

# STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Enhanced capex loan from GoI to support an impressive 29% growth in state capex

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#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

AP: Andhra Pradesh BE: Budget Estimates

CAG: Comptroller and Auditor General of India

CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate CCS: Centrally Sponsored Schemes CGA: Controller General of Accounts CSS: Centrally Sponsored Schemes

DCU: Department Commercial Undertakings

D+G/GSDP: Debt and Guarantees as a proportion of

**Gross State Domestic Product** 

D+G/RR: Debt and Guarantees as a proportion of

**Revenue Receipts** 

DA: Dearness Allowance

Discoms: State-owned Electricity Distribution

Corporations

DR: Dearness Relief
FC: Finance Commission
G-Sec: Government Securities

GO: Government Order

Gol: Government of India

GoAP: Government of Andhra Pradesh

GoG: Government of Gujarat GoH: Government of Haryana GoK: Government of Karnataka GoKe: Government of Kerala GoM: Government of Maharashtra GoMP: Government of Madhya Pra

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GoP: Government of Punjab GoR: Government of Rajasthan GoTN: Government of Tamil Nadu GoTS: Government of Telangana GoWB: Government of West Bengal GoUP: Government of Uttar Pradesh

GR: Government Resolution

**GDP: Gross Domestic Product** 

**GSDP: Gross State Domestic Product** 

GST: Goods and Services Tax GSVA: Gross State Value Added

GVA: Gross Value Added IMR: Infant Mortality Rate

IMD: Indian Meteorological Department

Km: Kilometre

LPA: Long Period Average

MOSPI: Ministry of Statistics and Programme

MTFP: Medium Term Fiscal Policy

**NBC: Net Borrowing Limit** 

NDRF: National Disaster Response Fund

NPS: National Pension System NSDP: Net State Domestic Product NSSF: National Small Savings Fund NSO: National Statistical Office OPS: Old Pension Scheme

PC/PRC: Pay Commission/ Pay Revision Commission

PFC: Power Finance Corporation

PPAC: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

**PPS: Percentage Points** 

PA: Provisional Actuals

POL: Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants

POSOCO: Power System Operation Corporation

RDG: Revenue Deficit Grant

**REC:** Rural Electrification Corporation

RBI: Reserve Bank of India

RE: Revised Estimates/Revenue Expenditure

RB: Revenue Balance RR: Revenue Receipts

SRS: Sample Registration System S&R: Stamps and Registrations

SERC: State Electricity Regulatory Commission

SGS: State Government Securities SGST: State Goods and Services Tax SDG: Sustainable Development Goals SOTR: State's Own Tax Revenue

SONTR: State's Own Non-Tax Revenue

T-Bills: Treasury Bills TN: Tamil Nadu TO: Tariff Order

UDAY: Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana

UT: Union Territory VAT: Value Added Tax WB: West Bengal

WMA: Ways and Means Advances

WSSH&UD: Water Supply, Sanitation, Housing and

Urban Development UP: Uttar Pradesh YoY: Year-on-Year



### **S**OURCES

Data	Source
Geographical Area of the States, Population, Urbanization, Literacy (2011)	Census of India, 2011
IMR (2020)	SRS Bulletins
Irrigation coverage (2020)	Land use statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Per-capita availability of power (2022)	Handbook of Statistics on Indian States published by the RBI in November 2022
Rainfall Statistics	Indian Meteorological Department
GDP, GVA, GSDP, NSDP, GSVA	NSO (August 2023). GSDP estimate up till FY2023 for Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal are taken from the NSO. FY2023 GSDP estimate is not available on the NSO's website for Gujarat, Kerala, and Maharashtra. ICRA has assumed a YoY increase of 15.0% for estimating their FY2023 GSDP of these three states. For estimating FY2024 GSDP, ICRA has assumed a YoY expansion of 10.0% for all the 13 states.
Per Capita Income (FY2022)	NSO (August 2023)
SGST	GST Portal.
Provisional actuals for state finances	CAG. For FY2023, the provisional actuals for revenue receipts, expenditures, revenue and fiscal deficit for 13 states available on the CAG have been used.
Others	Various Finance Commission Reports Government of India Budgets Data published by Controller General of Accounts and CAG of India Data published by the RBI, including various editions of State Finances: A Study of Budgets Budget documents of state governments, Economic Surveys of various states Data published by PPAC, Ministry of Agriculture, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha



#### **DEFINITIONS**

Access to Central Transfers : Central Taxes plus Grants as a percentage of GSDP

Central Transfers : Central Taxes plus Grants

Own Tax Effort : SOTR as a percentage of GSDP

Committed Expenditure : Sum of Salaries, Pension and Interest Payments

Debt Stock : Internal Debt, Loans from the GoI and Provident Fund, etc.

Fiscal Deficit : Revenue Balance plus Capital Receipts less Capital Outlay and Net Lending.

Internal Debt : SGS, Loans from the NSSF, Loans from Banks and Financial Institutions, Power Bonds, UDAY Bonds, WMA from the RBI etc.

Irrigation Coverage : Net Irrigated Area as a Proportion of Net Sown Area.

