

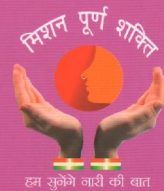
Gender Budget Statement – 2012-13 An Analysis for Select Ministries

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PRELUDE

This document comes at the time which marks the beginning of the Twelfth five year plan in India. The fact that human development is crucial for sustaining economic growth is now being widely acknowledged and in this context, the concept of “financing gender equality is financing development” gathers momentum. It unfolds the strategy towards addressing unemployment, poverty and inequality. The concept of gender mainstreaming of governmental programmes and policies is based on the premise that unless gender concerns are made an integral part of the planning process and thereafter, consistently carried on to the level of implementation and evaluation, it will not be possible to ensure that women are considered as active actors in nation-building and are empowered in true sense. While various international and national debates centre on the need and efficacy of gender budget, the Government of India pledge to join hands in the mode of inter-ministerial convergence towards equitable development to empower the millions of Indian women who also deserve the best.

The National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) guided by the National Mission Authority under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India with 14 participating Ministries including Ministry of Women and Child Development as the nodal Ministry has the mandate to ascertain the actual efficacy of gender budgeting efforts through gender auditing and thereby universalize the concept across different stakeholders. While the efforts on Gender mainstreaming has resulted in many successful initiatives by various Ministries and Departments, a lot of work still remains to be done towards mainstreaming of gender concerns in planning, implementation and review of policies and programmes. The National Resource Centre for Women (NRCW) with its dedicated staff handling issues of inter-sectoral convergence, and the Gender Budgeting unit has taken the initiative in collaboration with the Centre for Budget Governance and Accountability (CBGA), New Delhi to analyse the Union Budget – 2012-13 from a gender lens so as to develop a composite understanding of the pro-women allocations of select Ministries and Departments. This document is intended to serve as a good reference material to hold budgets accountable for gender equity.

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