

# BUDGET 2005-06



## PERSONAL TAX

- Annual income up to Rs 1 lakh exempt from tax
- New IT slabs of 10, 20 and 30 per cent for incomes above Re 1 lakh to upwards of Rs 2.5 lakh.
- Exemption level for women pegged higher at Rs 1.25 lakh.
- Exemption level for senior citizens fixed at Rs 1.5 lakh.
- Consolidated amount of Rs 1 lakh to be deducted from income before calculating tax.

## CHEAPER

- No customs or excise duty on LPG for domestic consumption and subsidised kerosene.
- Customs duty on crude/petroleum products halved to 5 per cent.
- Re 1 per kg surcharge on tea abolished.
- Re 1 per kg excise on refined edible oils and Rs 1.25 per kg on vanaspati removed.
- Excise duty on imitation jewellery halved to 8 per cent.
- Customs duty on polyester, nylon chips, textile fibres, yarns and intermediaries, fabrics and garments reduced to 15 per cent.

## DEARER

- Specific rate on cigarettes to increase by 20 per cent. Bidis left untouched.