

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES }
CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES }
 First Regular Session

H. No. 4240

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8745

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER
THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-
NINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Appropriation of Funds.* – The following
sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby
appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury of the
Philippines not otherwise appropriated, for the operation of the
Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January one
to December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, except
where otherwise specifically provided herein:

SUMMARY OF FY 1999 NEW APPROPRIATIONS

(Amount, In thousand pesos)

I.	CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES	<u>2,999,799</u>
A.	Senate	900,302
A.1	Senate Electoral Tribunal	56,546
B.	Commission on Appointments	150,052
C.	House of Representatives	1,827,486
C.1	House Electoral Tribunal	65,413
II.	OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT	<u>2,174,410</u>
A.	The President's Offices	2,174,410
III.	OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT	<u>77,372</u>
IV.	DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM	<u>1,402,716</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	1,402,716
V.	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	<u>14,062,405</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	11,890,716

B.	Agricultural Credit Policy Council	18,265
C.	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.....	1,410,358
D.	Bureau of Post-Harvest for Research and Extension	52,619
E.	Cotton Development Administration	43,664
F.	Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority	39,799
G.	Fiber Industry Development Authority.....	148,394
H.	Livestock Development Council	10,567
I.	National Agricultural and Fishery Council.....	84,850
J.	National Meat Inspection Commission.....	118,451
K.	National Nutrition Council	43,920
L.	National Stud Farm.....	11,457
M.	Philippine Carabao Center.....	189,345
VI.	DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT.....	<u>467,194</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	467,194
VII.	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS	<u>81,665,288</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	81,203,772
B.	Commission on the Filipino Language	50,409

C.	National Historical Institute	65,261
D.	National Library	111,972
E.	National Museum	144,105
F.	Philippine High School for the Arts	40,715
G.	Records Management and Archives Office	49,054
VIII.	STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES	<u>13,866,192</u>
A.	NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION	<u>5,205,711</u>
A.1	Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology	92,775
A.2	Philippine Merchant Marine Academy	112,002
A.3	Philippine Normal University	240,032
A.4	Philippine State College of Aeronautics	60,445
A.5	Polytechnic University of the Philippines	506,787
A.6	Rizal Technological University	148,864
A.7	Technological University of the Philippines	283,351
A.8	University of the Philippines System	3,761,455
B.	Region I – ILOCOS	<u>897,234</u>
B.1	Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University	290,521
B.2	Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College	79,738
B.3	Mariano Marcos State University	216,197
B.4	Pangasinan State University	167,041
B.5	University of Northern Philippines	143,737

C.	CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION	<u>408,269</u>
C.1	Abra State Institute of Science and Technology	43,379
C.2	Apayao State College	32,728
C.3	Benguet State University	159,089
C.4	Ifugao State College of Agriculture and Forestry	61,511
C.5	Kalinga-Apayao State College	48,934
C.6	Mountain Province State Polytechnic College	62,628
D.	Region II – CAGAYAN VALLEY	<u>573,875</u>
D.1	Cagayan State University	192,305
D.2	Isabela State University	198,011
D.3	Nueva Vizcaya State Institute of Technology	93,947
D.4	Nueva Vizcaya State Polytechnic College	58,033
D.5	Quirino State College	31,579
E.	Region III – CENTRAL LUZON	<u>849,312</u>
E.1	Bataan Polytechnic State College	47,966
E.2	Bataan State College	21,902
E.3	Bulacan National Agricultural State College	25,673
E.4	Bulacan State University	139,002
E.5	Central Luzon State University	193,133
E.6	Don Honorio Ventura College of Arts and Trades	63,361
E.7	Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology	93,514
E.8	Pampanga Agricultural College	61,813
E.9	Ramon Magsaysay Polytechnic College	29,801
E.10	Tarlac College of Agriculture	62,617
E.11	Tarlac State University	81,071
E.12	Western Luzon Agricultural College	29,459

