

*Abstract of Doctoral Dissertation*

## **Socio Economic Impact of Public Finances in Goa - A Critical Evaluation<sup>1</sup>**

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### **I. Introduction**

PUBLIC FINANCE ENCOMPASSES receipts and expenditure of institutions of Governance. Receipts comprise both revenue receipts and borrowings towards deficit financing. Revenue receipts are monies collected from public in the form of direct and indirect taxes on commodities and non-tax revenues in the form of user charges. Borrowings are basically to fill the gap in own revenues and total expenditure. Pursuit for development has continuously put pressure on public finances. Today, human development has become the focal point of public finance. On account of ever increasing wants and needs in the society and also growth in population the role of Government has become far and wide. Governments are endowed with momentous task of providing basic minimum services like food, cloth, shelter, health, education, water, sanitation etc., improving the economic conditions and quality of life of the people, creating job opportunities for the ever growing number of unemployed and under-employed people, reducing income and wealth disparities in the society, infrastructure development etc.

Thus, there has been continuous demand for resources among competing uses. Striking balance between availability of resources and their allocation to competing uses needs an effective fiscal policy. Fiscal policy can seek to influence the economy, on the one hand, by the amount of public income that is raised and on the other, by the amount and direction of public expenditure. Public finance prudence is based on the principles of marginal utility and equi-marginal utility of expenditure and resources. The principles indicate the limits up to which both public expenditure and resources should

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