# MACRO ECONOMIC POLICY

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#### **Objects of Macro Economic Policy**

#### 1. Economic Growth – National Output

- Three sectors of Economy
- Regional Balance

- 2. Full Employment
- 3. Price Stability
- 4. Economic Welfare Equity

#### **Tools of Macro Economic Policy**

#### **Monetary Policy**

#### Regulates

1. Supply of Money

2. Cost & availability of credit

*Deliberate changes in* 1. Govt. Revenue

**Fiscal Policy** 

- 2. Govt. Expenditure
- 3. Govt. Borrowings

# FISCAL POLICY

# FISCAL POLICY – meaning

The word fisc means 'state treasury'

Fiscal policy refers to policy concerning the use of state treasury (Government finance) to achive the micro economic goals.

"any decision to change the level, composition or timing of **Govt. expenditure** or to vary the burden, the structure or frequency of the **tax payments** is fiscal policy"

#### **Fiscal Policy**

#### Govt. Spending

1. Police State

2. Development State

3. Welfare State

- Public consumption
- Investments
- Taxation
- Deficits

#### **Govt. Receipts**

1. Taxation

2. Borrowings

3. Sale of Assets

4. Printing Money

5. Reserve Balances

Objectives of Fiscal policyIt has two major objectives

1. General :- to achieve macro economic goals

1. Specific :- to resolve any typical problem of the economy.

#### Macro Economic Goals

•Economic Growth :- By creating conditions for increasing savings and investments

• Employments :- by encouraging the use of labour absorbing technology

• Stabilisation :- by fighting with depressionary trends and booming indications in the economy

• Economic Equality :- by reducing the income and wealth gaps between the rich and poor

• Price Stability :- by meeting inflationary & depressionary tendencies

### Fiscal policy influences the economy

- 1. Aggregate demand & the level of economic activity
- 2. Pattern of resources allocation
- 3. Distribution of income
- Govt. spending & taxation are the best ways to stimulate aggregate demand.
- Govt. spending more \ less purchasing power
- Govt. charging more \ less tax purchasing power

Three possible stances of fiscal policy
1. Neutral stance – balanced budget –

Spending = Tax

2. Expansionary stance – Spending > Tax budget deficit.

3. Contractionary stance – Spending < Tax budget surplus

## **\*** Instruments of fiscal policy

- Budgetary surplus & deficits
- Government expenditure
- Taxation Direct & Indirect
- Public Debt
- Deficit Financing :-

Domestic Borrowing External Borrowing Printing of Notes

Impact on interest rates, savings, aggregate demand and exports

### **\*** Government Expenditure

- Purchase of Goods & services
- Payments of wages & salaries of Govt. servants
- Public investments
- Transfer payments

### ✤ Taxation

*'non quid pro quo'* transfer of private income to public coffers

Classified into

- 1. Direct Taxes Income Tax, Corporate Tax, wealth Tax, Gift Tax, Dividend distribution Tax
- 2. Indirect Taxes Sales Tax, Customs, Excise, Service Tax

## Public Debt

• an accumulated deficit over the period is referred to Govt. debt.

• a *deficit* is a flow and a *debt* is a stock

# Sources

Internal Borrowings -

Borrowings from public by issue of treasury bills and Govt. Bonds

Borrowing from central banks (monetised deficit financing)

# \* External borrowings

• Foreign Investments

• Borrowings from International organisations like World Bank, IMF, Asian Development Bank etc.

### Market borrowings

# FRBM Act

# **Objectives**

- 1. Long term micro economic stability
- 2. Higher growth without inflation
- 3. Inter generational equity in fiscal management
- It aims at –
- 1. Reducing revenue deficits
- 2. Reducing gross fiscal deficits
- 3. Reducing public debt
- 4. No borrowing from RBI

# UNDERSTANDING & ANALYSING INDIAN BUDGETS

## BUDGET

#### **FINANCIAL FORECAST**

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS PROPOSED EXPENDITURE **FINANCIAL TARGET** 

ECONOMIC GROWTH WELFARE \ EQUITY

#### **ASPECTS OF BUDGET**

**1.LEGAL** – Constitution of India F R B M Act

2. **POLITICAL** – Election manifesto of the ruling party Economic Agenda of the party

3. FINANCIAL – Estimated receipts and proposed expenses
Deficit \ Surplus

#### **ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

#### **REVENUE RECEIPTS**

#### **TAX REVENUE**

#### **NON-TAX REVEUNE**

• NET TAX REVENUE – FINANCE COMMISSION

#### **CAPITAL RECEIPTS**

#### **PROPOSED EXPENDITURE**

#### 1. CAPITAL AND REVENUE EXPENDITURE

Recurring \ non recurring Period of benefit. Purpose of spending Possibility of encashment.

2. PLAN AND NON PLAN EXPENDITURE

3. DEVELOPMENT AND NON DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

#### SUBSIDIES

# **1. CASH SUBSIDIY**

Supplying at less than cost-Oil, food, fertilizers etc.

#### 2. INTEREST SUBSIDY -

**3. TAX SUBSIDY** 

4. NON CASH SUBSIDY -

Providing goods & services free

**5.** PURCHASE SUBSIDY -

Minimum support price – Cotton, wheat, sugarcane

# DEFICIT

Balanced budget.
Surplus budget.
Deficit budget.
Expenditure more than revenue.
Revenue deficit.
Capital deficit.
Budgetary deficit.

# TO LIMIT DEFICIT

Increase revenue more taxes, higher rates, incentive to work, save and invest, tax evasion. Reduce expenditure //interest burden Disinvestment Reduction in capital/ plan

### expenditure.

# WHICH DEFICIT?

Revenue surplusCapital deficit

# FINANCING /DEFICIT

BorrowIssue more currency

# IS DEFICIT FINANCING BAD?

- Not always
- 1. Unused resources.
- 2. Inflation under control.
- 3. Within limits.

# WINDOW DRESSING

# Oil bonds

Income tax and corporate tax shown separately.

LIC and banks asked to spend.

Disinvestment.

#### **BUDGET DOCUMENTS**

110(a)

#### CONSTITUTION

- 1. Annual Financial Statement Art. 112
- 2. Demand for Grant. 113

3. Appropriation Bill. 114(3)

1. Macro Economic frame for the year

FRBM ACT

- 2. Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement for the year
- 3. Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement

4. Finance Bill

#### **EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS**

- 1. Budget at a glance
- 2. Highlights of Budget
- 3. Expenditure Budget (in 2 volumes)
- 4. Receipts Budget
- 5. Revenue Budget
- 6. Capital Budget
- 7. Resources transferred to States
- 8. Plan outlay
- 9. Outcome Budget
- 10. Explanatory Memorandum

