

[95-3] - Economy

3. Fiscal support to growth needs emphasis on retaining space for capital expenditure to grow adequately in Indian economy. Explain.

India is better positioned, performing in terms of growth comparatively. But external factors like Ukraine war, new COVID variants, global slowdown, delaying India's growth. only 8.57% growth post 2019-20 is registered.

Focusing on Growth

upcoming budget is the hope - must focus on.
2 factors $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{fiscal deficit} \\ \rightarrow \text{High growth (+) price stabilisation} \end{array} \right.$

Challenges ahead

Growth projection for India for 2023-24

International Monetary Fund	Organisation for Economic co-operation & development
6.1%	5.7%

Overall growth band $\Rightarrow$ 6.1-6.5% $\Rightarrow$ policies must focus on. improving growth not below this range.

Fiscal deficit

2020 $\rightarrow$ 9.2% of Gross domestic product. Subsequently (3 times higher than Fiscal responsibility budget management Act).

reduced to 6.7% & 6.4%. Fiscal deficit ratio of 3% requires total adjustment of 3.4%. A 0.7% of reduction in fiscal deficit (6.4% to 5.7%) in 2023-24 is possible.

Savings - Investment

Financial savings → households & net foreign inflows
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Can finance potential deficit sectors → both public & private

Household savings → increased 7% → 11% → due to (2028) GDP

TO reduce fiscal deficit to 5.7% ⇒ 1.1% of Gross domestic product
Investment required

Can be financed by
↓
household net foreign inflows
↓ ↓
equivalent to 2-3% equivalent
8%

Way forward

Government in upcoming budget must focus on raising capital expenditure to enhance savings & investment which not only creates demand but also reduce fiscal deficit, give more space for government to promote growth and also achieve fiscal consolidation.