

**GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT
TOWARDS THE WELFARE
OF CHILDREN IN 2019-20
&
UNION BUDGET TREND
FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS
(2010-11 TO 2019-20)**



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET 2019-20

	Budget Estimate		% Change over 2018-19
	2018-2019	2019-20	
Total Budget on Children	79,090	90,594	15%
% Budget on Children	3.24%	3.25%	NA
Ministry of Human Resource and Development	48,811	55,922	15%
Ministry of Women and Child Development	20,555	24,748	20%
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	3,087	3,086	0%
Ministry of Minority Affairs	2,393	2,331	-3%
Ministry of Tribal Affairs	2,066	2,064	0%
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	808	672	-17%
Ministry of Labour and Employment	120	100	-17%
Other Ministries	1,249	1,671	34%

- Percentage share of the Union budget allocated for the welfare of children during FY 2019-20 nominally increased to **3.25%** from 3.24% in 2018-19
- In terms of absolute INR the total budget allocated towards welfare of children in FY 2019-20 increased by **15%** over last 2018-19
- Empowerment of girl children, their education and protection appears to lose importance as the current budget witnessed a substantive budget cut in the '*National Scheme for Incentive to Girl Child for Secondary Education*' (reduced from 256 Cr in 2018-19 to 100 Cr in 2019-20) and not increasing funds for Government's own flagship programme '*Beti Bachao Beti Padhao*'.

- The aim of promoting education of children from marginalised communities may also face hurdle in 2019-20 due to the major budget cuts in '*Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs*', '*Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs*' programmes
- The budget allocated for '*National Child Labour Project*' reduced by **17%** indicating poor implementation of the project and debarring the child labour victims from availing rehabilitation benefits
- Implementation of provisions made under the Juvenile Justice Act appears to be given greater importance in the current budget as budget allocation for the '*Child Protection Services (CPS)*' previously known as '*Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)*' have been **doubled** (increased from 725 Cr in FY2018-19 to 1,500 Cr in FY 2019-20)
- The ministries where the total budget allocation in FY 2019-20 either reduced or remained constant as compared to 2018-19 are Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

1. INTRODUCTION

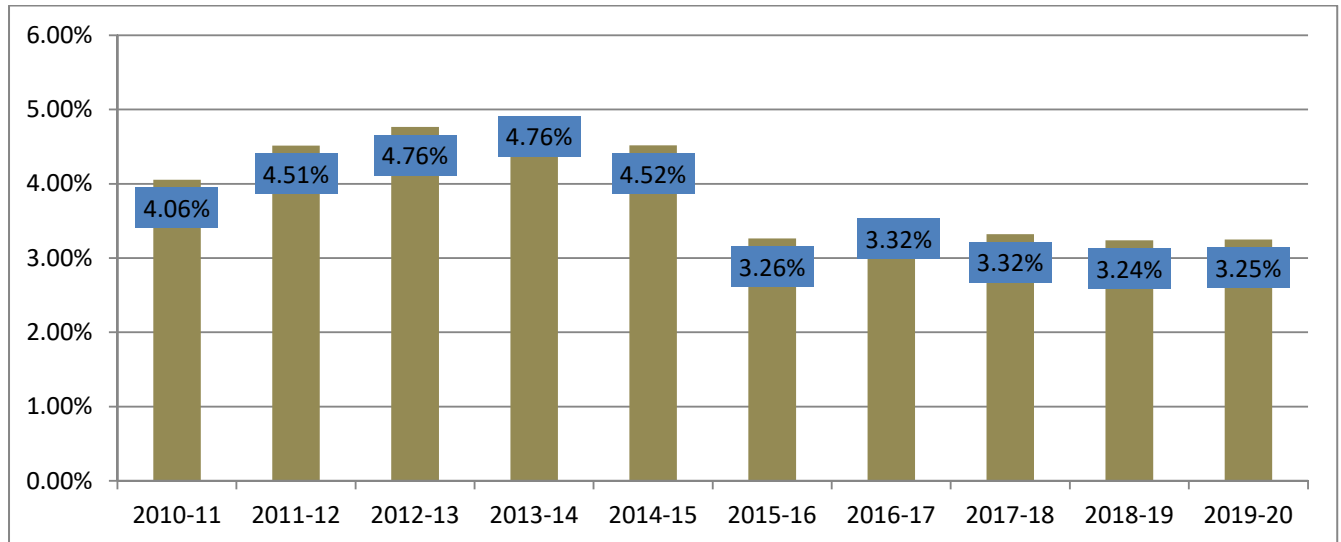
The Union Budget gives us an opportunity to look at how the government looks at the welfare of children. It is an important tool to assess, whether the allocations made under different ministries and/or different programmes cater to the needs of the future of our country and ensure their protection. A quick analysis of the interim Union budget for the Financial Year (FY) 2019-20 is presented below. Below analysis also presents the trend of budgetary allocation for the welfare of children in last ten years (2010-11 to 2019-20).

