

## Chapter 29

### Government Policy for reducing Disparities between North Karnataka and South Karnataka: 2000-2002/03

#### 29.1 Minimizing Regional Inequalities: Policy Evolution

1. Beginning with the 1970 Karnataka Government envisaged a balanced development of the State with the objective of minimizing inequalities in income among persons and also among different regions / districts. The thrust of planning was to treat reduction in regional disparities in the State as an objective of the plan next only to that of increasing the incomes through a higher growth rate of economy. Income redistribution was very manifestly interwoven with the developmental objectives.

2. For implementation, the State Planning Department was strengthened availing of free finances for such a purpose from the Planning Commission, Government of India. Karnataka was the first State to have an efficient and professional Planning Department with experts in the different areas of Planning. Among the seven divisions, District and Regional Planning Division had its beginning earlier with the establishment of an Economic Adviser Division in the Planning Department. The District and Regional Planning Division carried out studies for promoting banking, evolving measures for a better distribution of the basic minimum needs and other facilities, monitor the progress in the different districts with a few selected indicators of development and formulated a Regional Development Policy. It also evolved a criteria for the distribution of plan resources/outlays among the different districts in which 50 percent weightage was given to backwardness of the district measured in objective terms like backwardness in agriculture, industry, transport, education, health, nutrition, employment, special problems of SC/STs and the like. In addition the State also introduced an Employment Guarantee Scheme and a Housing Scheme in the 1970 for providing incomes to the poor in the backward areas and also enable the poor to have a decent shelter of their own. Thus, disparities among the districts were being tackled under District Planning and later on through the decentralized Panchayat Raj system. Generally, the political leadership followed informally a convention of appointing suitable persons from North Karnataka and South Karnataka to various key positions both in the legislature and in the recruitment agencies like the Karnataka Public Service Commission, for ensuring proper representation in the appointments.

3. However, as was mentioned in an earlier Chapter, the objective of reducing regional inequalities did not find a place in the VII Plan and thereafter.

4. HPC FRRI has recaptured briefly the approach to the problem of regional disparities followed by Governments headed by different parties. With the introduction of Panchayat Raj system and the appointment of a separate Finance Commission for devolving funds for Panchayat Raj system the distinct objective of bringing down inequalities among the regions somehow got diluted. There were sporadic attempts to raise the question of unequal plan outlays/expenditures and also the need for having a special development dispensation for Hyderabad-Karnatak region. The previous Governments set up Regional Development Boards separately for Hyderabad-Karnataka region, Malnad region, Maidan region and for Border areas. Special allocation was made in the plan for these Boards,

which had the full authority to formulate the plans and financing them. The functioning of these Boards has been evaluated in an earlier Chapter on Regional Development Boards. Notwithstanding all this, the disparities, which were converging in the State among the different districts until the mid 1980, started diverging thereafter without any abatement.

5. The Government headed by Sri S. M. Krishna as the Chief Minister which came to power in the State in October 1999 took up the subject of regional imbalances and appointed a High Power Committee in October 2000 to study the disparities and make recommendations for their redressal. Since the Terms of Reference do not ask the Committee for any evaluation in terms of policies followed by different Governments, it has, in fairness, tried to bring briefly the policies and programmes adopted by the present Government during the period 2000-2002. Government also has been following a policy of placing an Action Taken Report [ATR] before the legislature / public on the various measures announced by the Government. The HPC FRRI, has therefore, tried to bring together briefly in this Chapter what the present Government has done for the Northern and Southern regions. Only major items are included here. The Action Taken Report [ATR] has been given in Table No.29-2 after re-classifying the action taken by the Government with reference to the regions, which got benefits from the programmes. The highlights of these measures are given in the following pages taking the material from the publication **“Two Years of Government Achievements at a Glance – Chief Minister’s Secretariat, October 2001”**

## **29.2 Projects in North Karnataka Region:**

### **Power**

- 210 MW Power generation at Raichur Thermal Plant - 7 costing Rs.613 Crore.

