

STATE PLAN 2005-2006 AT A GLANCE

- ❖ The State Government had prepared a budget estimate of Rs.3300 crore for 2005-06. The plan size was brought down to Rs.2500 crore during official level discussions between the Government and Planning Commission. Although the State Government revised the plan outlay to Rs.2800 crore, Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik requested the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Shri M.S. Ahluwalia, during the later's visit to Bhubaneswar to keep the plan size at Rs.3300 crore.
- ❖ Now Orissa will have an Annual Plan Size of Rs.3000 crore including central assistance of Rs.68 crore for projects of special interest. The plan size for 2005-06 was approved by the Planning Commission after a discussion between Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaik and Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia in New Delhi on 16th February 2005.
- ❖ The approved outlay is 20 per cent higher than last year's plan size of Rs.2500 crore.
- ❖ The Planning Commission has given 65 per cent higher allocation under discretionary additional Central Assistance. Allocation for infrastructure has nearly doubled and Rs.330 crore has been approved for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit programme.
- ❖ Recognising the importance of externally aided projects for creation of infrastructure as also achievement of millennium development goals, an outlay of Rs.1400 crore has been approved by the Commission.
- ❖ Shri Ahluwalia complimented the State for its economic reforms and creating an investor-friendly environment. He also assured that the flow of central assistance is likely to continue in increased shape.