2. DATA SOURCES

Statement 22: This statement reflects provisions for expenditure on schemes that are meant substantially for the welfare of children. These provisions indicate education outlays, provisions for the girl child, health, provisions for child protection etc. The Budget Estimate (BE) for the last 10 financial years has been taken for the trend analysis. Till 2016-17 the budget allocation for the welfare of children was presented in Statement 22. In 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20 the same was presented under Statement-12.

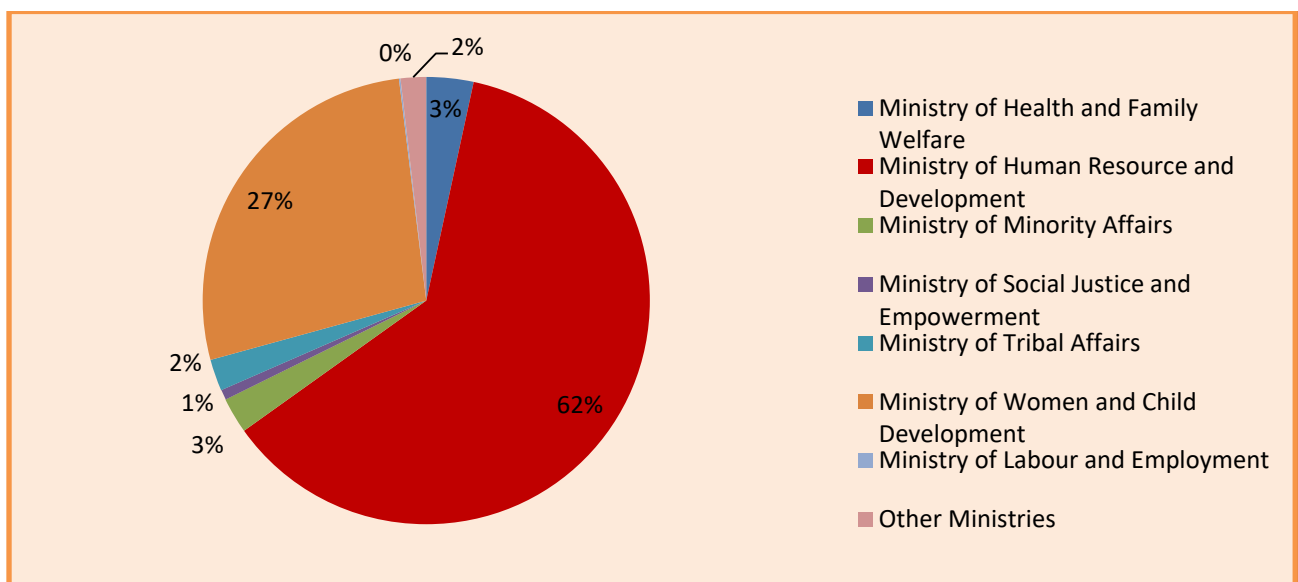
- The trend suggests that the percent budget allocation to the total Union Budget for the welfare of children was increased substantially during FY 2010-11 to 2013-14. However, since FY 2014-15 it started declining and remained almost constant in last five years (FY2015-16 to FY 2019-20)
- Despite the recognition of child rights reflected in various national as well as international documents, the budget for children has had inconsistent financing over the years

