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Transparency and accountability in public spending are paramount for any democratic Government. It is the undisputable challenge in front of all public institutions, to share with absolute clarity, the details of expenses made on public money. Our Government is wholly committed to the evolution of the relationship between people and governments to include culpability if the latter do not demonstrate transparency and accountability. It is in fact towards the realization of this long-standing ideal, which could become all the more relevant in the COVID-19 era, that we publish Delhi's Outcome Budget, 2020.



Over the years, the Outcome Budget has created a much needed focus on deliverables while spending tax payers' money in the governance system. The progress on achieving outcomes by sharing achievements which are being tracked through the Outcome Budget helps the target clearances and actions of Government proposals. It also contributes to the data driven analysis of schemes, programmes and projects currently in effect. Regular reporting of data has prompted the setting up of a mechanism of gathering data across thousands of indicators, within the departmental framework. Government departments are now empowered with comprehensive information that help them identify pitfalls in the implementation of schemes, projects and programmes for rectification. Departments can study the localized impacts of schemes and remedy the situation in a context specific manner. Similarly, the tracking of progress for indicators against annual targets is a potential tool of citizen empowerment. This presents an opportunity to establish an efficient, responsible and open form of governance and a step towards ensuring accountability of Government towards Delhi's common man.

The crux of the Outcome Budget is to ensure efficient service delivery to all the intended beneficiaries in time-bound manner. The setting up of targets for progress against each indicator has accelerated the pace of programme/project implementation by the departments. Output and Outcome reviews of schemes, projects and programmes has established a mechanism which helps departments in adhering to time-lines of implementation and addressing the noted issues as and when there are deviation. The linking of budgetary allocations to 'outputs' and 'outcomes' represents the eagerness of Government to disclose public expenditure made at every stage of the completion of a scheme, project and programme. The Monitoring and Evaluation Unit is functioning within the Department of Planning to analyse, monitor and evaluate schemes, projects and programmes to report on the need for the introduction of mid-term corrections. The future is dependent on the responsibility granted to public institutions by citizens and it is imperative that it should be reciprocated with absolute transparency and honesty.


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