### **Health**

- Scheme of Supply of personal hygienic kits in the selected Public Health Centres of Dharwad and Bellary districts at a total cost of Rs.90 lakh.
- 26 hospitals are being upgraded in Gulbarga division under KFW (German assistance) Project

### **Education**

- A separate Directorate has been set up to enhance literacy rate in 5 educationally backward districts of North-eastern Karnataka.

Government have followed a very liberal policy of permitting new engineering and medical colleges to be started in the private sector. In a way, this policy has helped the backward regions in so far as opportunities for starting professional colleges have been opened up for those who are inclined to start such institutions. The outcome expected is one of generating more skilled manpower in the different regions.

## Finance

- Phase-II of rural water supply and sanitation project of \$ 150 million in 11 districts of North Karnataka is under finalisation with the World Bank.

## Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd.

- **Upper Tunga Project** - Dam work commenced. The canal works upto 69 kms. 75% excavation, 50% of embankment and 20% of concreting have been completed. Major tunnel near KM 170 costing about Rs.25 crore commenced. A sum of Rs. 32 crore had been spent on the project prior to formation of Nigam. After formation of Nigam, a sum of Rs.120 crore has been spent.
- **Hippergi Project** - Based on the representation of farmers of drought-prone area of Athani and Bilagi taluks, Government issued administrative approval in 2001 for comprehensive Hippergi Project which envisages lift irrigation to 70,000 hectares.
- **Harinala Project** - 80% of concreting for the dam has been completed.
- **Gandorinala Project** - This project envisages irrigation to about 8000 hectares of land in Gulbarga district. Expenditure on the project prior to Nigam formation was about Rs.25 crore and after the formation of the Nigam, a sum of Rs.70 crore has been spent.
- **Ghataprabha Project** - The canal work is almost complete upto 130 kms and canal work has commenced upto 150 kms. The project envisages Irrigation potential of 3.32 lakh hectares out of which 1.78 lakh hectares have been created. Further irrigation potential of 25,000 hectares have been created.

## 29.3 Projects in South Karnataka Region

### Power

- Power generation of 4 X 60 MW at Gerusoppa (Sharavathy Tailrace) costing Rs.531 crore (Shimoga District).

### Health

- Scheme of Supply of personal hygienic kits in the selected Public Health Centres of Kolar, Mandya and Chamarajnar districts at a total cost of Rs.135 lakh.

## 29.4 Summary Statement and Action Taken Report:

6. The major points aimed at reducing regional imbalances between North & South Karnataka regions during the last two years by the Government of Karnataka and action initiated by the Government based on the Action Taken Report on Budget 2000-01 and 2001-02 are given in **Tables 29.1 and 29.2.**

**Table No. 29.1**

**Major Points Aimed at Reducing Regional Imbalances Between North & South  
Karnataka Regions During the Two Years Achievement of the Government of  
Karnataka**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>North Karnataka Region</b>	<b>South Karnataka Region</b>
Power	➤ 210 MW Power generation at Raichur Thermal Plant costing Rs. 613 crore.	➤ Power generation 4 X 60 MW at Gerusoppa (Sharavathy Tailrace) costing Rs.531 crore (Shimoga District).
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Scheme of Supply of personal hygienic kits in the selected Public Health Centres of Dharwad and Bellary districts at a total cost of Rs.90 lakh.</li> <li>➤ 26 hospitals are being upgraded in Gulbarga division under Kfw (German assistance) Project</li> </ul>	➤ Scheme of Supply of personal hygienic kits in the selected Public Health Centres of Kolar, Mandya and Chamarajnar districts at a total cost of Rs.135 lakh.
Animal Husbandry	-----	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Commissioned 1.5 lakh litres capacity Chilling plant at Hosakote</li> <li>➤ Commissioned 60 lakh litres capacity mega dairy at Bangalore</li> </ul>
Education	➤ A separate Directorate has been set up to enhance literacy rate in 5 educationally backward districts of North- eastern Karnataka.	----
Urban Water Supply	---	➤ Cauvery 4 <sup>th</sup> Stage will be completed and this will enhance the availability of water in Bangalore on a daily basis.
Finance	➤ Phase-II of rural water supply and sanitation project of \$ 150 million in 11 districts of North Karnataka is under finalisation with the World Bank.	---
Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	➤ Computerised Ration cards already issued in Bailahongal taluk of Belgaum district	➤ Computerised Ration cards are being issued in Bangalore Informal Rationing Area.

