This volume serves as an explanatory memorandum to the Budget of the Central Government in so far as the expenditure provisions are concerned. It is divided into three parts, viz, Part I-General, Part II - Non-Plan Expenditure and Part III - Plan Outlay. The Statements and Annexes which form part of this volume are self-explanatory and have been referred to in the write-up at appropriate places. The expenditure provisions included in the various Statements are net of recoveries and receipts in the case of Departmental Commercial Undertakings, so as not to inflate the figures of expenditure and receipts. Similarly, short-term loans and advances given to the States and recovered during the same year have also been netted.

2. The estimates of expenditure in this document exclude detailed analysis of transactions of Ministry of Railways. The Annual Financial Statement presented separately under Article 112 of the Constitution, however, incorporates the expenditure of all the Central Government Ministries/ Departments including that of the Ministry of Railways.

3. The Demands for Grants presented separately under Article 113 of the Constitution seek the approval of Parliament for "gross" amounts of expenditure without taking into account "recoveries" taken in reduction of expenditure in the accounts. Amounts of these recoveries are also shown in the respective Demands for Grants. The expenditure under each major head of account is shown in the Annual Financial Statement net of these recoveries. A further netting of some non-debt receipts is done in this document, as explained above, to facilitate proper appreciation of various items of expenditure. Annex 1 to this document shows expenditure under each major head of account after such adjustments. Annex 2 reconciles the totals of Annex 1 and the expenditure totals in the Annual Financial Statement, as well as in the Demands for Grants.

4. From this Budget, the Actuals of previous year are being reported in Volume-II for each demand and in various statements of Volume-I. The Actuals being reported have been collated in ₹ Lakh and are rounded off to the nearest lakh at the scheme level. Actuals for 2009-10 reported in this Budget are provisional.

5. The existing Statement 21 depicting 'Schemes for Development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes', starting from Budget 2011-12, have been converted into two separate Statements, viz. Statement 21 (Schemes for the Development of Scheduled Castes) and Statement 21-A (Schemes for the Development of Scheduled Tribes). Further, a new Statement (Annex 6) has been incorporated to depict the provisions under the Object Head "Grants for creation of capital assets".