



# Union Budget 2021-22: Decoding some important trends

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# Context

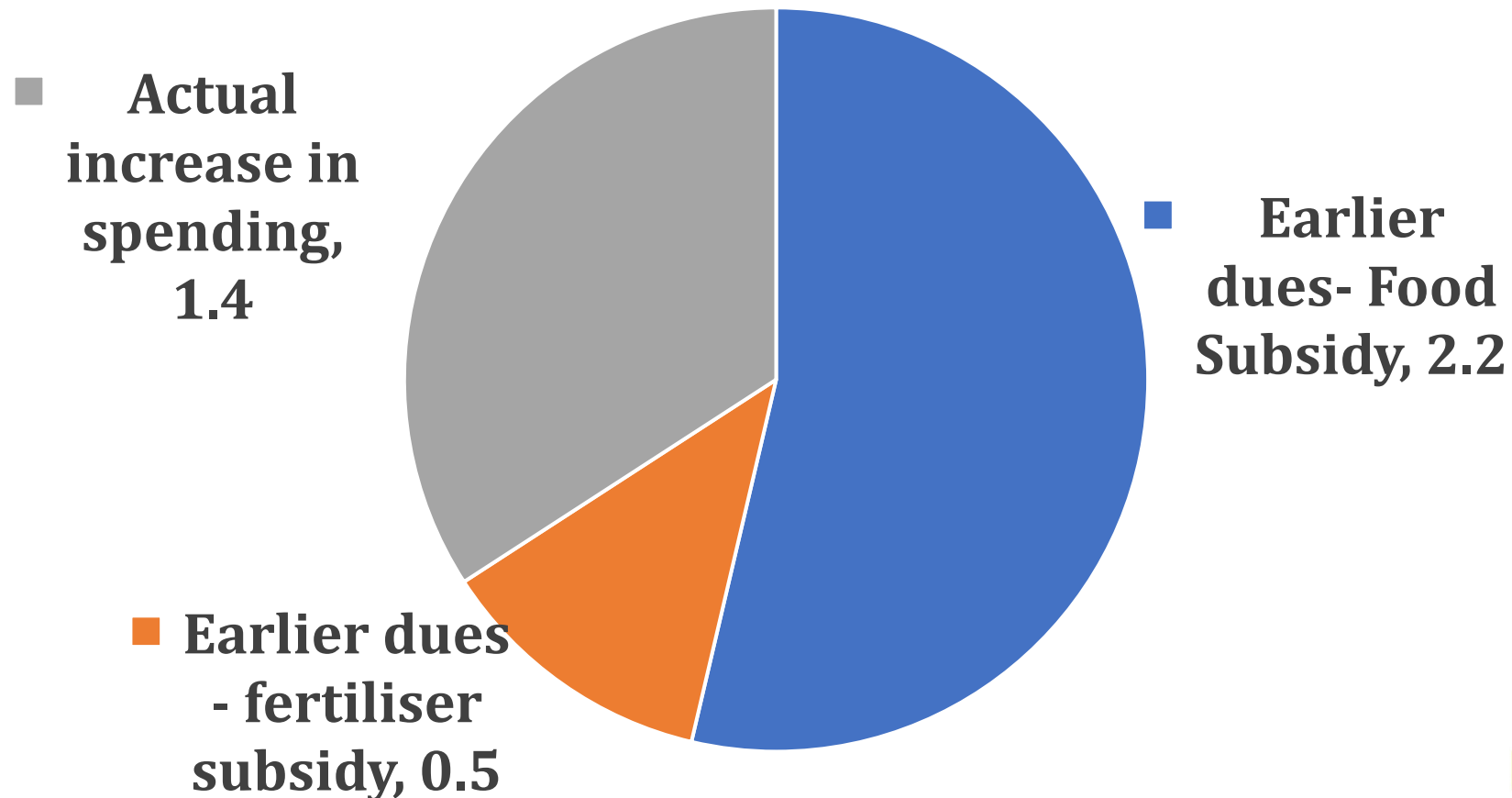
- Pandemic and economic crisis
- High unemployment, hunger and destitution
- Widening social and economic inequalities
- Overburdened and under-resourced health system
- State finances under strain
  
- The recommendations of the 15 FC

# Broad Fiscal Indicators

	Rs. lakh crore		
	2020-21 (BE)	2020-21 (RE)	2021-22 (BE)
Total Expenditure	30.42	34.50	34.83
Total Receipt	22.45	16.01	19.76
Fiscal Deficit	7.96	18.48	15.06