Sector	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region
Irrigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rs. 89.72 crore spent on Godavari and other basins creating irrigating potential of 1520 hectares</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rs.373 crore pent on Cauvery basin project creating irrigation potential of 23,731 hectares.</li> </ul>
Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Upper Tunga Project</b> - Dam work commenced. The canal works upto 69 kms. 75% excavation, 50% of embankment and 20% of concreting have been completed. Major tunnel near KM 170 costing about Rs. 25 crore commenced. A sum of 32 crore had been spent on the project prior to formation of Nigam. After formation of Nigam, a sum of Rs. 120 crore has been spent.</li> <li>➤ <b>Hippergi Project</b> - Based on representation of farmers of drought-prone area of Athani and Bilagi taluks, Government issued administrative approval in 2001 for comprehensive Hippergi Project which envisages lift irrigation to 70,000 hectares.</li> </ul>	---
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	1.78 lakh have been created. Further Irrigation potential of 25,000 hecatares have been created.	
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has identified Gulbarga and Dharwad districts for computerization.</li> <li>➤ North-east Karnataka Road Transport Corporation is set up at Gulbarga.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Computerisation of Transport Department has been completed in Bangalore at a cost of Rs. 2.18 crore in the I Phase.</li> <li>➤ 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has identified Mandya, and Mysore for computerisation.</li> </ul>
Public Works Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Works of Hubli-Dharwad Bypass road completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project to be taken up on Build - Operate - Transfer (BOT) basis.</li> </ul>
Fisheries Dept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sanction is accorded to take up Gangolli Fishing Harbour at a cost of Rs.8.32 crore.</li> <li>➤ Fishing Harbour at Karwar is being extended at a cost of Rs.1.29 crore.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fishing Harbour at Mangalore is being extended at a cost of Rs.0.75 crore.</li> </ul>
Home Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Forensic Science Laboratories at Belgaum and Gulbarga have been sanctioned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A cyber-crime detection Police Station has been set up at Bangalore.</li> </ul>

**Source:** Two years of Government Achievement at a Glance - Chief Minister's Secretariat  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2001.

Table No. 29.2

**Measures Initiated by the Government to Reduce the Regional Imbalances in North and South Karnataka Region  
(Based on the Action Taken Report on Budget 2000-2001 & 2001-2002)**

Sector / Department	Action Taken			
	2000-2001		2001-2002	
	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region
1. Agriculture & Horticulture	Implementation of Rashtriya Bhima Yojana for which Govt. order has been issued on 1.6.2000		Watershed Development Project in Haveri & Dharwad under World Bank Assistance is awaiting formal clearance from World Bank & Govt. of India	Watershed Development Project in, Kolar, Tumkur & Chitradurga under World Bank Assistance is awaiting formal clearance from World Bank & Govt. of India
			(Total Financial Assistance of Rs.570 crore for the development of 4,30,000 hectares in all the five districts)	
			* Financial assistance from Swiss Development Agency (SDA) for developing 30,000 hectares in the districts of Bijapur, Bidar, Gulbarga & Koppal at an estimated cost of Rs. 28.73 crore. Will be launched shortly after signing agreement between Govt. of India & SDA is signed	* MOU entered between Govt. of Karnataka & NDDDB for development of Papagni Water-shed covering an area of 49645 hectares with the cost of Rs. 20.00 crore covering Sidlaghatta, Srinivasapura, Chintamani & Bagepalli Taluks of Kolar district.