Figure 1 Percentage share for welfare of children within the Union budget for the past 10 years



- 62% of the total budget allocated for children is for Education followed by Child Protection (27%)
- Almost equal proportion of budget is allocated for Health (3%), Minorities (3%) and Tribal (2%)

Figure 2 Share of different ministries within budget for welfare of children



3. BUDGET TRENDS OF MINISTRIES OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS

i) Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MoHRD)

- Budgetary allocation made to Ministry of Human Resource and Development for welfare of children in FY 2019-20 is increased by 15% over previous year allocation. After five years the budget allocation crossed the level it reached in FY 2014-15
- The budget allocation for children to Ministry of HRD increased by 73% during FY 2010-11 (31.1 thousand Cr) and FY 2014-15 (54.1 thousand Cr)
- During 2015-16 the budget allocation for welfare of children declined by 25% as compared to 2014-15 and ever since it has been increasing constantly
- A major cut in budget allocation has been seen in the '*National Scheme for Incentive to Girls Child for Secondary Education*'. In FY 2019-20 it has reduced by 61% (reduced from 256 Cr in 2018-19 to 100 Cr in 2019-20)

Figure 3 Ministry of Human Resource and Development – Budget trends over the past 10 years (in Cr)

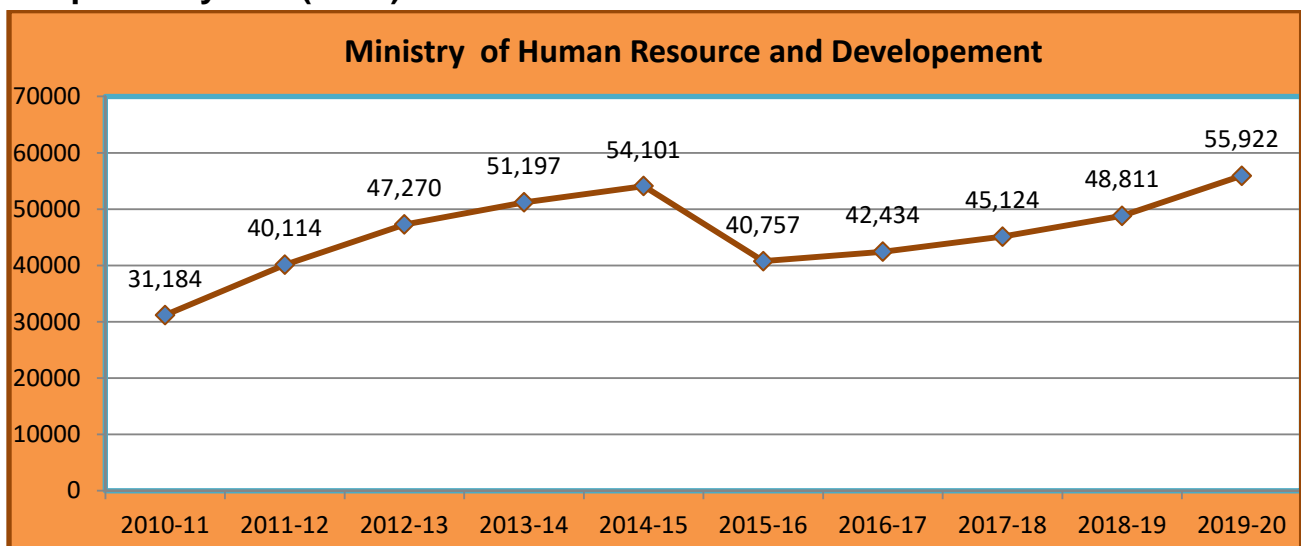


Table 1 Percent change in Budget allocation over previous financial year, MoHRD

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
9%	29%	18%	8%	6%	-25%	4%	6%	8%	15%

ii) Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD)

