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Budget Day - A Black Day for Dalits Again

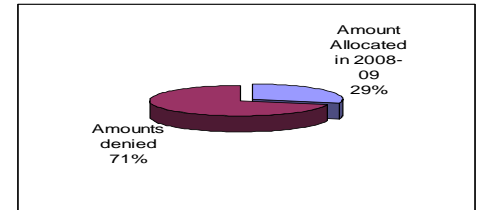
**Chidambaram Denies 71% of the amount meant for SCs in the 2008-09 Budget.
 Deprives Dalits by Rs. 28,376 Crores!**

Growth with Exclusion of Dalits is the policy of UPA

With false promises Indian state has again betrayed Dalits this year. The towering claims of achieving growth with inclusion have faltered again. The total budget allocation under Plan Outlay for the year 2008-2009 is Rs. 2,43,385.5 crore and under the SC Sub Plan¹ (SCSP) the Government of India is liable to allocate Rs. 40090.90 crore exclusively for Dalits (16.7% of the total plan budget) but it has allocated just Rs. 11715.07 crore (29% of the total due under the SCSP) for the welfare of SCs, which means again SCs have been deprived by Rs 28375.9 crores. This year again it has diverted 71% of the amount SCs are due to receive under the SCSP! This exposes the stark 'untouchability' that is being practiced by the finance ministry and in the whole union budget.

Amount Denied to SCs in the 'Inclusive Budget' - 2008-09

Total Budget	Total Plan Outlay	Amount Due to SCs	Amount Allocated in 2008-09	Amounts denied	% of Amount Denied
750883.53	243385.5	40090.90	11715.07	28375.9	71



With this denied money of Rs. 29,801 Crores, one Crore SC children would have had access to education + 1 lakh health centres could have been set up in rural areas + 2 lakh small scale industries could have been set up + 5 lakh SC families could have been provided with 5 acres of land each – in one year alone! Had this Special Component Plan been implemented in the last 27 years, India would have been totally free of poverty!

History of Exclusion of SCs in the Budgets

Year	Total Plan Outlay	Amount Due	Amount Allocated	Amounts denied	% of Amount Denied
2005-06 (RE)	143791.31	24013.15	6650.89	17362.26	72.30
2006-07 (RE)	172730	28845.91	8344.27	20501.64	71.07
2007-08 (RE)	207524	35274.89	11688.11	23586.78	66.87

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The figures of allocation are a mute witness to the history of denial of exclusion. It is not only for the last three years, this trend is observed for the last 27 years since the inception of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan, (earlier Special Component Plan) in 1979-80, the Union as well as State governments are making a mockery of the guidelines and have blatantly violated the directions. This amounts to 'willful negligence' and those responsible are liable to be punished for this crime.

The government own reports tells the wide disparity and uneven growth among Dalits with comparison to general population this budget has not cater to take initiatives to bring Dalits into the manifold of development. Census Report 2001, NFHS Survey and other surveys shows the denial of access to material and other resources of Dalits resulting in the Infant Mortality rate in Dalit is 83% and Child Mortality rate is 39% which is higher than non Dalits who has IMR and CMR 61% and 22% respectively. 56% of Dalit women suffer from anemia. Literacy rate at all India level is 65% whereas for the Dalit it is 55% compared to non Dalit which is 69%.

The average expenditure all over India for Dalits was Rs. 285 much lower than the non-SCs which were Rs.393 annually. In the rural areas about 45% of Dalits were poor compared to 21% among the non Dalits. Compared with the non Dalits, the incidence of aggregate poverty was 70% higher among Dalits. In spite of all these, government has not been allocating the required amounts for the development of Dalits.