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Sector / Department	Action Taken			
	2000-2001		2001-2002	
	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region
				* MOU between Govt. of Karnataka & NABARD for seeking financial assistance under Water Shed Development created by Govt. of India for the districts of Bangalore (Rural) Chamarajnagar, Mysore & Davanagere
			* MOU between Govt. of Karnataka & NABARD for seeking financial assistance under Water-Shed Development created by Govt. of India for the district of Koppal, Gulbarga, Raichur, Bellary, Gadag & Bidar.	* MOU entered between Govt. of Karnataka & NABARD for seeking financial assistance under Watershed Development created by Govt.of India for the districts of Bangalore (Rural) Chamarajnagar, Mysore & Davanagere
			* MOU between Govt. of Karnataka & NABARD for seeking financial assistance under Water-shed Development created by Govt. of India for the districts of Koppal, Gulbarga, Raichur, Bellary, Gadag & Bidar.	* MOU entered between Govt. of Karnataka & NDDDB for development of Papagni Water shed covering an area of 49645 hectares with the cost of Rs.20.00 crore covering Sidlaghatta, Srinivasapura, Chintamani & Bagepally Taluks of Kolar district

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Sector / Department	Action Taken			
	2000-2001		2001-2002	
	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region
			Identification of NGO for Implementation of the Watershed programme already completed.	Identification of NGO for Implementation of the Watershed programme already completed.
			* Proposal for Fruit and Vegetable Market in Hubli-Dharwad & Bijapur district is being examined.	* Proposal for Fruit and Vegetable Market in Mysore district is being examined.
2. Commerce & Industry	* Shifting Directorate of Sugar to Belgaum	* Shifting Directorate Seri-Culture to Mysore (under consideration)	Proposal has been sent to Govt. of India for setting up Apparel Park in Bellary with Central Assistance for which approval being is awaited.	Proposal has been sent to Govt. of India for setting up Apparel Park in Doddaballapur with Central Assistance for which approval is awaited.
	* Shifting Textile Commissioner Office to Hubli			
	* Starting of Food Processing Park at Bagalkot for which Survey and Preparation of Project Report has been completed. Land has been identified.			

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	2000-2001		2001-2002	
	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region
3. Information Technology	* Pilot Centre for Training Centre for Yuva.com has been started in Chitra-Durga, Hubli, Bidar, Dharwad & Bhatkal	First Training Centre under Yuva. com inaugurated in Mandya.	* Branch of IIIT to be set up in Hubli by 15.09.2001	Incuation Centre at Shimoga with a total cost of Rs.10.00 lakhs to be started shortly.
	* Proposal to be placed before the cabinet for taking over and remodeling the building for commissioning Software Technology Park at Hubli		* Incubation Centre at Belgaum, Gulbarga, Bellary and Gadag with a total cost of Rs.40.00 lakhs to be started shortly	
4. Tourism	Perspective Plan for Development of Tourism in Northern Region with the proposed investment of Rs.1000 crore has been prepared			

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Sector / Department	Action Taken			
	2000-2001		2001-2002	
	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region
5. Infrastructure Development	* Process of selection of developer for issue of contractors for Tadri port is over and placed before the Cabinet Sub Committee.		Tadri port to be taken up on BOOST basis by M/s. Hanjin Engineering and Construction Co., (Private investor at a cost of Rs.755 crore. G.O. has been issued on 18.2.2001 and Rs. 503 lakh to KIADB for paying compensation for acquisition of land/	
	* Expression of interest received during Global Investors Meet for Hubli Airport being Examined and discussions are with the G.O.I. and other Airlines for development of Belgaum & Hubli Airport.			

