

## Examining the Priorities for different sectors in the Union Budget

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The following Table presents the priorities in the Union Budget during 2009-10 to 2013-14 for selected Ministries; the budget for each of the 10 selected Ministries has been compared with the total Union Budget as well as with the country's GDP in the respective years.

**Table: Priorities for Select Ministries in the Union Budget (2009-10 to 2013-14)**

(Rs in Crore)

(Figures in Rs. Crore, except where mentioned as % of GDP)	2009-10 Actuals	2010-11 Actuals	2011-12 Actuals	2012-13 BE	2012-13 RE	2013-14 BE
<b>Total Union Budget</b>	<b>1024487</b>	<b>1197328</b>	<b>1304365</b>	<b>1490925</b>	<b>1430825</b>	<b>1665297</b>
<b>GDP (at Market Prices)</b>	<b>6457352</b>	<b>7795314</b>	<b>8974947</b>	<b>10028118</b>	<b>10028118</b>	<b>11371886</b>
<b>A as % of GDP</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.6</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	12059.87	17059.18	14,936.80	18,714.60	16,272.10	19,818.80
as % of Total Union Budget	1.18	1.42	1.15	1.26	1.14	1.19
as % of GDP	0.19	0.22	0.17	0.19	0.16	0.17
<b>Defence</b>	180018.34	194605.8	2,13,673.3	2,38,205.5	2,23,003.5	2,53,345.9
as % of Total Union Budget	17.57	16.25	16.38	15.98	15.59	15.21
as % of GDP	2.79	2.50	2.38	2.38	2.22	2.23
<b>Drinking Water and Sanitation</b>	9200.01	10569.61	9,997.70	14,005.20	13,005.30	15,265.70
as % of Total Union Budget	0.90	0.88	0.77	0.94	0.91	0.92
as % of GDP	0.14	0.14	0.11	0.14	0.13	0.13
<b>Health and Family Welfare</b>	20996.12	24449.94	27,198.50	34,488.00	29,272.60	37,330.00
as % of Total Union Budget	2.05	2.04	2.09	2.31	2.05	2.24
as % of GDP	0.33	0.31	0.3	0.34	0.29	0.33
<b>Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation</b>	571.59	828.2	957.1	1,163.00	957.3	1,468.00
as % of Total Union Budget	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.09
as % of GDP	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
<b>Human Resource Development</b>	38429.4	51904.29	60,146.40	74,056.00	66,819.00	79,451.00
as % of Total Union Budget	3.75	4.34	4.61	4.97	4.67	4.77
as % of GDP	0.60	0.67	0.67	0.74	0.67	0.7
<b>New and Renewable Energy</b>	550.82	986.27	1,196.80	1,397.80	1,163.50	1,533.50
as % of Total Union Budget	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.09
as % of GDP	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
<b>Rural Development</b>	56637.11	72109.37	66,689.20	76,430.00	55,052.00	80,250.50
as % of Total Union Budget	5.53	6.02	5.11	5.13	3.85	4.82
as % of GDP	0.88	0.93	0.74	0.76	0.55	0.71
<b>Social Justice and Empowerment</b>	2530.38	4244.56	5,029.30	6,008.30	5,105.20	6,725.30
as % of Total Union Budget	0.247	0.355	0.39	0.4	0.36	0.4
as % of GDP	0.039	0.054	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06
<b>Women and Child Development</b>	8555.99	10688.49	15,671.10	18,584.00	17,263.00	20,440.00
as % of Total Union Budget	0.84	0.89	1.2	1.25	1.21	1.23
as % of GDP	0.13	0.14	0.17	0.19	0.17	0.18

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RE stands for Revised Estimates, BE stand for Budget Estimates AE for Actuals or Actual Estimates