- Budgetary allocation made to the Ministry of Women and Child Development towards protection of children in FY 2019-20 has been increased by 20% over previous year. The budget allocation made for FY 2019-20 (24,748 Cr) has been the highest in last 10 years
- The budget allocations made to the Ministry of WCD in FY 2019-20 towards protection of children constitutes only 0.89% of the total Union budget
- The budget allocation for protection of children increased by 108% during 2010-11 to 2014-15. During 2015-16 it was reduced to half. In last five years the allocation made to the Ministry of WCD for protection of children increased by 159% over the allocation made in FY 2015-16
- Implementation of the 'Child Protection Services (CPS)', earlier known as 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)' has got a major boost as the budget allocation increased by 107% over previous year (increased from 725 Cr in 2018-19 to 1,500 Cr in 2019-20)
- Similarly, allocation of funds for 'Anganwadi Services' also increased by 19% in FY 2019-20 over FY 2018-19
- The flagship programme of the present Government '*Beti Bachao Beti Padhao*' did not see any change in budget allocation in FY 2019-20

Figure 4 Ministry of Women and Child Development – Budget trends for the past 10 year (in Cr)

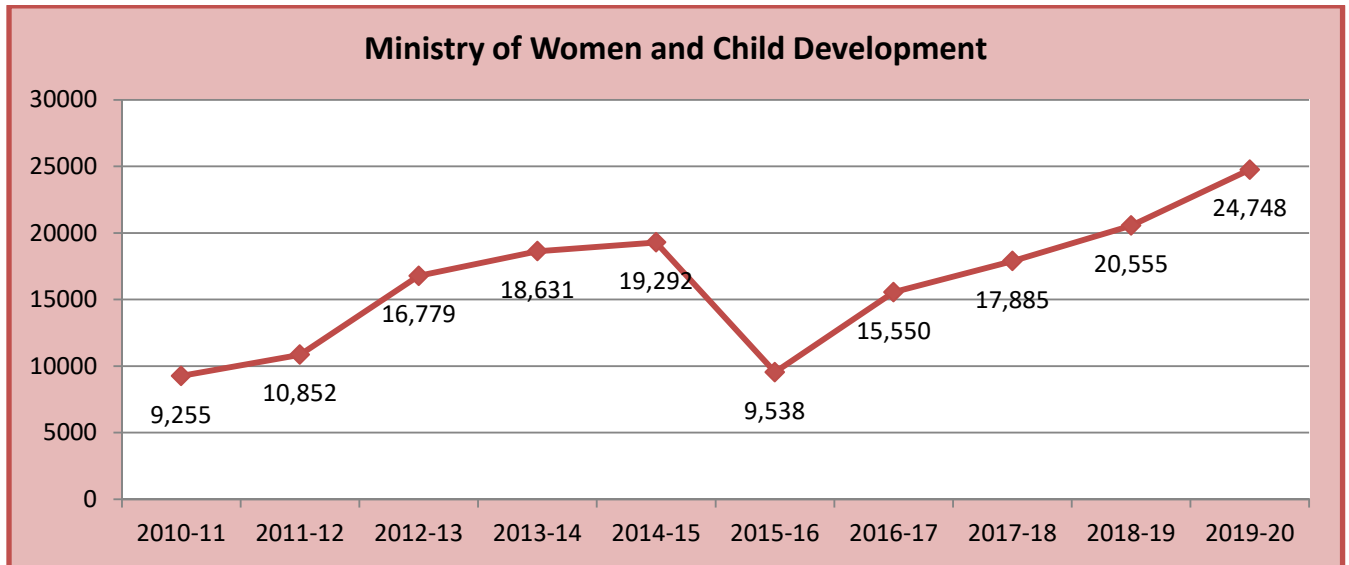


Table 2 Percent change in Budget allocation over previous financial year, MoWCD									
2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
30%	17%	55%	11%	4%	-51%	63%	15%	15%	20%

iii) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)