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Sector / Department	Action Taken			
	2000-2001		2001-2002	
	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region
6. Irrigation	The proposal to shift KBJNL to Bhimarayana-Gudi and Gulbarga and KNNL to Dharwad is before Boards of the Corporation		Action has been initiated to Bhadra, Tungabhadra Left Canal, Tungabhadra Right Bank High Level Canal, Taraka, Lower Mullamari & Bennithora Projects.	Action has been initiated to complete 31 lift irrigation scheme in Cauvery basin.
7. Animal Husbandry & Fisheries			Administrative order has been issued and tender called for establishing a Fishing Harbour for project outsets of the Seabird Project at Amadahalli in Uttara Kannada district.	Necessary instructions issued to shift Directorate of Fisheries to Mangalore.
8. Co-operation Department			Negotiations are being held with private bodies under joint venture scheme set up two Multi-grain silos of 1 lakh ton each in Dharwad and Gulbarga.	

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Sector / Department	Action Taken			
	2000-2001		2001-2002	
	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region	North Karnataka Region	South Karnataka Region
9. Energy Dept.			Work on adding 100 MW under Almatti Dam Power House Project, Raichur 7 unit and Vijaynagar Project is under progress.	Adding 180 MW by March 2002, by commissioning 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> units of Gerusoppa Hydel Project, under process.
10. Kannada & Culture Department			Proposal for establishment of a Museum in Bijapur is being examined.	
11. Rural Development & Panchayat Raj			Rs.920 crore World Bank Aided Rural Water Supply Project in ten districts of Northern Region	
12. Urban Development				* Preparing master plan for BWSSB with the help of Aid Australia to improve water supply & sanitation services in Bangalore is under progress.
13. Women & Child Development				Hellen Keller Hearing Impaired Institute to train teachers of hearing impaired children to be set up in Mysore.

The details of the measures initiated by the Government during 2000-02 would show that considerable attention has been given for North Karnataka also. In the framing of projects and their implementation in a very short period of two years, the projects have been fairly well distributed all over the State subject to their acceptance of external financing agencies where applicable.

Projects / proposals benefiting North Karnataka and South Karnataka announced in the Budget 2002-2003 are given in Table No.29.3. There is a very good attempt, which is to be appreciated.

**Table No.29.3****Budget 2002-2003****Projects / Proposals specific to North Karnataka**

1. Construction of multi-grain silos at Gulbarga, Gokak and Hubli
2. Pesticide Residue Testing Laboratories in Dharwad and Bellary
3. Plan to provide Irrigation to an extent of 6 lakh acres through BKJNL and KNNL.
4. Conclusion of an Agreement with Maharashtra by paying Rs.35 Crore to utilize 4 TMCs of water has facilitated the commencement of Dhdhganga Project, an inter-State Irrigation Project.
5. Dedication to the nation of the Hirehalla Project, Indi Branch Canal [from 64 Km to 133 Km] under the Upper Krishna Project [and Halli Mysore Lift Irrigation Scheme] during 2001-2002.  
Completion of Projects like Almatti Dam, Bennihora, Lower Mullamari, Chulkinala, Maskinala and Narayanapura Right Bank Canal by 2002-03
6. Scholarship scheme for all eligible girl students of educationally backward districts of Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur, Bijapur, Koppal, Bagalkot and Bellary.
7. Establishment of a Cath Lab at the Government Hospital in Hubli to serve the citizens of North Karnataka.
8. Setting up of Valmiki Adhyayana Peeetha in the Kannada University at Hampi [Rs.15 Lakh earmarked for this purpose].
9. Instituting a Chair in Dharwad University in the name of Smt. Gangubai Hanagal and Chair in the name of the late Sri K. H. Patil for Studies in Cooperative Movement in the State.
10. Setting up of a Science City in Dharwad [Rs.20 Lakh allocated for Project Formulation].
11. Implementation of Jal Nirmal, the World Bank aided Rural water Supply and Sanitation Project in eleven districts of the northern region of the State with an outlay of Rs.1035 Crore.
12. Rs.5 Crore released to set up the Institute of Agri-Biotechnology at Dharwad.
13. Rs.20 Crore proposed for the Sholapur-Gadag Guage Conversion Project, which would be completed by 2005.
14. Two-thirds of the cost of Kottur – Harihar Railway Line Project to be borne by the State.
15. Rs.10 Crore allocated towards a High Court Bench envisaged for North Karnataka.

