

# **GLOSSARY**



## Glossary of terms

1. **'Accounts' or 'actuals' of a year.** - are the amounts of receipts and disbursements for the financial year beginning on *April 1st* and ending on *March 31st* following, as finally recorded in the Accounting authority's books (as audited by C&AG). Provisional Accounts refers to the unaudited accounts.
2. **'Administrative approval' of a scheme, proposal or work.** - is the formal acceptance thereof by the competent authority for the purpose of incurring expenditure. Taken with the provision of funds in the budget, it operates as a financial sanction to the work during that particular year in which the Administrative Approval is issued.
3. **'Annual financial statement'** – Also referred to as Budget means the statement of estimated receipts and expenditure of the Central/State Government for each financial year, laid before the Parliament/State Legislature.
4. **'Appropriation'** - means the amount authorized by the Parliament/State Legislature for expenditure under different primary unit of appropriation or part thereof placed at the disposal of a disbursing officer.
5. **'Charged Expenditure'** - means such expenditure as is not to be submitted to the vote of the Legislature under the provisions of the Constitution.
6. **'Consolidated Fund of India/State'** - All revenues of the Union/State Government, loans raised by it and all moneys received in repayment of loans form the Consolidated Fund of India/ State. No moneys out of this Fund can be appropriated except in accordance with the law and for the purposes and in the manner provided in the Constitution.
7. **'Contingency Fund'** - is in the nature of an imprest. The Contingency Fund is intended to provide advances to the executive/Government to meet unforeseen expenditure arising in the course of a year pending its authorisation by the Parliament/State Legislature. The amounts drawn from the Contingency Fund are recouped after the Parliament/State Legislature approves it through the Supplementary Demands.
8. **'Controlling Officer (budget)'** - means an officer entrusted by a Department with the responsibility of controlling the incurring of expenditure and/or the collection of revenue. The term includes the Heads of Department and also the Administrators.
9. **'Drawing and Disbursing Officer' (DDO)** - means a Head of Office and also any other Officer so designated by the Finance Department of the State Government, to draw bills and make payments on behalf of the State Government. The term shall also include a Head of Department where he himself discharges such function
10. **'Excess Grant'** - Excess grant means the amount of expenditure over and above the provision allowed through the original/supplementary grant, that requires regularization by obtaining excess grant from the Parliament/ State Legislature under Article 115/205 of the Constitution.

11. **'New Service'** - As appearing in Article 115(1)(a)/205(1)(a) of the Constitution, New Service means expenditure arising out of a new policy decision, not brought to the notice of Parliament/State Legislature earlier, including a new activity or a new form of investment.
12. **'New Instrument of Service'** - means relatively large expenditure arising out of important expansion of an existing activity.
13. **'Public Accounts'** - means the Public Account referred to in Article 266(2) of the Constitution. The receipts and disbursements such as deposits, reserve funds, remittances, etc. which do not form part of the Consolidated Fund are included in the Public Account. Disbursements from the Public Account are not subject to vote by the Parliament/State Legislature, as they are not moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund of India/State.
14. **'Reappropriation'** - means the transfer, by a competent authority, of savings from one unit of appropriation to meet additional expenditure under another unit within the same grant or charged appropriation.
15. **'Revised Estimate'** - is an estimate of the probable receipts or expenditure for a financial year, framed in the course of that year, with reference to the transactions already recorded and anticipation for the remainder of the year in the light of the orders already issued.
16. **'Supplementary Demands for Grants'** - means the statement of supplementary demands laid before the legislature, showing the estimated amount of further expenditure necessary in respect of a financial year over and above the expenditure authorized in the Annual Financial Statement for that year. The demand for supplementary may be token, technical or substantive/cash.
  - a) **Cash Supplementary** is over and above the original budget provisions and results in enhancement of the allocation for the Demand/Grant. It should be obtained as a last resort and after proper due diligence. Presently, this method is followed by the State.
  - b) There are four Sections in each Demand i.e., Revenue Voted, Revenue Charged, Capital Voted and Capital Charged. **Technical Supplementary**, after obtaining the approval of the State Legislature, allows to utilise the savings of one of the Sections for any other Section.
  - c) **Token Supplementary** allows to utilise the savings within the same section of the grant.
17. **'Major Head'** - means a Major Head of account for the purpose of recording and classifying the receipts and disbursements of the State. A Major Head, particularly the one falling within the Consolidated Fund, generally corresponds to a 'function' of Government such as Agriculture, Education, Health, etc.
18. **"Sub-Major Head"** - means an intermediate head of account introduced between a Major Head and the Minor Heads under it, when the Minor

Heads are numerous and can conveniently be grouped together under such intermediate Head.

19. ***‘Minor Head’*** - means a head subordinate to a Major Head or a Sub-Major Head. A Minor Head subordinate to a Major Head identifies a “programme” undertaken to achieve the objectives of the function represented by the Major Head.
20. ***“Sub-Head”*** - means a unit of account next subordinate to a Minor Head which normally denotes the scheme or organisation under that Minor Head or programme.
21. ***‘Major Work’*** - means an original work, the estimated cost of which exclusive of departmental charges exceeds the amount as notified by the Government from time to time.
22. ***‘Minor Work’*** - means an original work, the estimated cost of which exclusive of departmental charges does not exceed the amount as notified by the Government from time to time.
23. ***“Modified Grant or Appropriation”*** - means the sum allotted to any Sub-Head of Appropriation as it stands after Re-Appropriation or the sanction of an Additional or Supplementary Grant by competent authority.
24. ***“Supplementary or Additional Grant or Appropriation”*** - means a provision included in an Appropriation Act, during the course of a financial year, to meet expenditure in excess of the amount previously included in an Appropriation Act for that year.
25. ***“Schedule of New Expenditure”*** - means a statement of items of new expenditure proposed for inclusion in the Budget for the ensuing year.
26. ***“Token demand”*** - means a demand made to the Assembly for a nominal or token sum when, for example, it is proposed to meet the entire expenditure on a new service from savings out of the sanctioned budget grant