Leverage : Debt and Guarantees

Per Capita Income : Per capita NDP/NSDP at current prices
Public Debt : Internal Debt and Loans from the Gol

Quality of Expenditure : Sum of Capital Expenditure and Net Lending as a proportion of Total Expenditure

TOL : Sum of Debt Stock, Reserve Funds, Deposits & Advances and Contingency Fund

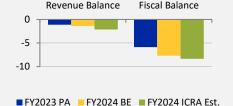


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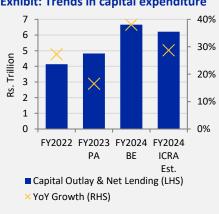
- 1. The analysis in this note is based on 13 states, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The combined GSDP (at current prices) of these states comprised nearly 83% of India's GDP (at current prices) in FY2022.
- 2. For projecting various parameters for FY2024, ICRA has used the unaudited provisional actuals of FY2023 available from the CAG. The actuals for FY2023 will be available in the FY2025 state budgets, and could be different from the amounts included in the FY2023 PA.
- 3. ICRA makes the following adjustments in the SONTR of the state governments: (a) interest from departmental commercial undertakings (contra entry) is subtracted from revenue receipts and revenue expenditure (b) receipts from lotteries are netted for lottery expenditure (c) sale of land is treated as a capital receipt and is subtracted from SONTR and added to capital receipts. The SONTR has been adjusted for all years except FY2023 PA for all 13 states except Kerala and Telangana. For these two states the estimates from FY2023 RE have been adjusted from the FY2023 PA.
- 4. The data on the FY2023 GSDP at current prices is available for Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. However, for Gujarat, Kerala, and Maharashtra, for which data is not available on the NSO's website, ICRA has assumed a 15.0% growth for their FY2023 GSDP. ICRA has assumed a YoY increase of 10.0% for estimating the FY2024 GSDP of the 13 states, in line with ICRA's forecasts of the nominal GDP of India for FY2024. The comparative analysis of GSVA composition of the 13 states with the national average is for the period FY2018-23.
- 5. The expenditure on salary for Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal is not available for FY2023 PA, and ICRA has assumed it at the FY2023 RE level; for the remaining ten states, the salary estimate included in FY2023 PA has been used.
- 6. In FY2023 PA, the power subsidy of the 13 states is not included as a separate line item under their revenue expenditure. Therefore, we have retained the power subsidy amount for FY2023 PA at FY2023 RE level.

#### **O**VERVIEW

#### **Exhbit: Revenue and fiscal balances** (Rs. Trillion)



#### **Exhibit: Trends in capital expenditure**



For a sample of 13 major state governments, ICRA estimates the revenue deficit in FY2024 to exceed the level indicated in the FY2024 BE as well as FY2023 PA, led by lower-than-budgeted sales tax collections and grants from the Centre. Despite this, we project fiscal space to support an impressive ~29% YoY increase in the combined capital spending of the 13 states in FY2024. This growth would be supported by the well-timed enhancement in the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investments (herein referred to as 'capex loan') by the GoI to the states in FY2024. The higher allocation under the capex loan scheme is especially timely, as the states' base market borrowing limit is set at 3.0% of GSDP for FY2024, lower than the levels during FY2021-23. While several states in the sample are expected to have adequate funds for completing 90-100% of their budgeted capex in FY2024, a few states may have to compress their spending by a sizeable extent. Accordingly, the capex estimated by ICRA trails the budgeted amount for FY2024, albeit by a modest Rs. 0.5 trillion.

Muted sales tax inflows and discontinuation of GST compensation grants to squeeze growth of revenues of states in FY2024: We expect the pace of growth of SOTR to moderate in FY2024 relative to the FY2024 BE as well as the FY2023 PA, led by sales tax collections. Further, we project the actual release of combined grants by the GoI to the 13 states in FY2024 to be lower than the grants received in FY2023 reflecting discontinuation of the GST compensation grants and tapering of the Finance Commission (FC) grants. Additionally, the projected grants for FY2024 would be two-thirds of the budgeted amount on account sharp downward adjustment in scheme related grants for most of the states. The extent of downward revision in revenue expenditure that each state would have to undertake, from the levels indicated in their FY2024 BE, will depend on several factors (including timing of Assembly elections, drought/flooding etc.). ICRA estimates the combined revenue deficit of the 13 states at Rs. 2.1 trillion, considerably higher than Rs. 1.4 trillion in FY2024 BE and Rs. 1.1 trillion in FY2023 PA.

Fiscal space can support an impressive growth of capital spending in FY2024: Despite the higher-than-budgeted revenue deficit, we project that fiscal space can support the combined capital spending to expand by an impressive ~29% to Rs. 6.2 trillion in FY2024 from the FY2023 PA of Rs. 4.8 trillion, and only modestly lower than the Rs. 6.7 trillion indicated in FY2024 BE. Apart from other sources of financing, this growth factors in the capex loan by the GoI to the states in FY2024. Notably, the enhancement in the allocation for this loan to Rs. 1.3 trillion (0.4% of GDP) in FY2024 BE from Rs. 0.8 trillion in FY2023, is well-timed as it is coinciding with the decline of 0.5% of GSDP in the base borrowing limit of the state governments in FY2024 to 3.0% of GSDP. We assess that AP, Gujarat, Karnataka, MP, Maharashtra, TN, Telangana, and WB will have adequate resources to fund at least 90% of their budgeted capex for FY2024. Moreover, the resources of Harvana, Kerala, Rajasthan and UP will be adequate for funding 70-89% of their capex in FY2024 BE. However, the fiscal space assessed for Punjab in FY2024 is quite modest, with capital spending likely to be limited to half of the budgeted level.

Combined fiscal deficit in FY2024 to exceed the budgeted level with leverage level expected to rise mildly: Based on the projected capex of Rs. 6.2 trillion, ICRA estimates the sample's aggregate fiscal deficit for the current fiscal at Rs. 8.3 trillion, higher than the Rs. 7.7 trillion in FY2024 BE and Rs. 5.9 trillion in FY2023 PA. The combined leverage (debt+ guarantees) level of the sample set is expected to increase to 30.0% of GSDP in FY2024 from 28.9% of GSDP in FY2023, with continuing variation across the states.



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