Extent of Exclusion and Denial to SCs by various Ministries						
No.	Ministries/Departments	Total plan Budget	Due as per scsp 16.7%	Due Under SCSP	Amount Denied/ Excess	% Allocated of Total Plan
		2008-09 BE	2008-09 BE	2008-09 BE	2008-09 BE	2008-09 BE
1	Ministry of Civil Aviation	190	31.7	0	31.73	0
2	Ministry of Labour and Employment	771.5	128.8	0.6	128.2405	0.08
3	Department of Science & Technology	1530	255.5	3	252.51	0.20
4	Department of Biotechnology	900	150.3	2.01	148.29	0.22
5	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	2400	400.8	1863.08	-1462.28	77.63
6	Agriculture & Cooperation	10093.3	1685.6	250.446	1435.14	2.48
7	Department of Telecommunications	375	62.6	0.03	62.6	0.01
8	Department of Information Technology	1680	280.6	22.51	258.05	1.34
9	Ministry of Culture	600	100.2	3.62	96.58	0.60
10	Department of Health and Family Welfare	15580	2601.9	1880.72	721.14	12.07
11	Department of School Education & Literacy	26800	4475.6	4246.7749	228.83	15.85
12	Department of Higher Education	7593.5	1268.1	1048.77	219.34	13.81
13	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	1794	299.6	408.11	-108.51	22.75

	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	4780	798.26	20.1	778.16	0.42
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15	Department of Rural Development	31500	5260.5	720.25	4540.25	2.29
16	Ministry of Textiles	2500	417.5	89.61	327.89	3.58
17	Ministry of Women and Child Development	7200	1202.4	1139.67	62.73	15.83
18	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	890	148.6	3.9	144.73	0.44
19	Chandigarh	309.46	52.6	11.28	41.33	3.65
20	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	88.97	1.8	0.23	1.55	0.26
21	Daman & Diu	84.79	23.12	0.36	22.76	0.42
22	Agriculture Research and Education	1760	293.92	0	293.92	0
23	Animal Husbandry and Dairying	1000	167	0	167	0
24	Atomic Energy	3550	592.85	0	592.85	0
25	Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals	295	49.27	0	49.27	0
26	Fertilizers	200	33.4	0	33.4	0
27	Coal	300	50.1	0	50.1	0
28	Commerce	1560	260.52	0	260.52	0
29	Industrial Policy and Promotion	600	100.2	0	100.2	0
30	Posts	600	100.2	0	100.2	0
31	Consumer Affairs	209	34.9	0	34.9	0
32	Food and Public Distribution	95	15.87	0	15.87	0
33	Corporate Affairs	33	5.51	0	5.51	0
34	Development of North Eastern region	705	117.74	0	117.74	0
35	Earth Sciences	750	125.25	0	125.25	0
36	Environment and Forests	1500	250.5	0	250.5	0
37	External Affairs	579	96.69	0	96.69	0
38	Economic Affairs	2766	461.922	0	461.92	0
39	Expenditure	10	1.67	0	1.67	0
40	Food Processing Industries	290	48.43	0	48.43	0
41	(AYUSH)	534	89.18	0	89.18	0
42	Health Research	420	70.14	0	70.14	0
43	Heavy Industry	350	58.45	0	58.45	0
44	Public Enterprises	10	1.67	0	1.67	0