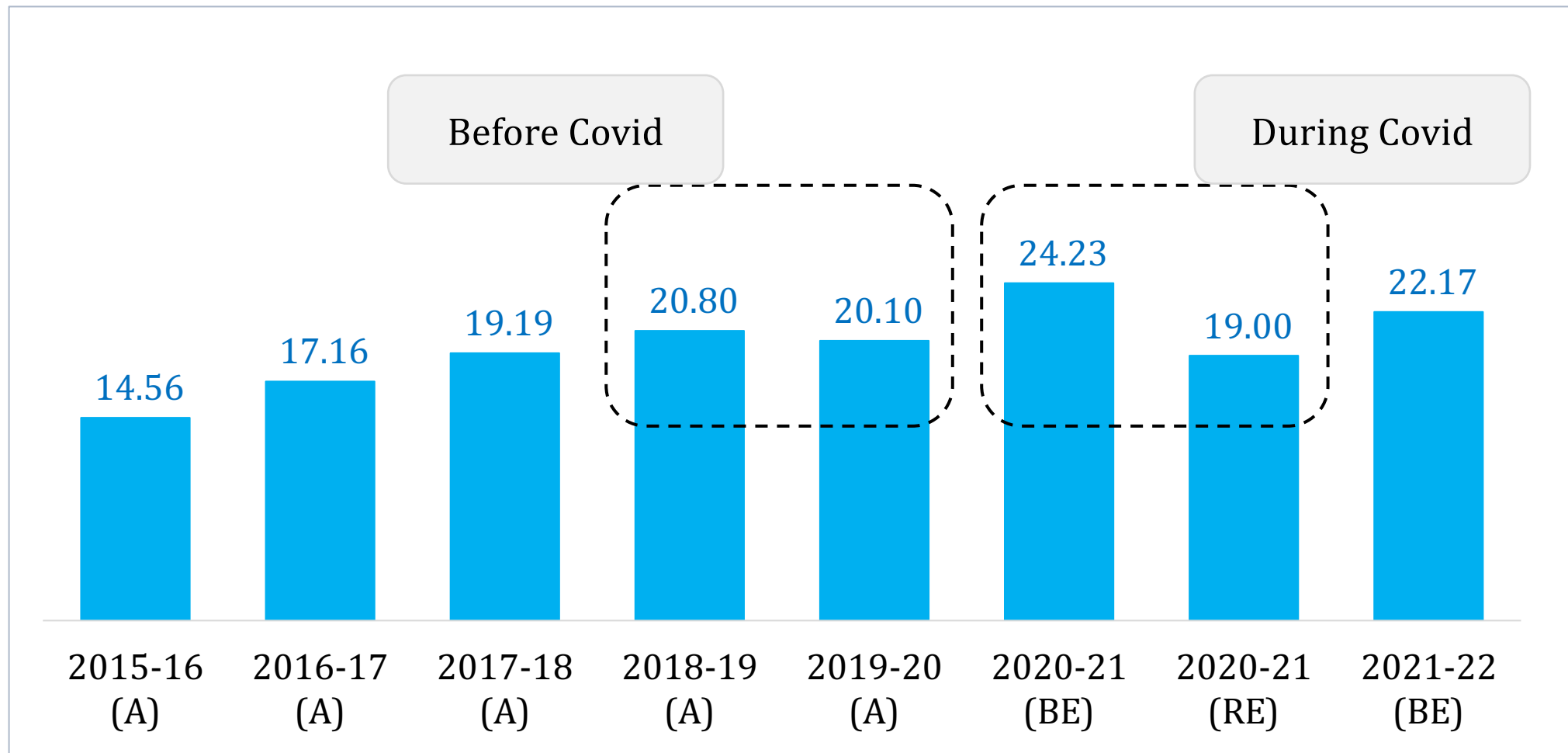
# Additional Expenditure is Much Less

- Because many items which were earlier kept out of the budget are now being shown as part of budget.

