology for ensuring a better match between Government's policy commitments and development outcomes for women recognizing underlying gender inequalities and redressing them through allocation of public resources. GRB aims to analyze how effectively Government's policies, programmes, and budgetary allocations respond to the needs and concerns of females. An initial and maiden effort has been made by the Government of Karnataka to present the budget provisions that are substantially meant for the welfare of women. Besides, there are also other schemes and programmes meant for women which have not been documented in this exercise.

Government of Karnataka in the year 2007-08 has categorized budget allocations as A and B. Category A has 100% budget allocations for women, whereas Category B has more than 30% allocations.

The table below gives the total allocations under categories A and B during the latest three years.

Particulars	2007-08 BE			2006-07 RE			2005-06 Accts		
	P	N.P	T	P	N.P	T	P	N.P	T
Category A	394.4	291.0	685.4	350.9	153.5	504.3	40.6	82.8	123.4
%	57.5	42.5	100.0	69.6	30.4	100.0	32.9	67.1	100.0
Category B	1869.3	1187.1	3056.4	774.0	953.1	1727.1	472.9	889.3	1362.2
%	61.2	38.8	100.0	44.8	55.2	100.0	34.7	65.3	100.0

## **CATEGORY WISE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

### **CATEGORY 'A': 100% BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR WOMEN**

Under this category, 8 departments have been covered during 2006-07 and 2007-08 as against 6 departments in the year 2005-06. There has been an allocation of Rs. 685.40 crores in 2007-08 as against Rs. 504.34 crores during 2006-07 and Rs. 123.46 crores in 2005-06. During 2007-08 BE the percentage share of plan and non-plan out of the total has been of the order of 57.5 and 42.5 respectively. Similarly, the share of plan during 2006-07 (RE) was 69.6% as against 30.4% in the non plan. In the year 2005-06 while the share of plan was 32.9% that of non plan was as high as 67.1%.

In all the three years, pensions under revenue have contributed for overall higher share in the category of non-plan. As compared to 2006-07, the percentage of allocations during 2007-08 has gone up by 35.90 and 80.14 as compared to 2005-06. In both the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 the highest percentage of allocations out of the total has gone to WCD and Revenue

Departments. While the share of revenue department is 45.5%, WCD has been of the order of 43.4%. During the year of reference, the corresponding share in the previous year was 35.5% and 60.8%. In the year 2005-06 it was 67.6% - revenue and 25.4% - WCD. While WCD claimed the highest share of 76% towards Bhagyalakshmi under plan, it was 92% towards pensions in the non-plan category under revenue. In the year 2006-07 it was 76.4% and 84.4% respectively. Under Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, the focus was towards dairy programme for women – KMF (99.8%). Health and Family Welfare programmes takes care of training of auxiliary nurse midwives (41.58%), dadis and lady health visitors and health kits for new mothers (39.93%), which forms more than 80% of the total allocations towards under Health and Family Welfare.

**CATEGORY B: More than 30% budget allocations for women:**

In the category 'B', there are 20 departments which cover more than 30% budget allocations for women. The total budget was Rs. 136219.74 lakhs in the year 2005-06 (accts), which increased to Rs. 172713.24 lakhs in the year 2006-07 (RE) and to Rs. 305642.23 lakhs in the year 2007-08 (BE). In terms of percentages the increase has been of the order of 76.97% against 2006-07 (RE) and 124.37% against 2005-06 (Accts). Out of the total, the share of plan budget during 2007-08 has been 61.6% as against 38.84% for non-plan, whereas it was 44.81% for plan and 55.19% for non-plan in the year 2006-07. Similarly, the share of plan (34.72%) was much lower than that of non-plan (65.28%) in the year 2005-06.

Out of the total allocations during 2007-08, the highest percentage of 19.83% was for food and civil supplies followed by education (15.39%) revenue (14.34%) commerce and industries (9.8%) and women and child development (7.25%). The percentage share in the remaining departments varied from 0.21 percent in DPAR to 5.39 percent in Health and Family Welfare. While the major portion (87.39%) under RD & PR Department was allocated to Karnataka Rural

Poverty and Panchayat Project – Gram Swaraj, it was ICDS (82.7%) under Women and Child Development; both these allocations were under plan. The share of food subsidies differential cost to the extent of 99.01% of the Food and Civil Supplies Department was under non-plan and loan to RGRHC Ltd for Ashraya Scheme under Housing was (95.1%) under plan. Industrial Training Institutes/centres shared 72.2% of the total allocations earmarked for labour department. The budget allocated to ICDS out of the total budget for Women & Child Development Department in the year 2006-07 constituted 92.4% and it was nil for panchayat project. The percentage share for food subsidies – differential cost was much higher in 2006-07 (99.85%) than that of 2007-08. While New Social Security under revenue non-plan shared 56.91% in 2007-08 it was nil in the previous years. However, the total allocation for revenue was Rs. 8880.64 lakhs in 2006-07 and Rs. 5977.99 lakhs in 2005-06 where it was as high as Rs. 43925.77 lakhs in the year 2007-08. For education, the allocation was Rs. 15,000 lakhs each in the years 2006-07 and 2005-06, whereas it was 47022.98 lakhs in the year 2007-08. Commerce and Industries department has shown more than four fold increase in the 2007-08 as compared to 2006-07. Allocation during 2005-06 was around Rs. 2000 lakhs. In the year 2007-08, more than 20 percent each has been shared by Suvarna Kayaka and Weavers' package and more than 1/3 budget constitutes towards employment in garment sector. Of the 20 departments as many as 11 departments share less than 3 percent of the total budget in the year 2007-08. Corresponding departments in the year 2006-07 was 9 and in 2005-06 it was 10. 7.07% of the total amount was allocated to social welfare department in the year 2007-08, 9.83% in 2006-07 and 6.26% in 2005-06. Under Health and Family Welfare department, the major chunk of the budget was under plan towards establishment of new medical colleges (37.98%) in 2007-08 and (57.92%) in 2006-07.