45	Home Affairs	800	133.6	0	133.6	0
46	Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	850	141.95	0	141.95	0
47	Information and Broadcasting	700	116.9	0	116.9	0
48	Law and Justice	260	43.42	0	43.42	0
49	Mines	194	32.4	0	32.4	0
50	Minority Affairs	1000	167	0	167	0
51	New and Renewable Energy	617	103.04	0	103.04	0
52	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	138	23.05	0	23.05	0
53	Petroleum and Natural Gas	25	4.18	0	4.18	0
54	Planning	602	100.53	0	100.53	0
55	Power	6000	1002	0	1002	0
56	Land Resources	2400	400.8	0	400.8	0
57	Drinking Water Supply	8500	1419.5	0	1419.5	0
58	Scientific and Industrial Research	1200	200.4	0	200.4	0
59	Shipping	590.25	98.57	0	98.57	0
60	Road Transport and Highways	15055.82	2514.32	0	2514.32	0
61	Space	3600	601.2	0	601.2	0
62	Statistics and Programme Implementation	1709	285.4	0	285.4	0
63	Steel	34	5.68	0	5.68	0
64	Tourism	1000	167	0	167	0
65	Urban Development	2553.75	426.48	0	426.48	0
66	Water Resources	600	100.2	0	100.2	0
67	Railways	7100	1185.7	0	1185.7	0
68	Finance	46413.34	7751.028	0	7751.02778	0
69	Tribal Affairs	2121	0	0	0	0
70	Central Pool of Resources for NE and Sikkim	650	108.55	0	108.55	0
71	Special Package for Bodoland territorial council	100	16.7	0	16.7	0
72	Puducherry	147.96	24.71	0	24.71	0
73	NCT Delhi	1290.14	245.13	0	245.13	0
74	Andaman and Nicobar Islands*	1092.62	0	0	0	0
75	Lakshadweep*	265.1	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	243385.5	40090.9	11715.07	28375.9	4.81

* Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Uts have only Tribal Subplan allocations and do not have SCSP allocations

19 Departments/Ministries have allocated under SCSP. 13 of them have only negligible allocations, seems to have been done more as a formality. Only 6 ministries/departments, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of School Education and Literacy, Department of Higher education, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium enterprises and Department of Women and Child Development have actually given considerable amounts.

The rest of the Ministries/Departments – prominently Road Transport and Highways, Science and technology, Land Resources, Rural Development, Youth and sports, Agriculture Research, Commerce, Urban Development and Water Resources have negligible or ‘Zero’ allocations. This clearly shows only that the development of SCs will not be in the driving sectors of the economy.

It is really derogative step for the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to have cut down allocations for pre and post Metric scholarship is reduced to Rs.731 crores than the previous year which was Rs.811 Crores. Department of Bio technology has allocated only Rs.2.01 which is even less than the last year allocation of Rs. 2.5 crores. Ministry of Panchayat has decreased the amount this year, last year it was Rs.26.7 crores this year it is Rs.20.1 Crores. Similarly Ministry of Women and Child Development has allocated only Rs. 1139 crores compared to last year allocation of Rs.1501 crores.

This gross denial and violation of rights and entitlements of SCs and exclusion from right to development cannot continue. UPA government should take the responsibility for this continuing exclusion of SCs and STs and women. In order to right the wrongs, we the concerned citizens, Dalit civil society bodies and other democratic forces demand the UPA government the following:

1. The Union Government releases a white paper on the implementation of the SCSP (SCP) and TSP since its initiation.
2. Union Budget 2008-09 must have 16.7 per cent proportion of the total budget, plan and non-plan towards SCSP and 8.2 per cent for TSP. This must be reflected in all the ministries with clear conceived schemes for individual and family benefits of SCs and STs.
3. There should be a separate Ministry for development of SCs – ‘Ministry of Progression of Scheduled Castes’ both at the Centre as well as States/UTs for the welfare and development of SCs. The Ministries should have the necessary expertise primarily drawn from SCs and STs who will advise the 75 ministries/departments for innovating inclusive programmes.
4. The unspent provisions, if any, in any sector should not lapse, but automatically be credited to a Revolving Fund.
5. Women contribute equally in all economic spheres. Budgetary allocations therefore in proportion to the population of women in all areas to be made in a special way. Special focus to be made on Entrepreneurship, Health, Education, Skill Development, Land and Resource management and Social Security of Women.

¹ During the 6th plan, the government of India introduced a strategy called Special component Plan (SCP) which is renamed as Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) for the socio-economic welfare of Dalits. It was made mandatory for all State governments departments as well as the central government departments. This plan provides direct benefit to the SCs individuals, families and hamlets. The annual plan of States/ Union Territories (UTs) should earmark plan allocations according to the proportion of the SC population i.e. 16.7 % in the total population of the country/the particular state.