

1.1. Introduction

With the objective of achieving significant economic growth within the framework of social justice, Tamil Nadu has been surging ahead steadily and emphatically to become one of the most socially and economically progressive states in the country. The Eleventh Plan attempts to accelerate the momentum of development and give the State a rightful and prestigious place on the economic map of the country without compromising on social justice.

The broad objective of the Eleventh Plan has been to achieve steady and sustainable growth of the economy, coupled with social justice. Safeguarding the livelihood of the people through providing adequate educational and employment opportunities is a major thrust area for the Eleventh Plan. In addition, the Eleventh Plan aims to upgrade the quality of life of the urban and rural population by providing essential infrastructure, thereby ensuring and enhancing the delivery of basic civic services such as water supply and sanitation.

The state has adopted a targeted overall growth rate of 9%. The growth performance of Tamil Nadu economy can be understood by comparing the actual growth rates achieved against the targets set in the Ninth and Tenth Plans. The growth rate of 6.8% achieved during the Tenth Plan was higher than the rate of 4.8% during the Ninth Plan, though the targeted growth rates could not be achieved in either Plan period. Further, during the Tenth Plan, per capita income grew by 5.7% per year, and this was higher than the 3.5% growth achieved in the Ninth Plan.

Performance of the economy (GSDPFC at 1999-2000 prices)					
Industry	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	1	2	3	4	5
Primary	19648 (-18.5)	19480 (-0.9)	22825 (17.2)	25239 (10.6)	26351 (4.4)
Secondary	41515 (9.9)	44408 (7.0)	47809 (7.7)	50702 (6.1)	54208 (6.9)
Tertiary	81203 (4.2)	87027 (7.2)	97141 (11.6)	104179 (7.2)	112844 (8.3)

GSDP	142366	150915	167775	180120	193403
	(1.8)	(6.0)	(11.2)	(7.4)	(7.4)

The Annual Plan 2008-09, the second year of the Eleventh Plan, broadly follows the objectives of the Eleventh Plan. An outlay of Rs. 85,344 crore has been earmarked for the Eleventh Plan, of which **Rs. 16,000 crore** has been allocated for the Annual Plan 2008-09.