

PRESS NOTE

Tax Proposal for the year 2009-2010

Surplus Budget

1. Hon. Finance Minister today presented Modified Budget Estimates for the year 2009-2010.
2. The estimated overall surplus will be Rs. 53.76 crore.

Entertainment Tax

1. Poor and middle class people of urban and rural areas pay Entertainment Tax on Cable T.V.
2. No Entertainment Tax is levied on Direct To Home (D.T.H.) facility available on T.V. connections.
3. Generally, rich and well-to-do people take the benefit of D.T.H.
4. This leads to injustice to the poor and middle class people. It creates avoidable imbalance in the society.
5. Levy of Entertainment Tax on D.T.H. proposed in the Budget.
6. The rate of tax will be Rs. 200 per connection, per year.

Status quo for remaining Taxes

In the current economic scenario, considering fiscal necessities and responsibilities of the State, it is considered appropriate to maintain status quo as regards the remaining tax provisions, for the present.