F.	Region IV – SOUTHERN TAGALOG AND PALAWAN	<u>736,163</u>
F.1	Aurora State College of Technology	30,036
F.2	Cavite State University	94,807
F.3	Laguna State Polytechnic College	30,823
F.4	Marinduque State College	39,202
F.5	Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology	24,826
F.6	Occidental Mindoro National College	44,221
F.7	Pablo Borbon Memorial Institute of Technology	71,987
F.8	Palawan State University	83,448
F.9	Rizal State College	70,018
F.10	Rizal Polytechnic College	71,686
F.11	Romblon State College	35,735
F.12	Southern Luzon Polytechnic College	68,502
F.13	State Polytechnic College of Palawan	70,872
G.	Region V – BICOL	<u>635,831</u>
G.1	Bicol University	237,877
G.2	Camarines Norte State College	73,716
G.3	Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges	24,608
G.4	Camarines Sur State Agricultural College	77,343
G.5	Catanduanes State Colleges	94,635
G.6	Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology	27,821
G.7	Partido State College	37,976
G.8	Sorsogon State College	61,855
H.	Region VI – WESTERN VISAYAS	<u>636,820</u>
H.1	Aklan State College of Agriculture	52,618

H.2	Carlos C. Hilado Memorial State College	65,529
H.3	Iloilo State College of Fisheries	42,275
H.4	Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College	69,716
H.5	Northern Negros State College of Science and Technology	10,520
H.6	Panay State Polytechnic College	94,406
H.7	Polytechnic State College of Antique	41,444
H.8	West Visayas State University	163,565
H.9	Western Visayas College of Science and Technology	96,747
I.	Region VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS	<u>470,570</u>
I.1	Cebu Normal University	61,387
I.2	Cebu State College of Science and Technology	209,768
I.3	Central Visayas Polytechnic College	106,343
I.4	Central Visayas State College of Agriculture, Forestry and Technology	70,189
I.5	Siquijor State College	22,883
J.	Region VIII – EASTERN VISAYAS	<u>739,765</u>
J.1	Eastern Samar State College	58,580
J.2	Leyte Institute of Technology	89,736
J.3	Leyte Normal University	65,958
J.4	Naval Institute of Technology	35,079
J.5	Palompon Institute of Technology	43,066
J.6	Samar State College of Agriculture and Forestry	12,498
J.7	Samar State Polytechnic College	51,481
J.8	Southern Leyte State College of Science and Technology	37,921
J.9	Tiburcio Tancinco Memorial Institute of Science and Technology	35,310
J.10	Tomas Oppus Normal College	23,178

J.11	University of Eastern Philippines	110,783
J.12	Visayas State College of Agriculture	176,175
K.	Region IX – WESTERN MINDANAO	<u>552,005</u>
K.1	Basilan State College	30,854
K.2	Jose Rizal Memorial State College	55,015
K.3	MSU-Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography	167,818
K.4	Sulu State College	32,545
K.5	Tawi-Tawi Regional Agricultural College	31,670
K.6	Western Mindanao State University	174,164
K.7	Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology	59,939
L.	Region X – NORTHERN MINDANAO	<u>343,309</u>
L.1	Bukidnon State College	64,281
L.2	Camiguin Polytechnic State College	23,525
L.3	Central Mindanao University	162,645
L.4	Mindanao Polytechnic State College	67,714
L.5	Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology	25,144
M.	Region XI – SOUTHEASTERN MINDANAO	<u>280,810</u>
M.1	Davao del Norte State College	28,303
M.2	Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology	35,615
M.3	Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology	31,405
M.4	Sultan Kudarat Polytechnic State College	62,079
M.5	University of Southeastern Philippines	123,408
N.	Region XII – CENTRAL MINDANAO	<u>1,382,114</u>
N.1	Adiong Memorial Polytechnic State College	15,549

N.2	Cotabato City State Polytechnic College	57,636
N.3	Cotabato Foundation College of Science and Technology	60,543
N.4	Mindanao State University	816,035
N.5	MSU – Iligan Institute of Technology	253,916
N.6	University of Southern Mindanao	178,435
O.	Region XIII – CARAGA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION	<u>154,404</u>
O.1	Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology	23,022
O.2	Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology	35,685
O.3	Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College	56,545
O.4	Surigao State College of Technology	39,152
IX.	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	<u>321,128</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	321,128
X.	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES	<u>5,610,868</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	4,956,778
B.	Mines and Geo-Science Bureau	394,906
C.	National Mapping and Resource Information Authority	259,184
XI.	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	<u>4,906,862</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	172,372
B.	Bureau of Customs	1,108,055