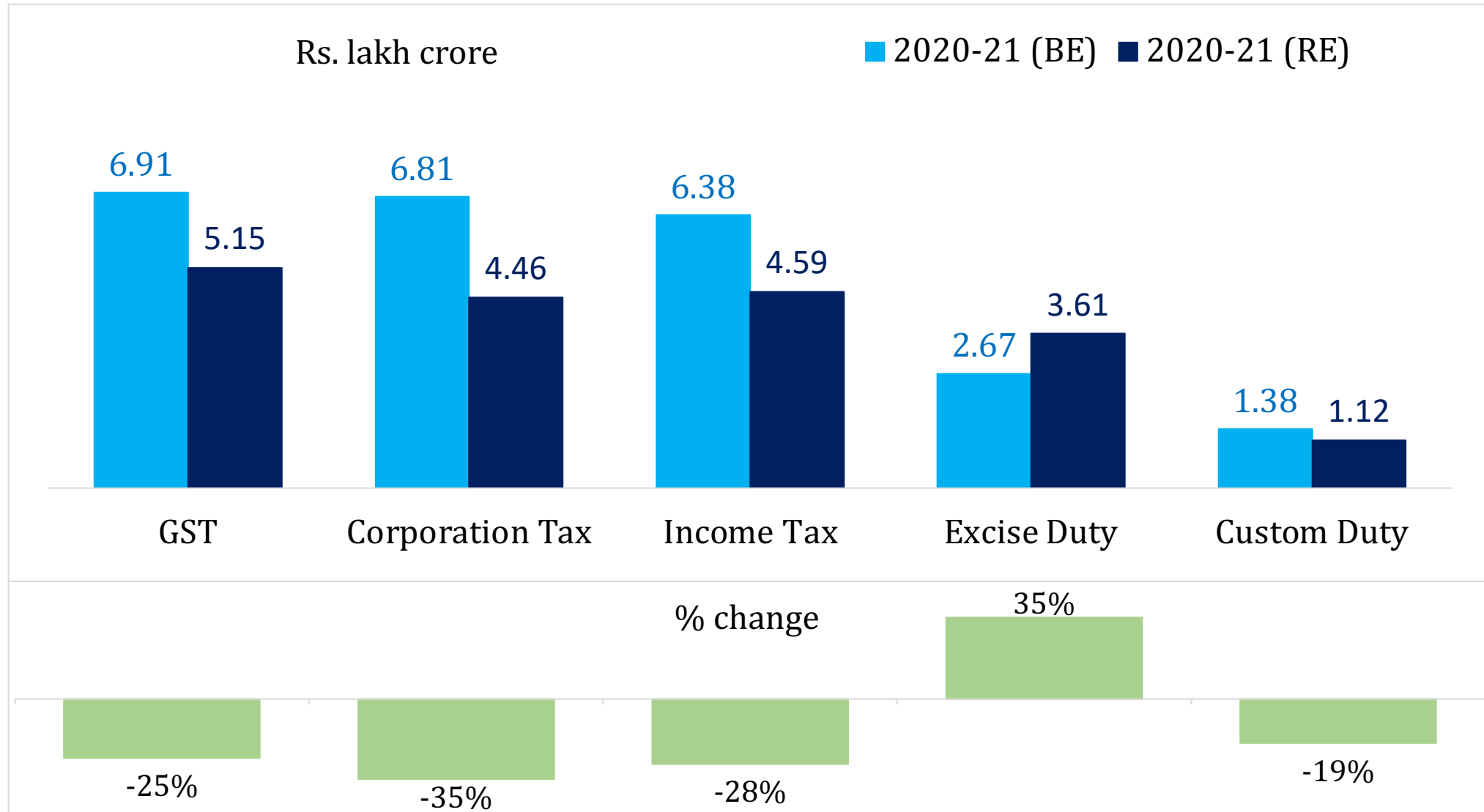


# Trends in Central Tax Collection

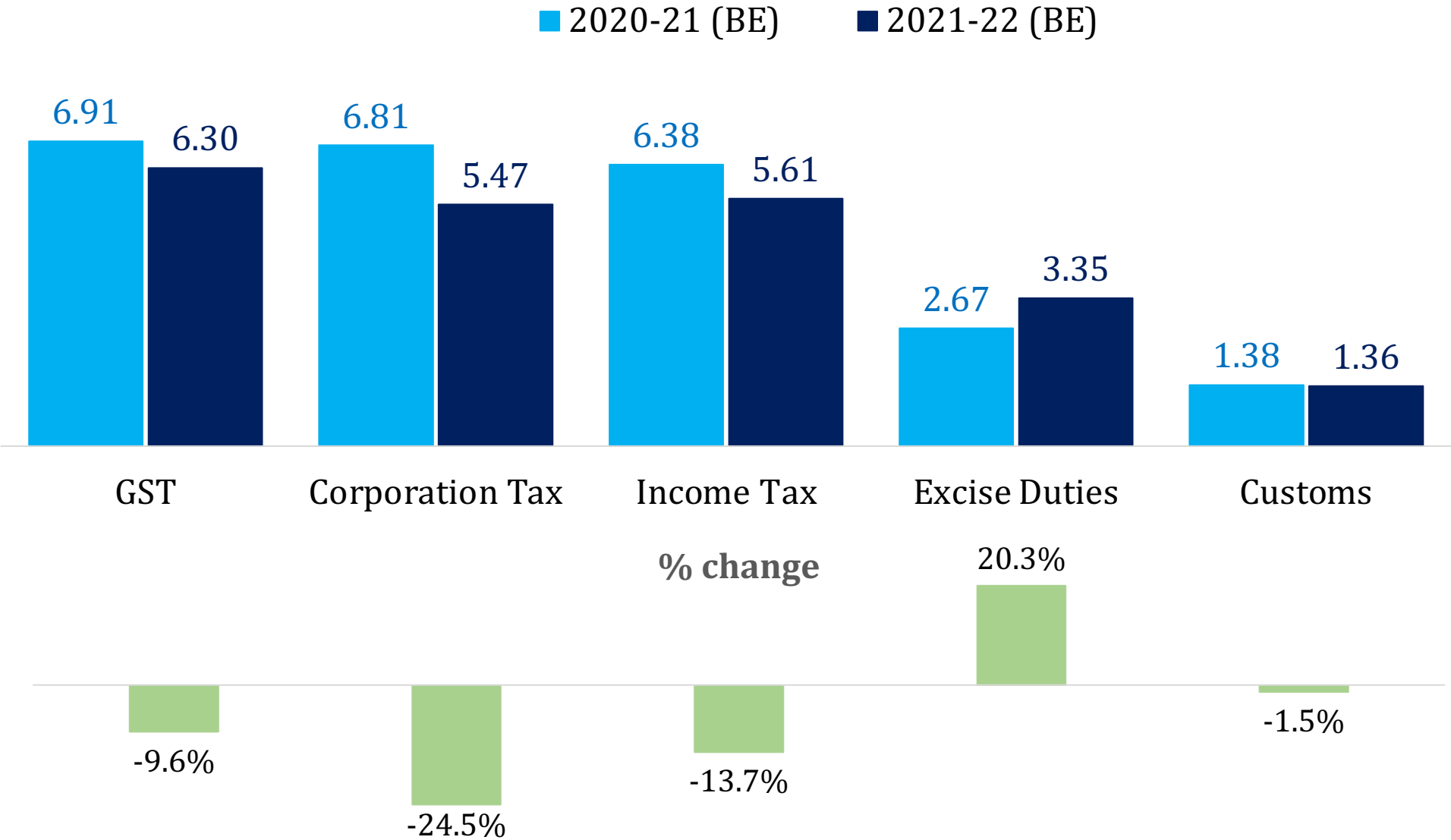
The Slowdown in Tax Collections Had Started Before Covid (Rs. lakh crore)



# Performance of Different Taxes in the Current Year

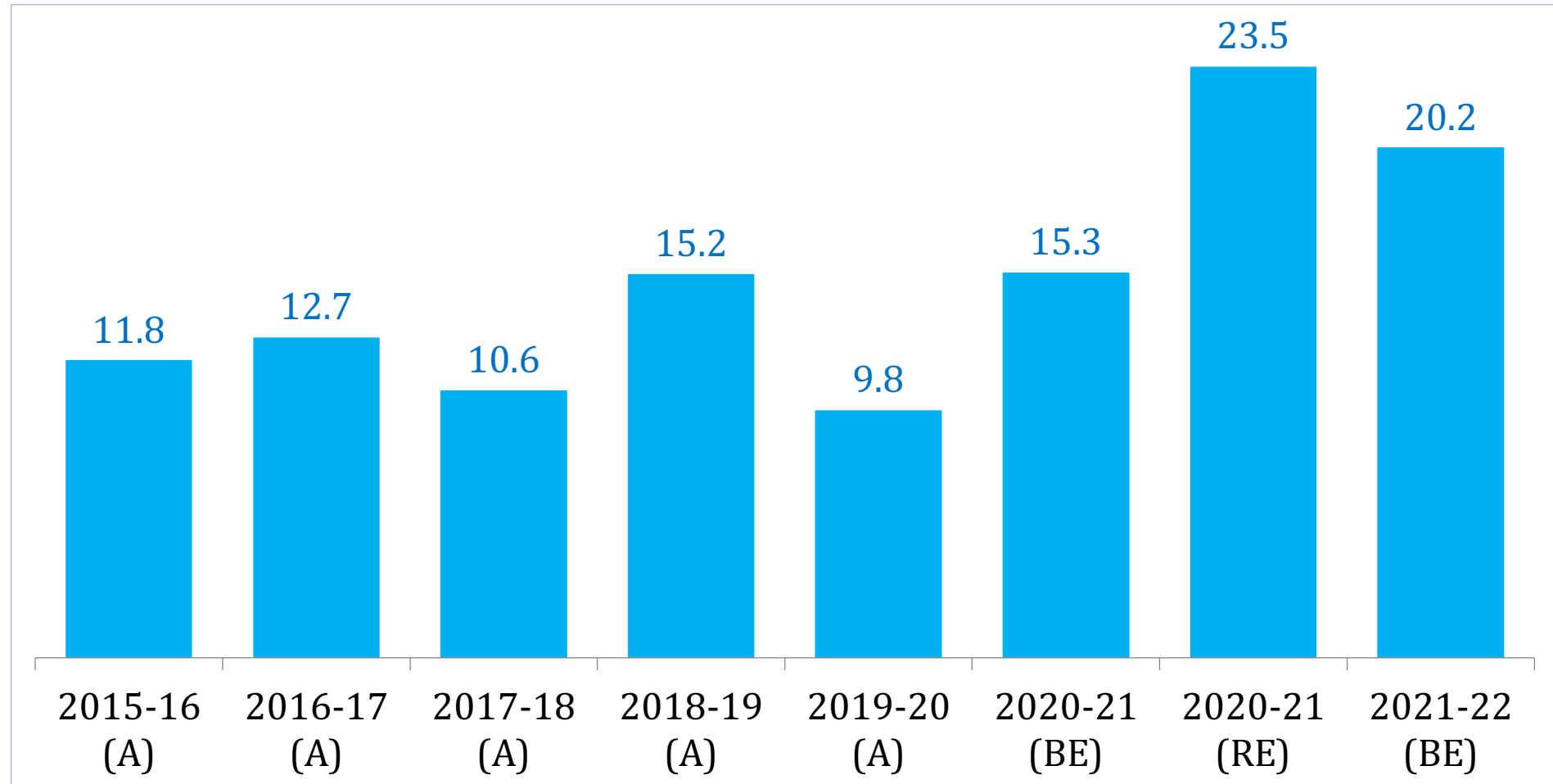


# Expected Collection from Different Taxes in the Coming Year Compared



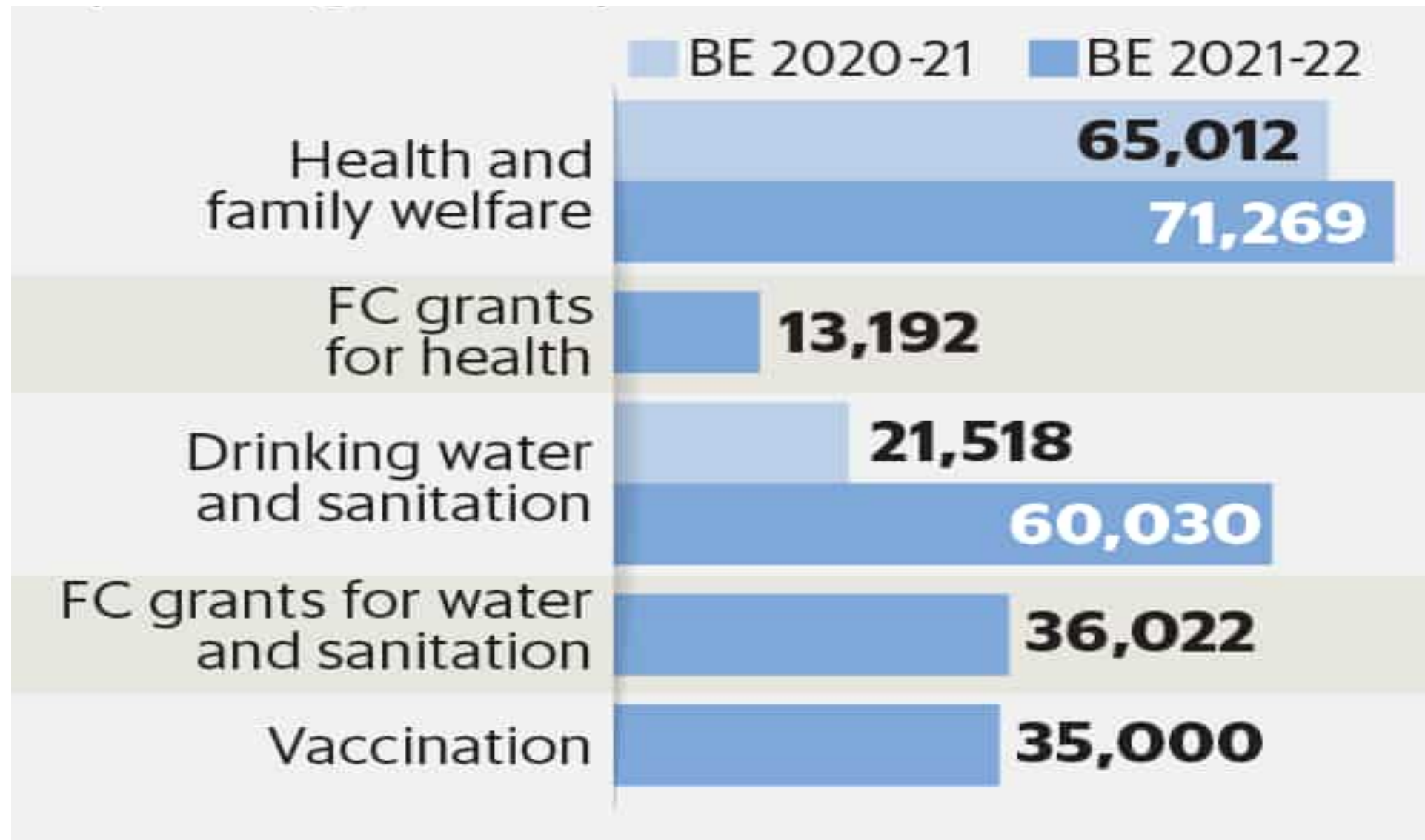
# Growing Cesses and Surcharges

Share of Central Tax Collection not Part of Divisible Pool (%)



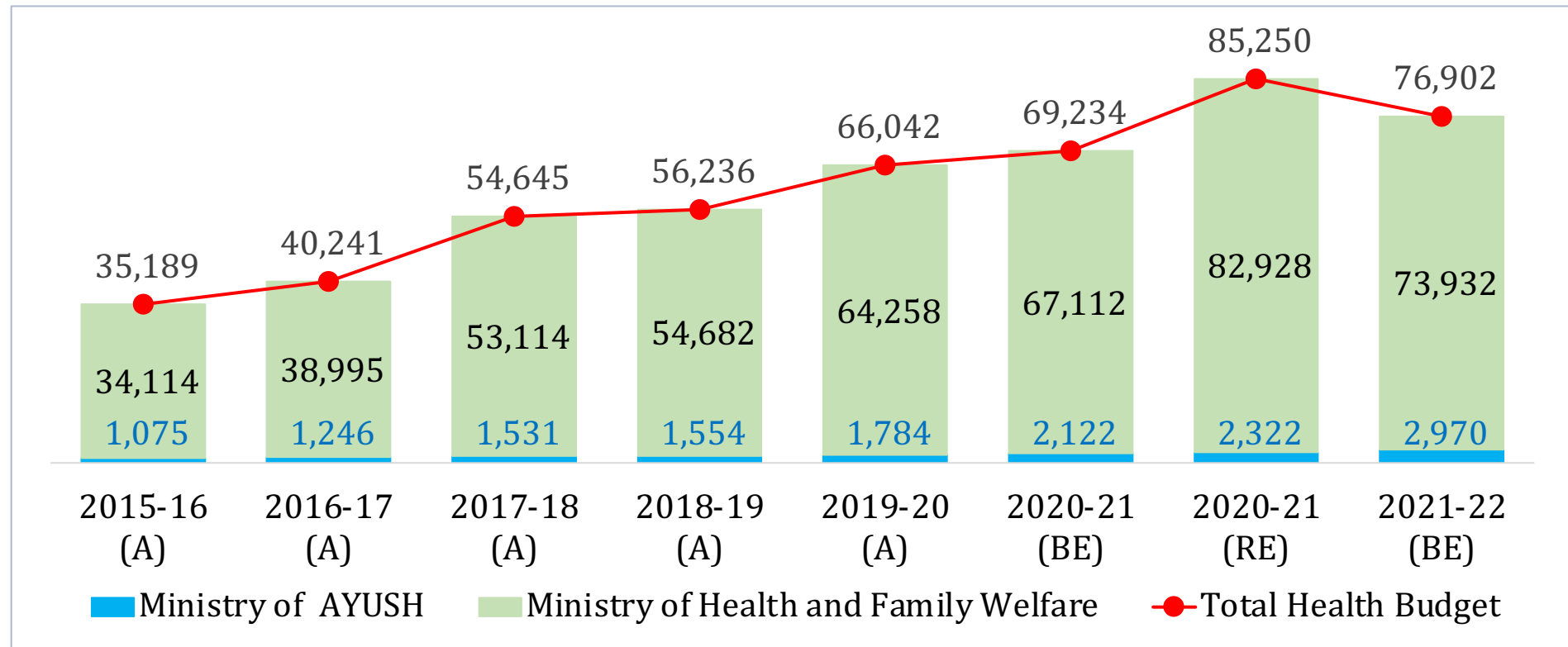


# Social Sectors – Health Spending, Expanded Definition



# Social Sectors – Health

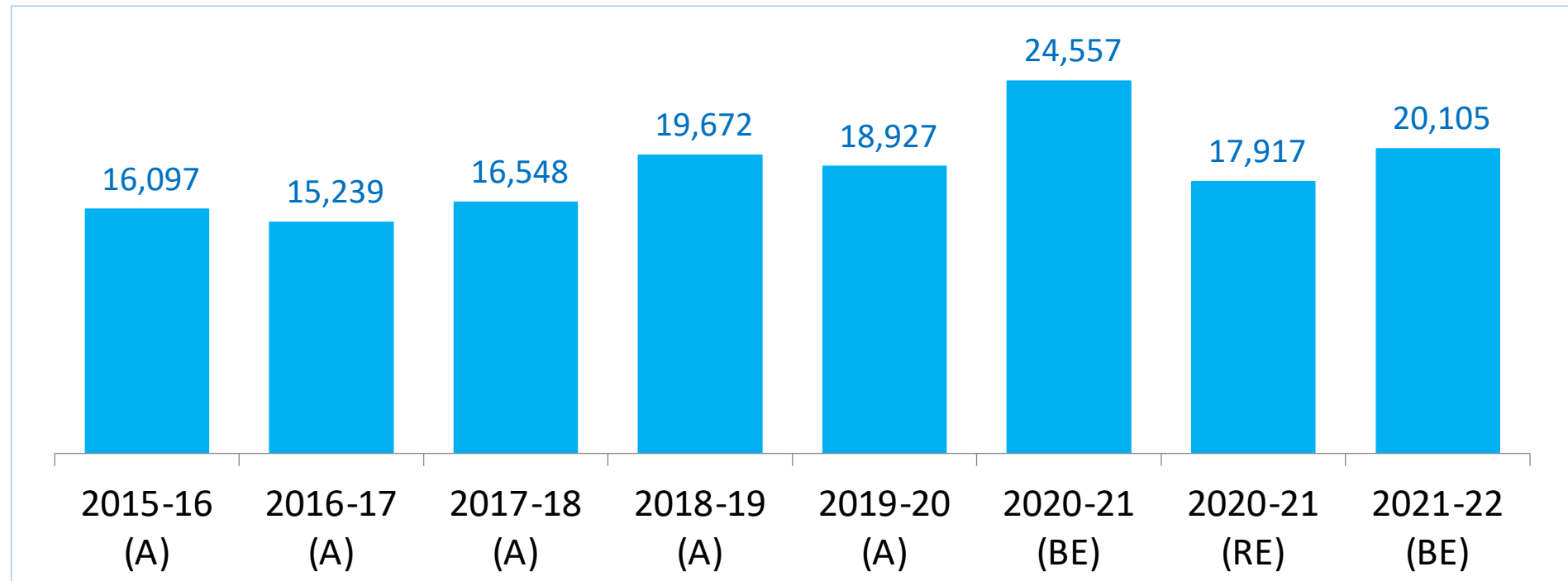
Allocation for Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Rs. crore)



- Marginal increase in health budget, not in line with expectations
- More focus needed for to strength public health infrastructure and human resource capacity

# Social Sectors - Nutrition

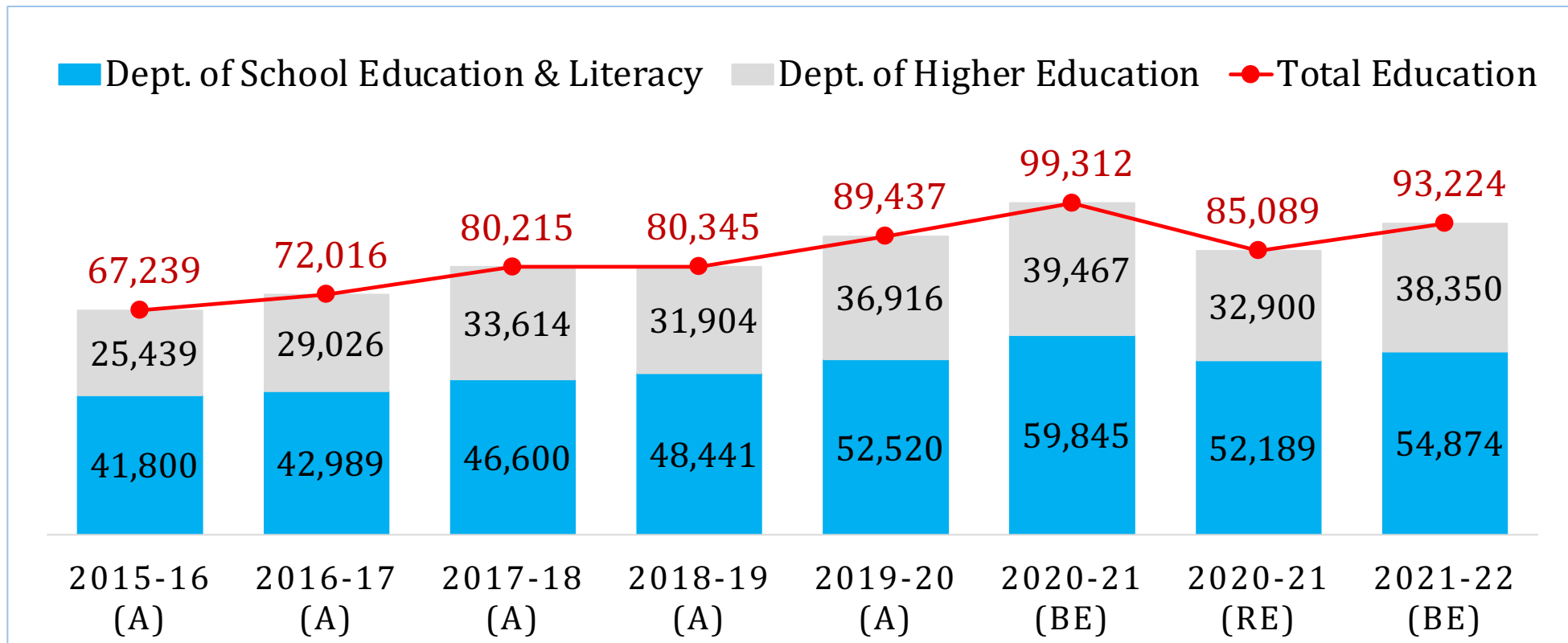
Total Allocation for Schemes Merged under the New POSHAN 2.0 (Rs. crore)



- Funds for ICDS and other schemes cut under 'rationalised' programme 'Mission POSHAN 2.0'
- This is a concern considering the rising trend in malnutrition in several states (NFHS-5)

# Social Sectors - Education

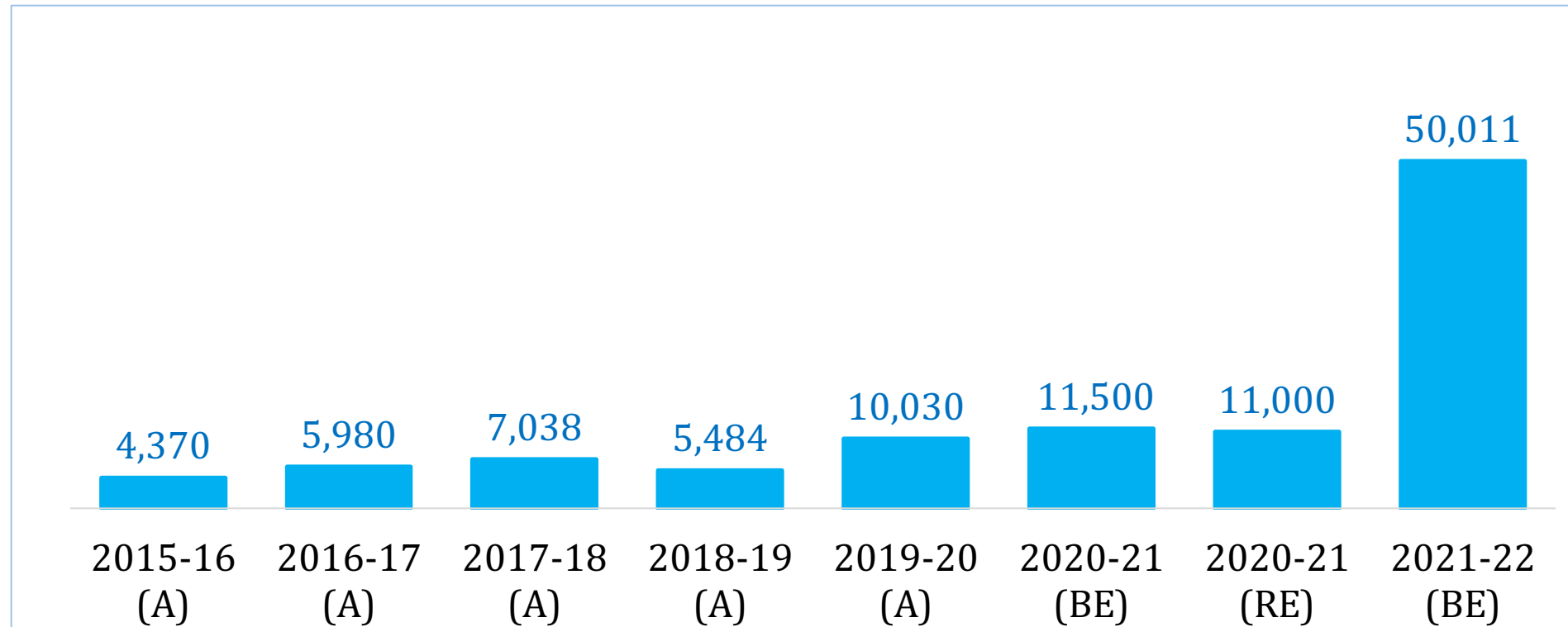
Department Wise Allocation/Expenditure by MHRD (Rs. crore)



- Fall in overall education budget
- Silence on COVID-19 issues; no measures to address digital divide, increased risk of dropout
- Budget doesn't reflect financial roadmap for implementing NEP

# Social Sectors - WASH

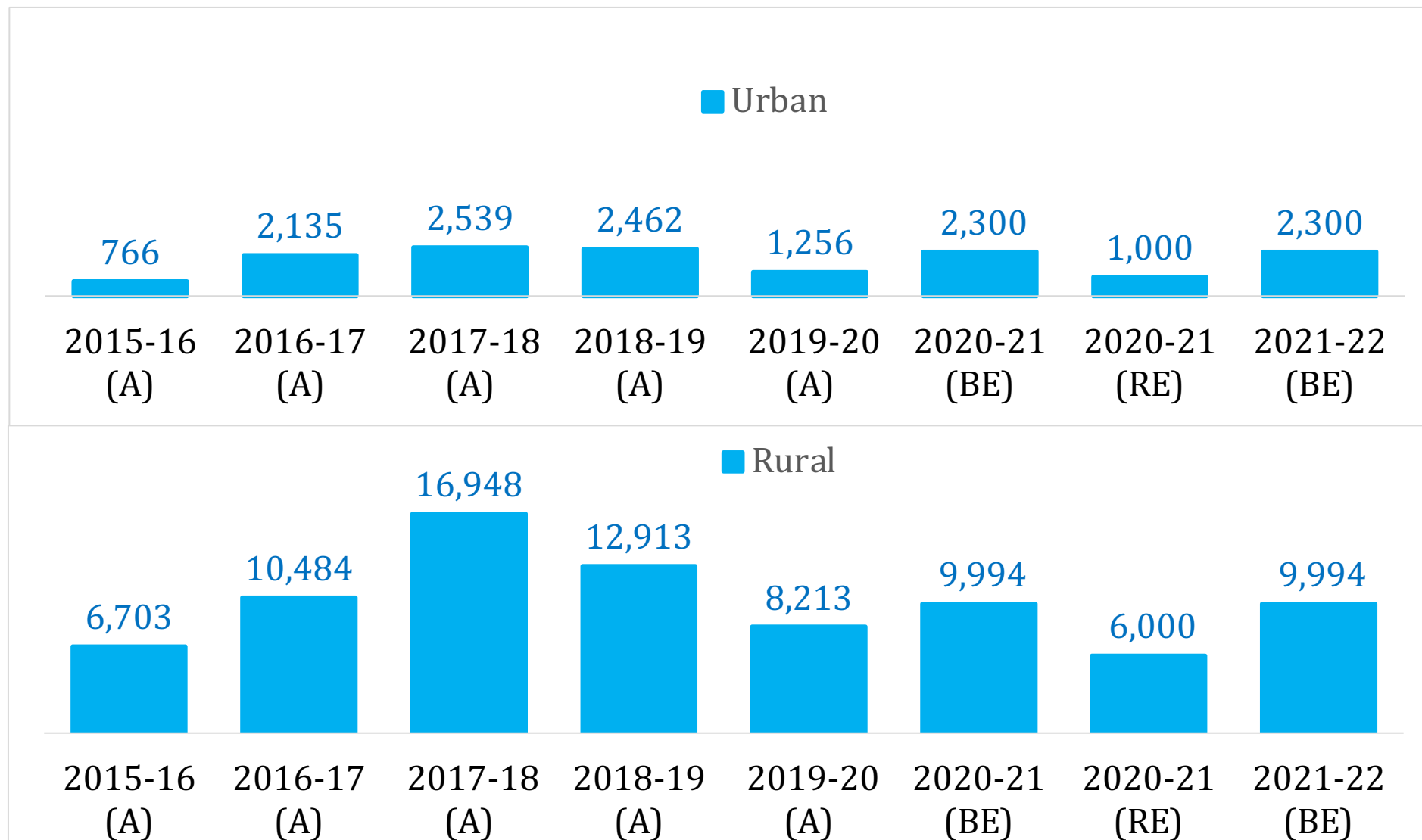
Allocation for NRDWP/ *Jal Jeevan Mission* (Rs. Crore)



- Significant increase in budget for Jal Jeevan Mission; most of it allocated to infrastructure
- Fall in budget for Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)

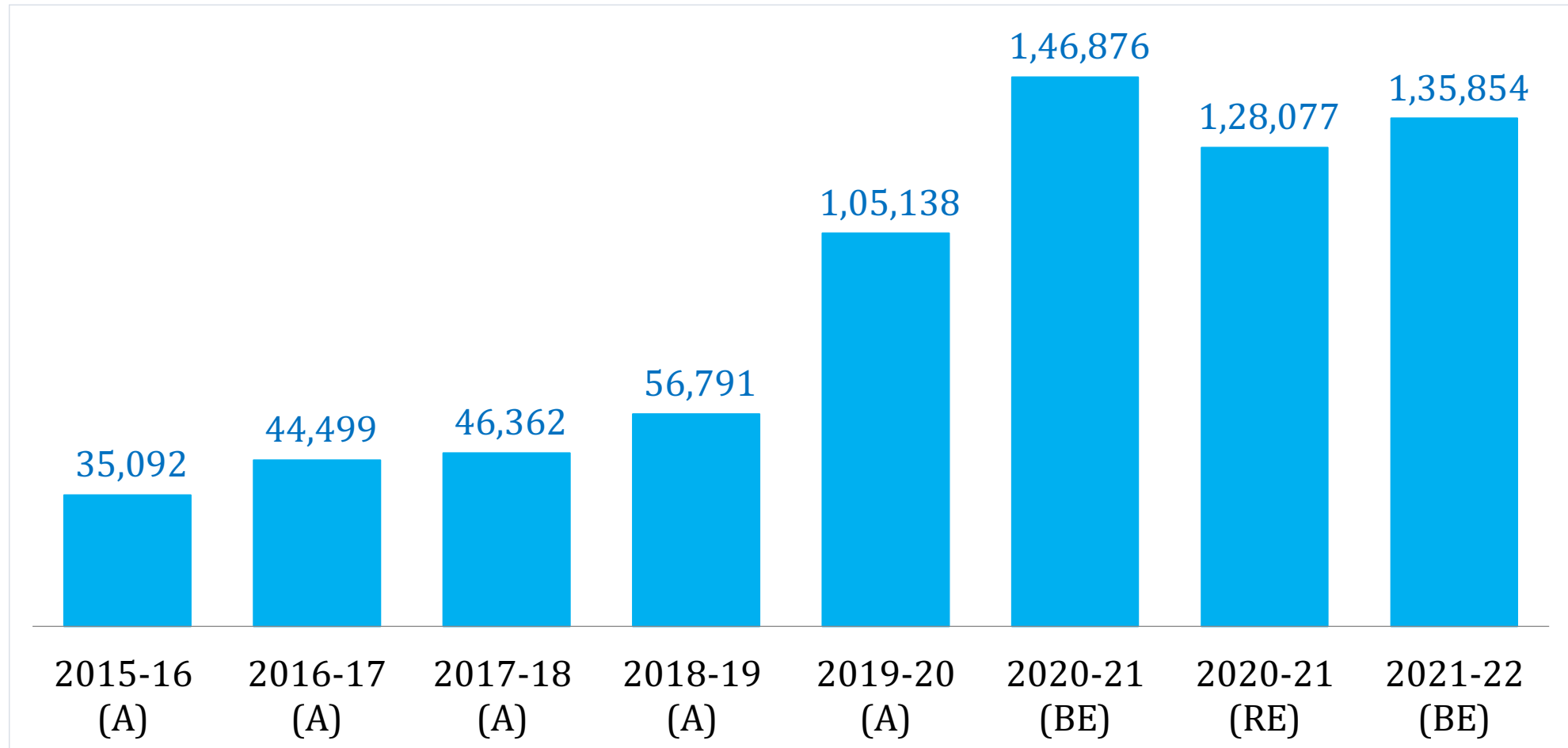
# Social Sectors - WASH

Allocation for Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural & Urban) (Rs. crore)



# Economic Sectors - Agriculture

Total Expenditure towards Agriculture and Allied Sector (Rs. Crore)



# Marginalised Sections – Women, & Children

## **Gender responsiveness of budget**

- Fall in allocations for schemes for protection/empowerment of women, post rationalisation
- This is a concern against rising trends in violence against women
- Limited resources for women's employment; childcare facilities, safe transport and skilling opportunities needed
- No measures for ASHAs, Anganwadi workers despite long-standing demands

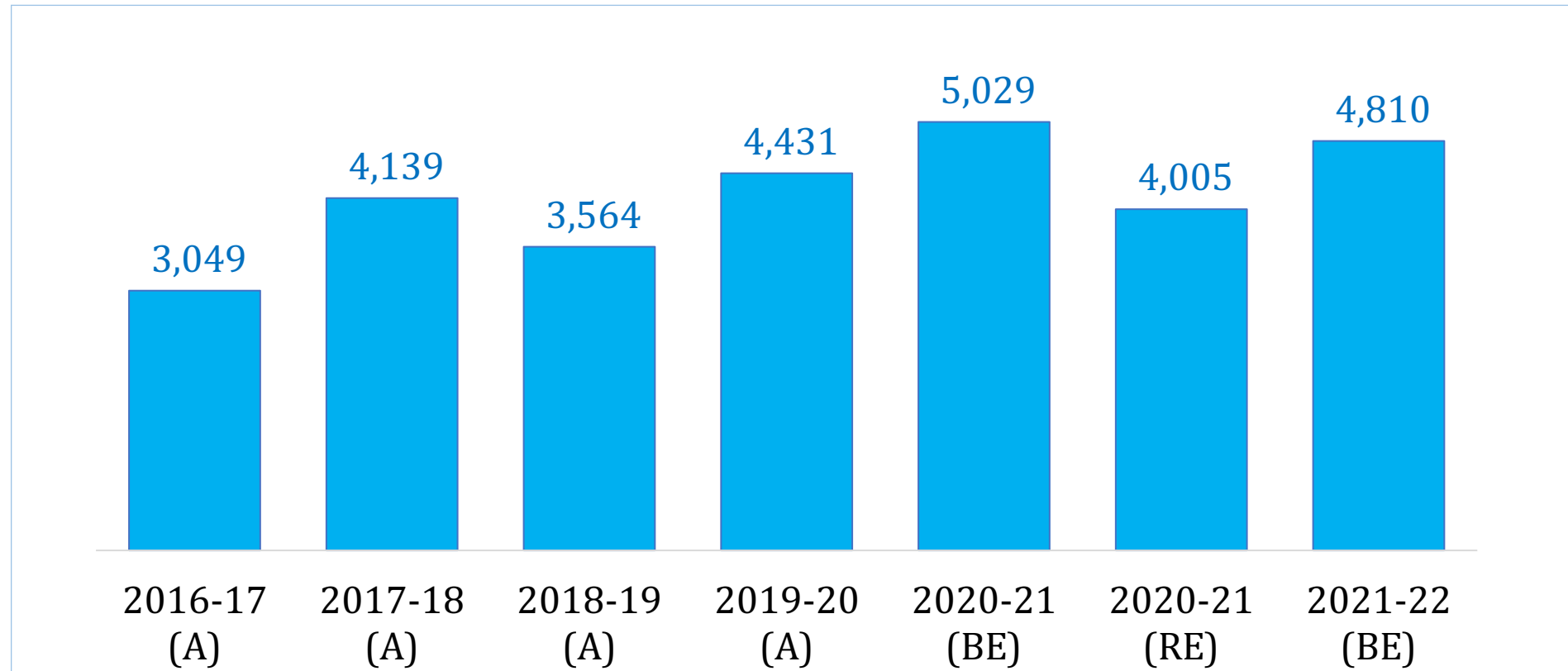
## **Child responsiveness of budget**

- Fall in total outlay for child-focused interventions
- Reduced outlays for child nutrition and child protection following rationalisation of schemes; despite rise in malnutrition and cases of child abuse
- No budgetary priority for school education



# Marginalised Sections – Minorities

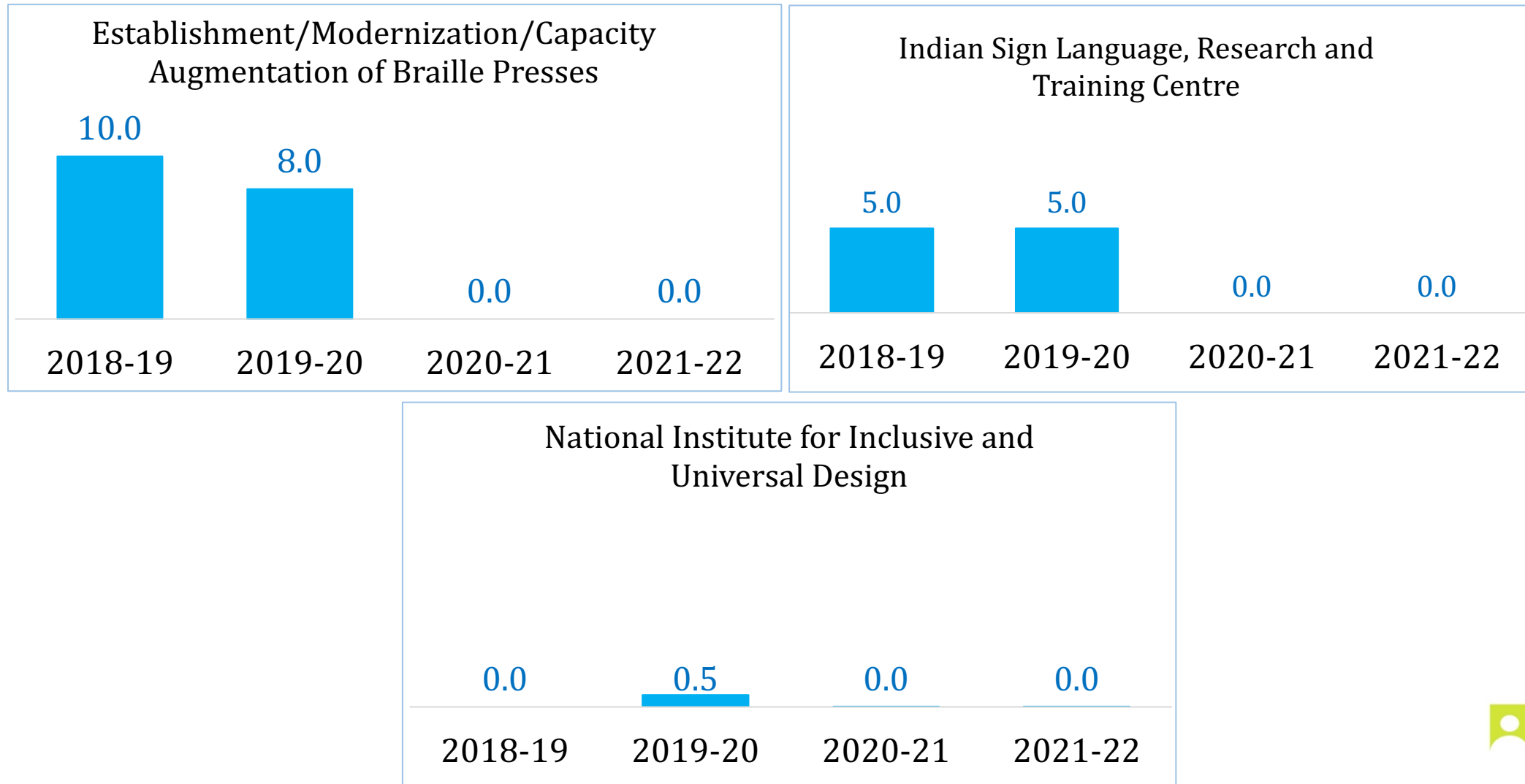
Allocation for Ministry of Minority Affairs (Rs. Crore)



- Reduction in allocations for minorities (Muslims)
- Scholarship schemes for minorities suffering from low fund utilisation, low unit costs

# Marginalised Sections – Persons with Disabilities

Allocation for Programmes to Ensure Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (Rs. Crore)



# Budget in the Time of the Pandemic

## An Analysis of Union Budget 2021-22



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