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GLOSSARY

14 days auction **Treasury Bill**

A scrip of 14 days duration introduced from June 1997. Auction for this

instrument is held weekly at a pre-determined cut off price.

14 days intermediate **Treasury Bill**

A scrip of 14 days duration introduced from June 1997, to enable the State Government, commercial banks and other specific bodies to invest

their temporary surplus funds.

364 days auction **Treasury Bill**

An instrument of borrowing introduced from April 1992 of the duration

of 364 days. Auction for this instrument is held fortnightly at a

pre-determined cut off price.

91 days auction **Treasury Bill**

An instrument of borrowing introduced from January 1993. Auction for

this instrument is held weekly at a pre-determined cut off price.

Ad hoc Treasury Bill A scrip of 91 days duration created by RBI in its favour on behalf of

Union Government, as and when the cash balance of the Government fall below the level of Rs 50 crore. Whenever the Government's cash balance had a surplus, ad hoc were cancelled in such amounts to maintain the agreed level. This scrip was discontinued from 1 April

Appropriation Appropriation means assignment to meet specified expenditure of funds

included in a primary unit of appropriation

Appropriation Accounts

Appropriation Accounts present the total amount of funds (original and

supplementary) authorised by the Parliament in the budget grants under each voted grants and charged appropriation vis-a-vis the actual expenditure incurred against each and the unspent provisions or excess under each grant or appropriation. Any expenditure in excess of the

grants requires regularisation by the Parliament.

Appropriation Act When appropriation bill has been passed by the Parliament, it is

presented to the President. After the assent by the President to the bill, it

becomes an Act.

Appropriation Bill As soon as may be after the grants under article 113 have been made by

Lok Sabha, a bill to provide for the appropriation out of the

Consolidated Fund of India of all money required to meet (a) the grants so made by Lok Sabha (b) the expenditure charged upon Consolidated Fund of India but not exceeding in any case the amount shown in the

statement previously laid before the Parliament is introduced.

Capital Expenditure It consists of payment for acquisition of assets, investment in shares, and

loans and advances given by the government.

Capital Receipts Capital receipts comprise loans raised by the government from the

> public, borrowing from the Reserve Bank of India and loans taken from foreign governments, recoveries of loans by the government, proceeds of

disinvestments etc.

Charged **Appropriation** Sum required to meet expenditure 'Charged' on Consolidated Fund

under Article 112 (3) of the Constitution is called charged

Appropriation.

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Consolidated Fund of India (CFI)

The fund constituted under Article 266 (1) of the Constitution of India into which all receipts, revenues and loans flow. All expenditure from the CFI is by appropriation: voted or charged. It consists of two main divisions namely Revenue Account (Revenue Receipts and Revenue Expenditure) and Capital Account (Public Debt and Loans, etc.).

Contingency Fund of India

Demand for Grants

Excess Grant

External Debt

Fiscal Deficit

GDP at factor cost

GDP at market Prices

Parliament has by law established a Contingency Fund in the nature of an imprest into which is paid from time to time such sums as may be determined by such law, and the said fund is placed at the disposal of the President to enable advances to be made by him out of it for the purpose of meeting unforeseen expenditure pending authorisation of such expenditure by Parliament by law under Article 115 or Article 116 of the Constitution.

Debt service : Payments to creditor(s) of matured principal and of interest. It, usually, includes service charges, etc.

Demand for Grants is for gross amount of expenditure to be incurred and shows recoveries to be taken in reduction of expenditure separately by way of foot notes, presented to Parliament at two levels. The main Demands for Grants are presented by the Ministry of Finance along with the Annual Financial Statement. The detailed Demands for Grants are laid on the table of Lok Sabha by the concerned ministries a few days in advance of the discussion of respective ministry's demand in that House.

As the Demands for Grants are for gross expenditure and the Annual Financial Statement gives the net amount to be expended under each head, the total of the two should be reconciled after adjustment of the recoveries taken in accounts in reduction of gross expenditure.

In cases, where expenditure in individual 'segment' of grant/appropriation, i.e. Revenue (Charged), Revenue (Voted), Capital (Charged) and Capital (Voted) exceeds the authorisation as such, the grant/appropriation is termed as excess grant.

Debt contracted by the Government from abroad, mostly in foreign currency viz., loan from World Bank, IBRD, IDA, etc.

It is the excess of total expenditure including loans net of repayments over revenue receipts and non debt capital receipts. It also indicates the total borrowing of the government, and the increment to its outstanding debt.

Gross domestic product at factor cost measures GDP at the cost of the factors used to produce it, i.e. At the incomes earned by those factors. It is obtained from the GDP at market prices by deducting indirect taxes and adding subsidies.

Gross domestic product at market prices indicates the value of all final expenditure on the goods and services produced within the country. It is equal to the value of all final goods and services produced in the country in a given period. The evaluation can be done at current prices or at prices prevailing in a base year.

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Internal Debt : Internal Debt comprises regular loans from the public in India, also

termed 'Debt raised in India'. It is confined to loans credited to the

Consolidated Fund.

M3 : This is broad money defined as the sum of currency with the public,

demand deposits and time deposits with the banks, and 'other' deposits

with the RBI.

Major Head : The main unit of classification in accounts is known as Major Head. A

four digit code has been allotted to the Major Head, the first digit indicating whether the major head is a Receipt head or Revenue expenditure head or Capital expenditure head or Loan head.

Minor Head : Three digit code has been allotted to the Minor Head starting from "001"

under each sub Major head/Major head (where there is no sub major

head).

New Service : Government has prescribed certain financial limits for different

categories of expenditure through re-appropriation, beyond which the expenditure constitutes "New service / New instrument of service".

Original Grant : The amount provided for any service in the Annual Financial Statement

in a financial year is called original grant or appropriation.

Primary Deficit: Fiscal deficit minus interest payments gives primary deficit. It can be

interpreted as the excess of non interest expenditure of the government

over its revenue receipts and non debt capital receipts.

Public Account : All moneys other than those included in the Consolidated Fund, received

by or on behalf of Government of India are credited to the Public Account of India [Article 266 (2) of the Constitution of India]. It includes transactions relating to `debt' other than those included in the Consolidated Fund of India. Public Account transactions are not subject to vote/appropriation by Parliament and the balances are carried forward.

Public Debt (of India) : Borrowing by the Government of India internally as well as externally.

Re-appropriation: Means the transfer of funds from one Primary unit of appropriation to

another such unit.

Reserve Money : This is the monetary base. It is the sum of net RBI credit to

government, RBI's claims on commercial and cooperative banks, RBI's credit to the commercial sector, net foreign exchange of the RBI, government's currency liabilities to the public *minus* the net non-

monetary liabilities of the RBI.

Revenue Deficit: This is equal to the excess of revenue expenditure over revenue receipts.

Revenue Expenditure : This is meant for normal running of governments' maintenance

expenditures, interest payments, subsidies and transfers etc. It is current expenditure which does not result in the creation of assets. Grants given to State governments or other parties are also treated as revenue

expenditure even if some of the grants may be meant for creating assets.

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Revenue Receipts : These include proceeds of taxes and duties levied by the government,

interest and dividend on investments made by the government, fees and

other receipts for services rendered by the government.

Stock : A form of Government security held as stock certificate and not

transferable by endorsement and delivery but by executing a transfer deed and by registering the transfer in the books of the Public Debt

Office.

Supplementary Grant : If the amount authorised by any law made in accordance with the

provisions of Article 114 of the Constitution to be expended for a particular service for the current financial year is found to be insufficient for the purpose of that year or when a need has arisen during the current financial year for the supplementary or additional expenditure upon some `new service' not contemplated in the original budget for that year, Government is to obtain supplementary grants or appropriations in

accordance with the provision of Article 115 (1) of the Constitution.

Surrender of unspent: Departments of the Central Government are to surrender to the Finance **provision**Ministry, before the close of the financial year, all the anticipated

Ministry, before the close of the financial year, all the anticipated unspent provisions noticed in the grants or appropriations controlled by them. The Finance Ministry is to communicate the acceptance of such surrenders, as are accepted by them to the Audit Officer and/or the Accounts Officer, as the case may be, before the close of the financial

year.

Tap Treasury Bill : A scrip of 91 days duration by which Government borrows money. This

scrip was intended for investment by commercial banks of their surplus.

This scrip was discontinued from 1 April 1997.

Treasury Bills : An instrument issued by the Reserved Bank of India on behalf of the

Union Government to raise short term loans intended to fill transient

resource gaps.

Unspent provision: When expenditure falls short of budget provision, it results into unspent

provision.

Voted Grant : Sum required to meet other expenditure for which vote of Parliament is

required under Article 113 (2) of the Constitution is called voted grant.