- Budgetary allocation made under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for FY 2019-20 remained almost constant at the level of previous year. The budget allocation made for FY 2018-19 (3,087 Cr) and 2019-20 (3,086 Cr) has been the highest in last 10 years
- There has been an inconsistent trend in financing the health sector for children over past 10 years
- During 2015-16 it was reduced by 22%. In last five years the allocation made under the Ministry of HFW for children has increased by 35%

Figure 5: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Budget trends over the past 10 years (in Cr)

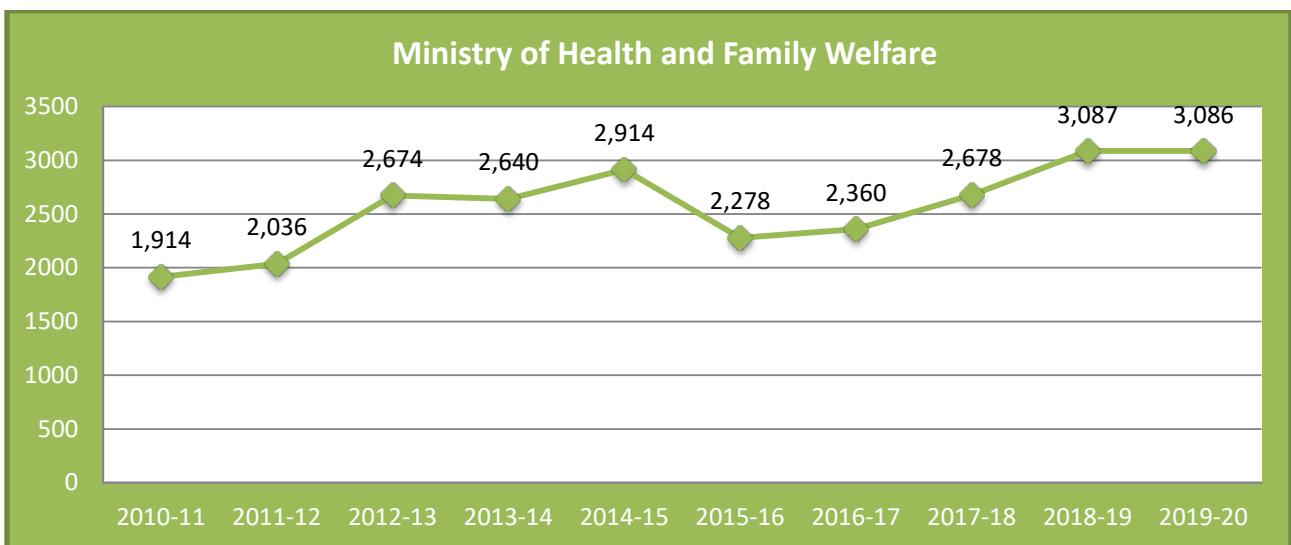


Table 3 Percent change in Budget allocation over previous financial year, MoHFW									
2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
15%	6%	31%	-1%	10%	-22%	3%	13%	15%	0%

iv) Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA)

- Budgetary allocation made to Ministry of Minority Affairs for FY 2019-20 for welfare of children has been reduced nominally over previous year allocation
- Budget allocation to the Ministry of Minority Affairs has seen a 113% increase during 2010-11 and 2015-16, however there was a 7% drop in the year 2016-17 followed by a marginal increase in 2017-18
- Total allocation in FY 2019-20 increased by mere 10% in last five years i.e. over the allocation made in FY 2015-16

Figure 6 Ministry of Minority Affairs – Budget trends over the past 10 years (in Cr)

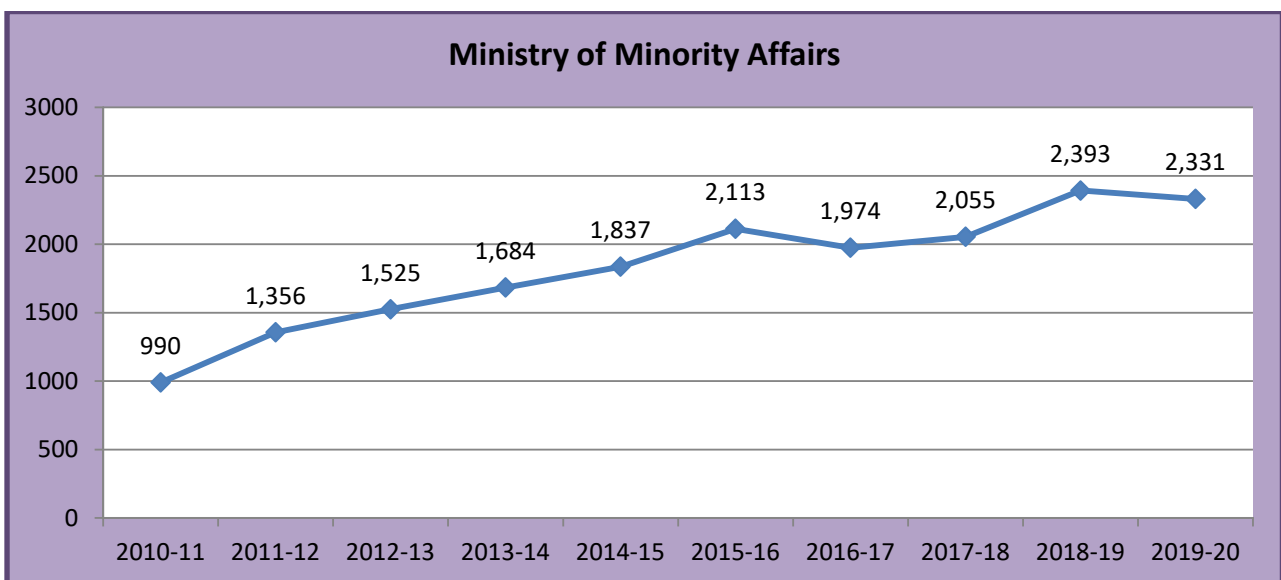


Table 4: Percent Change in Budget over the previous financial year, MoMA

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
67%	37%	12%	10%	9%	15%	-7%	4%	16%	-3%

v) Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)

- Budgetary allocation made to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare of children in FY 2019-20 decreased nominally over previous year allocation
- The budget for Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been increased by 56% in last five financial years i.e. over the allocation made in FY 2015-16

Figure 7 Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Budget trends over the past 10 years (in Cr)