**Projects / Proposals specific to South Karnataka**

1. Multigrain silo at Shimoga
2. Pesticide Residue Testing Laboratory at Bangalore
3. Rs.300 Crore earmarked for the irrigation projects in the Cauvery Basin.
4. Investigating various possibilities of implementing the project of providing water to the parched areas of Chitradurga and Tumkur districts.
5. A Bio-technology Park being established in Bangalore
6. Under the Indo-French Protocol, the BWSSB has taken up construction of tertiary sewage treatment plants in the Vrishabhavathi Valley and at Yelahanka. The treated non-portable water will be supplied to the industries and the proposed international airport at Devanahalli.
7. The BDA will take up infrastructure works to the tune of Rs.150 Crore in Bangalore City over the next two years.
8. A Regional Centre of the Sugar Institute will be set up in Mandya for the benefit of factories and cane growers of the Southern districts.
9. Establishing a Hardware Park near Devanahalli.
10. An outlay of Rs.15 Crore provided for the Hassan-Mangalore Gauge Conversion Project.
11. The State sharing the cost of Bangalore-Kengeri and Kengeri-Ramanagara projects.
12. Rs.86.50 Crore has been provided for the Bangalore International Project.
13. A Pilot Project for improvement of roads of all categories in Mandya district at a total outlay of Rs.300 Crore spread over a period of three years. For the next year, sum of Rs.40 Crore has been earmarked.
14. A Lake Development Authority substantially funded by Government of India will be constituted for the regeneration and development of lakes in Bangalore City.



### General Projects / Proposal

1. Direct lending by the Apex Bank to the Primary Co-operative Credit Societies and to Farmers' Self Help Groups, thereby reducing the interest charged to the farmer by about two or three per cent.
2. Abolition of Sales Tax on Sprinklers and Drip Irrigation Equipment. [This should help promote judicious use of water resource, which is getting scarcer and should benefit dry areas of the State, provided other supportive measures; such as credit availability, etc. are undertaken].
3. Establishment of the Karnataka Togari Abhivruddhi Mandali Niyamita to address the problems of tur and other pulses as well. Rs.5 Crore allocated towards the share capital of this Corporation.  
[As pulses are relatively concentrated in Hyderabad-Karnataka Region this initiative should benefit this region in particular, among others, in the State.]
4. Israeli Technology in Water Management and Commercial Crop Rotation will be taken up on experimental basis in two farms in the State, with a proposed outlay of Rs.3 Crore for this purpose.  
[Results of this experiment, if favourable would benefit the dry areas of the State and help in reducing the regional disparities as between dry and irrigated areas of the State].
5. Launching of an Intensive Training Programme in Horticulture termed "Grama Thotagarike" initially in select districts.  
[This would help tap the rich potential for horticulture in the State and is a significant move in redressing the regional imbalances in so far as the districts of North Karnataka are identified with a rich potential for horticulture development].
6. Development of Infrastructure: Housing, Education, Minor Irrigation, Medical facilities under the Tribal Sub Plan. Providing mobile clinics and improving literacy levels of tribal girls are some special features of this programme.  
[These measures help improve the quality of life of these deprived sections of the society concentrated in certain regions of the State, and help thereby in redressing the disparities between different sections of the society].
7. Steps to bring the educationally backward taluks on par with other parts of the State. Launching of mid-day meal programme in seven backward districts. Rs.45 Crore allocated for this programme.  
This should result in redressing the regional imbalances in education.

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**Source:** Compiled from Government of Karnataka, Budget 2002-2003  
Speech of Sri S. M. Krishna, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka