

UNION BUDGET, 2026 - At glance

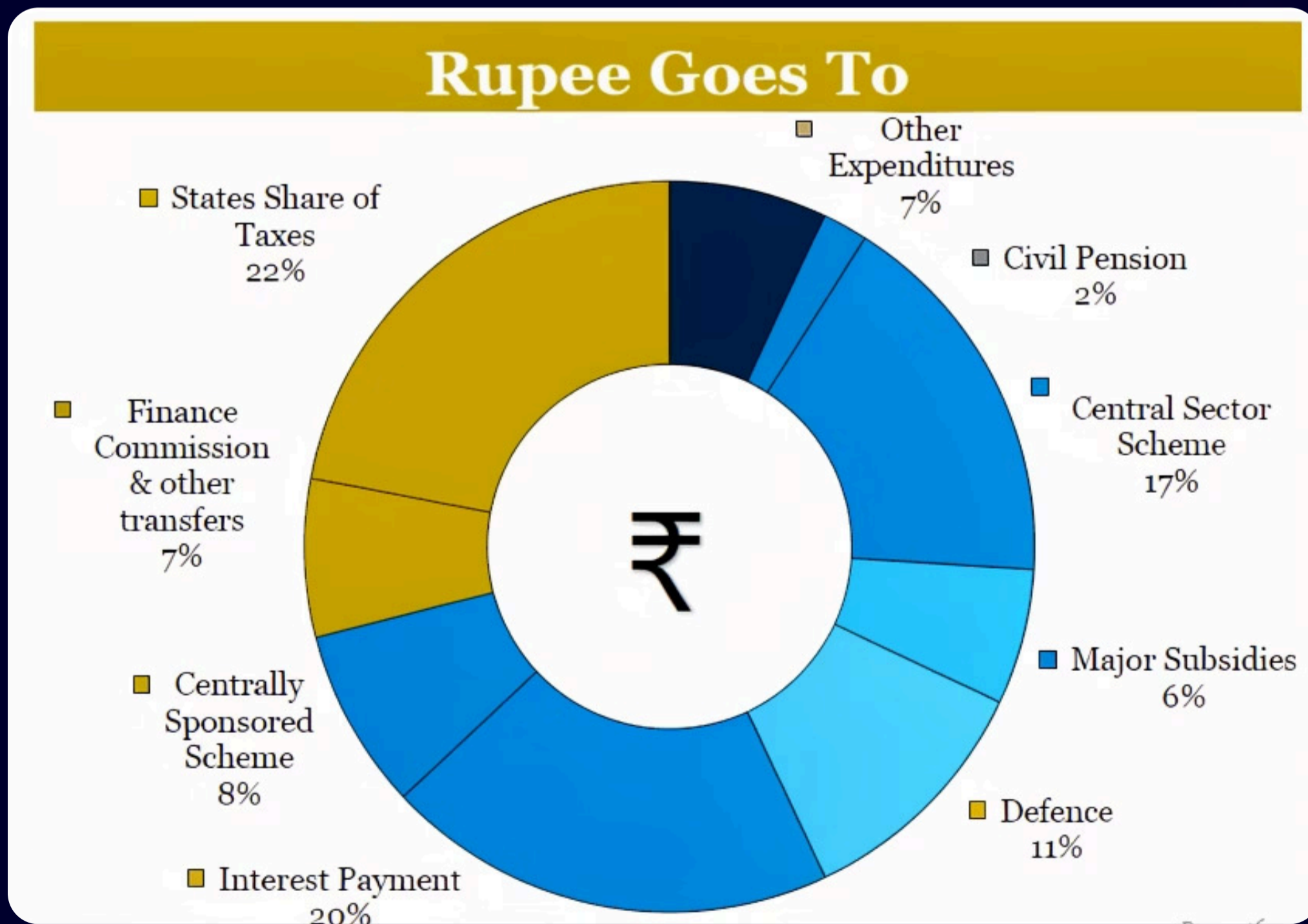
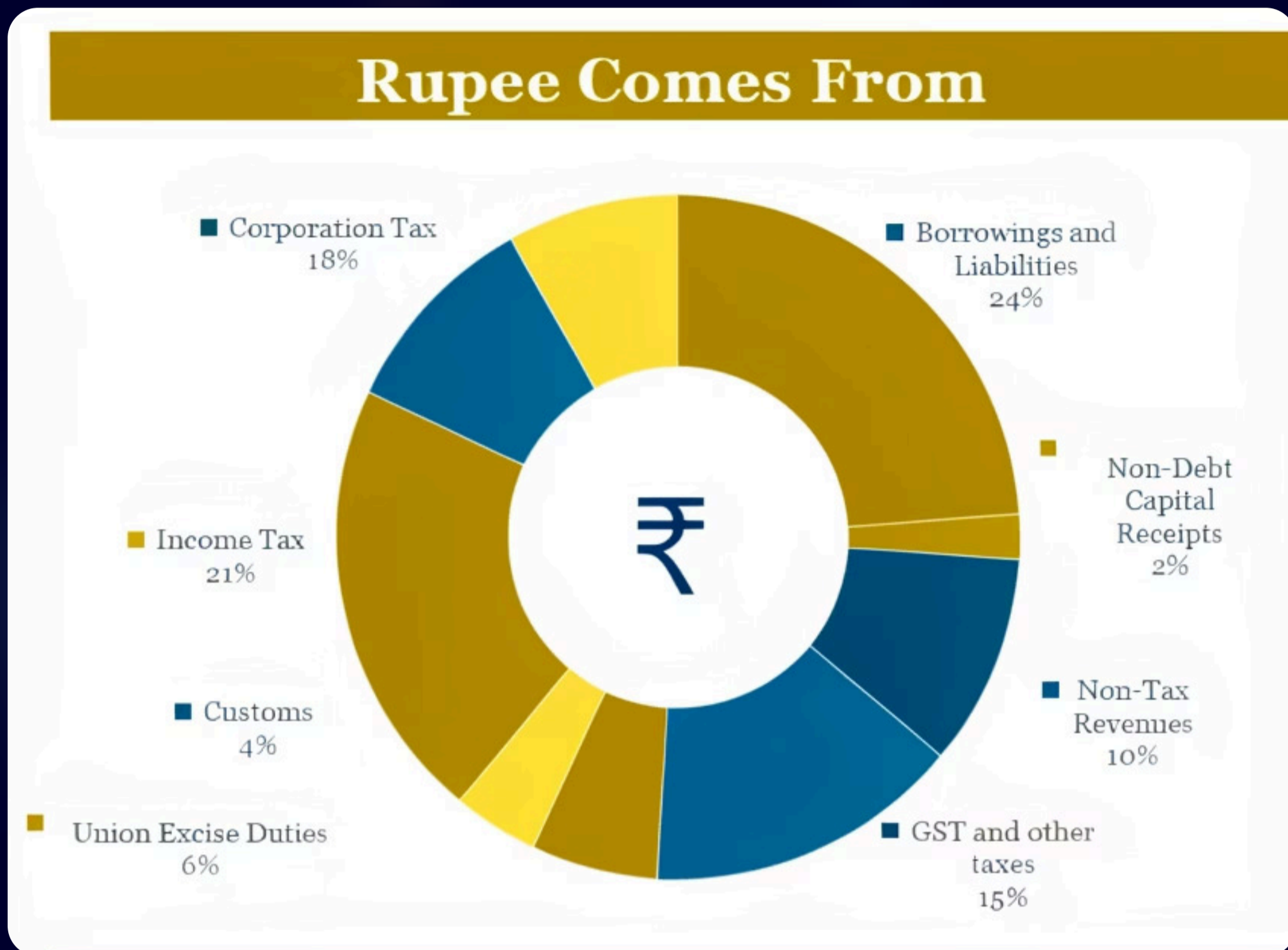
(Key amendments of Finance Bill 2026 & Draft Income Tax Rules, 2026)

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The Budget 2026 presented on 1st Feb, 2026 attempts to balance ambitions with Inclusion towards its march to "Viksit Bharat". The various budget proposals are directed towards maintaining the momentum of growth while walking on tight rope of fiscal consolidation amidst highly uncertain geopolitical weather with Nominal GDP expected to grow at 10%.

In this article, we attempt to decode the key budget amendments especially relating to finance and tax that would affect businesses and common man in their daily lives.

Fiscal Metrics: Flow of Money



* Sources: Budget at a Glance, Union Budget Documents 2026-27

Fiscal Deficit Analysis

FY 25-26 (RE)

Total Expenses: Rs.49,64,842 Cr

Total Receipts (Non-debt): Rs.34,06,350 Cr

Deficit funded from liabilities: Rs.15,58,492 Cr

Fiscal Deficit (% of GDP): 4.4%

FY 26-27 (BE)

Total Expenses: Rs.53,47,315 Cr

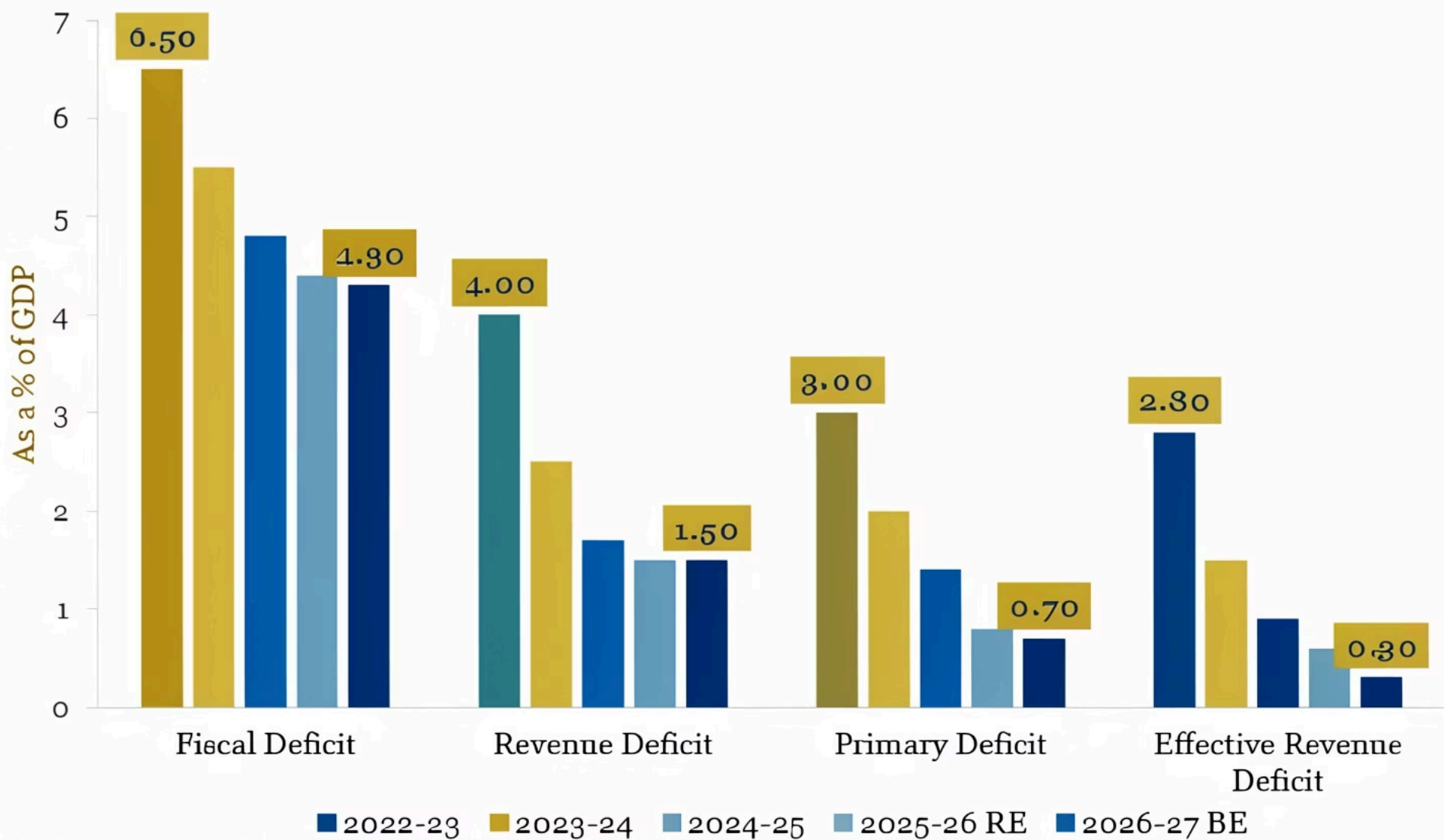
Total Receipts (Non-debt): Rs.36,51,547 Cr

Deficit funded from liabilities: Rs.16,95,768 Cr

Fiscal Deficit (% of GDP): 4.3%

The projected fiscal deficit shows a slight improvement from 4.4% to 4.3% of GDP.

Deficit Trends



The budget maintains a careful balance between revenue generation and strategic expenditure allocation, with a focus on capital investments for long-term growth while managing the fiscal deficit target of **4.3% of GDP**.