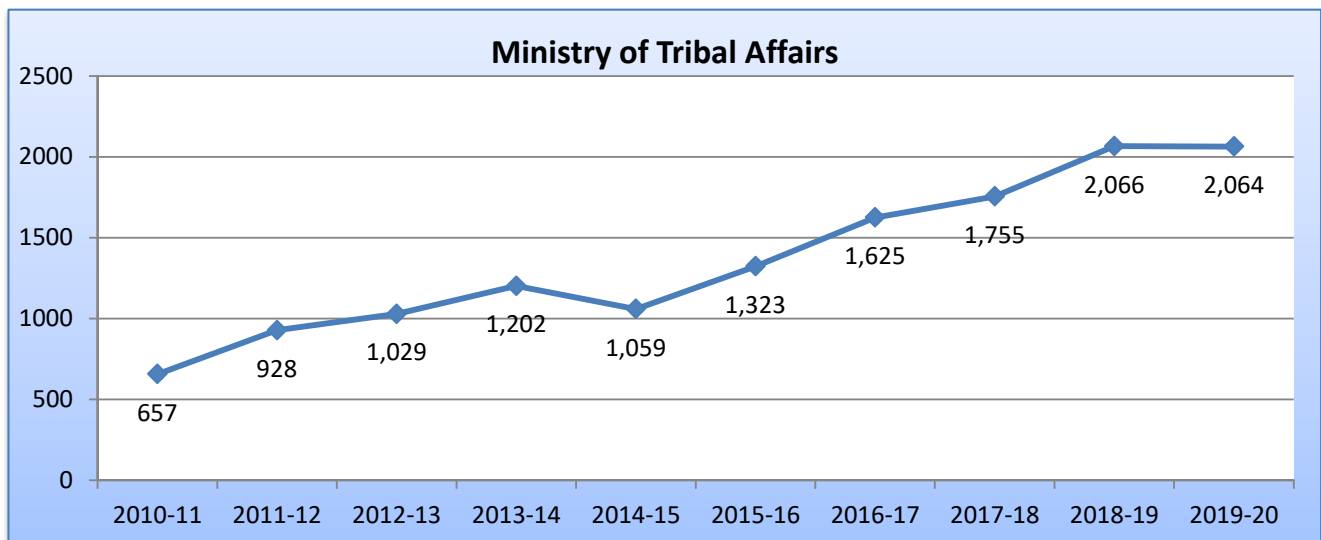


Table 6 Percent Change in Budget over previous financial year, Ministry of Tribal Affairs									
2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
-25%	41%	11%	17%	-12%	21%	27%	8%	18%	0%

vi) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)

- Budgetary allocation made to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the welfare of children in FY 2019-20 decreased by 17% over previous year allocation
- The budget allocations made under the Ministry of SJE for the FY 2010-11 to FY 2013-14 saw an increase of 161%. i.e From 424 Cr to 1,165 Cr
- The trend of allocating budget to the Ministry of SJE for the welfare of children almost remained constant during 2013-14 to 2015-16. However this positive trend shows a drop of 43% from the FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20
- Some of the major programmes suffered from budget cut are '*Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs*' (reduced from 232 Cr in 2018-19 to 108 Cr in 2019-20), '*Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs*' (reduced from 110 Cr in 2018-19 to 91 Cr in 2019-20)

Figure 8 Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Budget trends for the past 10 years (in Cr)

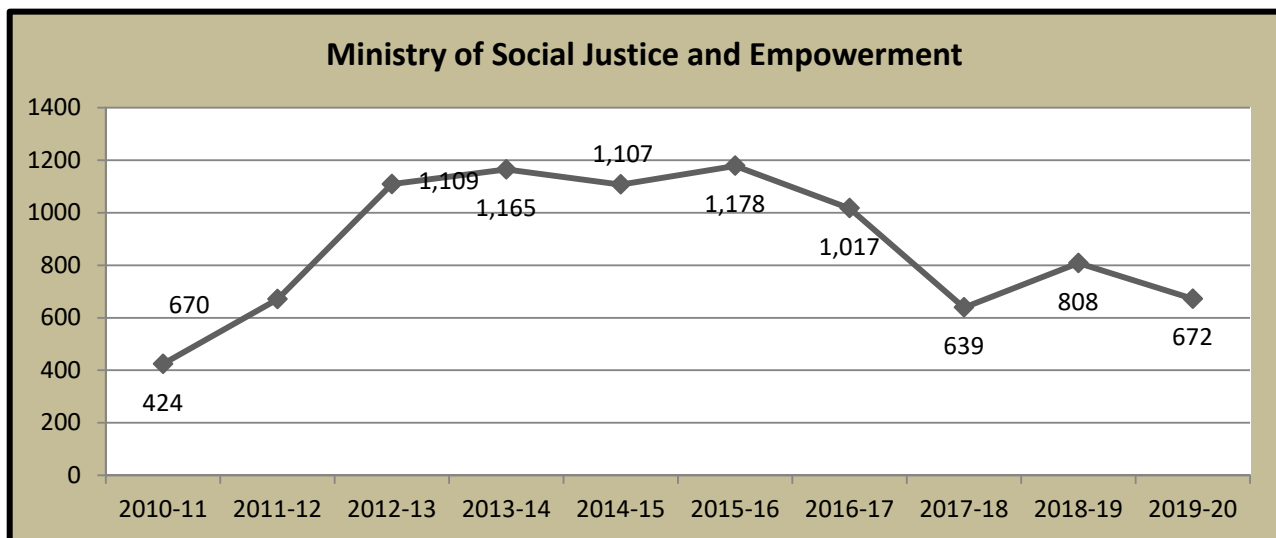


Table 5 Percent Change in Budget over previous financial year, MoSJE

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
65%	58%	65%	5%	-5%	6%	-14%	-37%	26%	-17%



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