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AN OVERALL EVALUATION OF TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET

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The budget, which is presented by means of the financial bill and the Appropriation bill has to be passed by the House before it can come into effect on April 1, the start of India's financial year. An Interim Budget is a complete set of accounts including both expenditure and receipts. An Interim Budget gives the complete financial statement, very similar to a full Budget.

The Interim budget for the year 2016-17 was being proposed by Hon'ble Finance and Public Works Minister O.Panneerselvam on 16th February. The main aim of this budget is "People regard the Ruler as God for just rule and guard". The Hon'ble minister listed the achievement of the government for the past Five Years. This study tries to evaluate the overall budget of the Tamil Nadu Government for the past Five years.

New Schemes Introduced by the Government for the Past Five Years

A multitude of new schemes have already been launched for ensuring prosperity through economic development and livelihood security through education, health, employment, social security and food security. Doubling the social security pension; free rice to keep hunger away from the State; marriage assistance with gold coin for 'Thali' to poor girls and enhanced assistance for girls with graduate degree and diploma; doubled maternity assistance to poor women; monetary incentive to reduce school dropouts among children; comprehensive health insurance scheme for the poor; distribution of mixies, grinders and fans to women without cost; distribution of milch animals, sheep and goats to poor families; and