

2. Instead of downsizing government schemes and cutting their funding, ensuring better public service delivery must be concentrated. justify.

2021-22 union budget based on theme 'Minimum Government and Maximum Governance' and 'Financial consolidation'. ~~while government~~ Government for past 3 years has reduced 50% of centrally sponsored scheme either by subsuming/removing. while government sees this as a achievement, it is undermining one of component of minimum maximum governance - 'Decentralisation' reducing states involvement

Downsizing government schemes & cutting funding

Challenges in schemes - based on

- Funding cuts
- disbursement
- utilization.

1. Social factor

Take instance Nirbhaya fund - (2013-2016) - ₹ 6200 cr was allocation. of this ₹ 4100 cr was disbursed & only ₹ 2900 cr was utilized.

while womens still face, issues at work place, several women focussed schemes in states was shutdown.

M/SJE - budget allocation was ₹ 660 cr of this only ₹ 180 cr was utilized.

2. Farmers

while geopolitical issues is in place [Ukraine war], the government has cut fertiliser subsidy by 35% in FY 21-22 budget, leading to shortage in fertilizers increase in price, directly affecting farmers

3. Employment

a. while Economic Survey points out Demand for MGNREGA is more than pre-pandemic, budget allocation was cut by 25%. Also there is delay in disbursement of wages, making people lose confidence.

b. PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Programme 125 days immediate employment in rural areas.

Allocated - ₹ 50,000 Cr.
disbursement - ₹ 39,000 Cr.

Several schemes has been submitted while 60 to 100 mm depends on this, migrants → the programme must be expanded

4. Similar fate to Health sector and Environment sector there is cut in fund allocation, despite abst of pandemic climate change.

Way forward.

After GST, the fiscal position is skewed towards center. There is need for efficient civil service like Corrupt free administration, welfare society etc. Focus must on leveraging the administration for effective public service delivery rather than minimizing the funds. This leverage public goods accessible to everyone and in turn promote economic growth.