

National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights
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Press Release

Budget 2011-12

**Once again UPA Denies SCs Rs.Cr. 24,570 in Scheduled caste Plan
and STs Rs.Cr. 10530 in Tribal Sub Plan**

**Together for SCs & STs, allocates only 4.03% for in both Plan and Non-plan
budgets**

The Demands for Separate budget head for SCs and STs realized

In the budget that has been presented today, the expenditure for both SCs and STs in Plan and Non-plan budgets is a mere 4.03% of the total budget. For a population of 24.4% of the total country this is a mere lip-service and shows no real policy concern for the development of the vulnerable sections of the society.

Once again the allocations for Scheduled Castes Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan in the Union budget have a huge gap. The union budget as allocated Rs.Cr. 30551 to the SC development and Rs.Cr. 17,371 to ST development. It is 8.98% of the total plan out lay for SCs and 5.11% to STs. There is a gap of Rs. Cr.24,570 in SCP and RS.Cr. 10,530 for TSP. There is an increase of Rs.Cr.9,927 for SCs and Rs.Cr.5,625 for STs from last years allocation.

The Finance Minister in the Budget speech confirmed that this year the much demanded budget code for SCP 789 and TSP 796 has been opened which enables not only for clear allocations but makes them trackable.

Amount in Rs. Cr.

Particulars	10-11 (BE)	11-12 (BE)
Total Budget	1108749	12577282
Total Plan Expenditure	373092	441547
Transfer to State and UT	88808	101292
Available Plan outlay with Central Min/Dept	284284	340255
DUE SCP (16.2%)	46054	55121
SCP Allocation	20624	30551
% Allocated as per Plan Outlay	7.25%	8.98%
Denied to SCs	25430	24570
DUE Tribal Sub Plan (8.2%)	23311	27900
TSP Allocation	11746	17371
% Allocated as per Plan Outlay	4.13	5.11

Denied to STs	11,565	10530
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It is unfortunate that only 24 departments have allocated for SCs and for STs 26 departments. While all the departments must allocate the funds for development mainly the growth sector departments claim they are unable to allocate the money.

The economic growth departments that have not allocated are Departments of Coal, Road transport and highways, Railways, Power, Space, Civil Aviation, Home, Petroleum and Chemicals etc. This shows that most of these finances are allocated for social services and very little for economic services which means that real development does not take place in the case of SCs and STs. They are not present in the growth sectors of the economy and are mere service providers for the rest of the society. This maintains the age old caste system which makes SCs and STs only to be subservient to the rest of the society. Is Union Government maintaining this through their budget allocations?

Though the Statement 21 and 21 A shows allocations made to SCP and TSP, in the past years these allocations do not correspond to the Detailed Demand for Grants indicating that these funds are not allocated in terms of actuals within the Department Budgets.

It is therefore not surprising that the Human Development Index for India is 119 out of 169 countries below the countries like Sri Lanka.