C.	Bureau of Internal Revenue	2,728,341
D.	Bureau of Local Government Finance	107,096
E.	Bureau of the Treasury	280,785
F.	Central Board of Assessment Appeals	6,960
G.	Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau	238,743
H.	Fiscal Incentives Review Board	901
I.	Insurance Commission	60,589
J.	National Tax Research Center	34,415
K.	Securities and Exchange Commission	168,605
XII.	DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS	<u>3,924,818</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	3,849,805
B.	Commission on Filipinos Overseas	31,492
C.	Foreign Service Institute	28,932
D.	Technical Cooperation Council of the Philippines	2,853
E.	UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines	11,736
XIII.	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	<u>11,340,059</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	11,265,838

B.	Dangerous Drugs Board	74,221
XIV.	DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	<u>30,676,663</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	1,394,101
B.	Bureau of Fire Protection	2,777,832
C.	Bureau of Jail Management and Penology	1,488,075
D.	Local Government Academy	60,602
E.	National Police Commission	593,176
F.	Philippine National Police	23,937,380
G.	Philippine Public Safety College	425,497
XV.	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	<u>3,969,508</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	1,290,043
B.	Bureau of Corrections	640,181
C.	Bureau of Immigration	171,268
D.	Commission on the Settlement of Land Problems	14,506
E.	Land Registration Authority	451,539
F.	National Bureau of Investigation	491,506
G.	Office of the Government Corporate Counsel	36,114

H.	Office of the Solicitor General	127,062
I.	Parole and Probation Administration	314,363
J.	Public Attorney's Office	432,926
XVI.	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT	<u>4,223,478</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	1,325,642
B.	Institute for Labor Studies	21,072
C.	National Conciliation and Mediation Board	101,658
D.	National Labor Relations Commission	272,804
E.	National Maritime Polytechnic	98,391
F.	National Wages and Productivity Commission	97,225
G.	Philippine Overseas Employment Administration	194,214
H.	Technical Education and Skills Development Authority	2,112,472
XVII.	DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE	<u>51,573,660</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	141,169
B.	Armed Forces of the Philippines	<u>39,620,358</u>
	B.1 General Headquarters	4,172,176
	B.2 Philippine Air Force	5,646,601

B.3	Philippine Army	12,402,343
B.4	Philippine Navy	5,792,989
B.5	Presidential Security Group	294,623
B.6	Philippine Military Academy	459,505
B.7	Armed Forces of the Philippines Medical Center	660,136
B.8	Citizen Armed Forces Geographical Units	511,860
B.9	AFP Pension and Gratuity Fund	8,476,346
B.10	Retirees and Reservist Affairs Program	97,864
B.11	On-Base Housing Program	30,000
B.12	Self-Reliant Defense Posture Program	25,000
B.13	MNLF Integration Program	1,050,915
C.	Government Arsenal.....	252,853
D.	National Defense College of the Philippines.....	27,496
E.	Office of Civil Defense	56,497
F.	Philippine Veterans Affairs Office.....	<u>11,475,287</u>
F.1	Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (Proper)	10,921,847
F.2	Military Shrine Services	14,220
F.3	Veterans Memorial Medical Center	539,220
XVIII.	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS.....	<u>37,774,044</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	37,724,417
B.	National Water Resources Board	39,707
C.	Toll Regulatory Board	9,920

XIX.	DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	<u>2,603,805</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	596,404
B.	Advanced Science and Technology Institute	20,387
C.	Food and Nutrition Research Institute	59,383
D.	Forest Products Research and Development Institute	65,186
E.	Industrial Technology Development Institute	143,896
F.	Metals Industry Research and Development Center	100,043
G.	National Academy of Science and Technology	18,821
H.	National Research Council of the Philippines	22,356
I.	Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration	378,643
J.	Philippine Council for Advanced Science and Technology Research and Development	46,237
K.	Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development	137,788
L.	Philippine Council for Aquatic and Marine Research and Development	41,306
M.	Philippine Council for Health Research and Development	39,353
N.	Philippine Council for Industry and Energy Research and Development	37,932
O.	Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology	79,581
P.	Philippine Nuclear Research Institute	94,307
Q.	Philippine Science High School	215,373

R.	Philippine Textile Research Institute	49,575
S.	Science Education Institute	370,153
T.	Science and Technology Information Institute	31,839
U.	Technology Application and Promotion Institute	55,242
XX.	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT	<u>1,555,429</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	1,512,234
B.	Council for the Welfare of Children and Youth	15,319
C.	Inter-Country Adoption Board	8,130
D.	National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons	19,746
XXI.	DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM	<u>511,163</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	344,121
B.	Intramuros Administration	37,699
C.	National Parks Development Committee	129,343
XXII.	DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY	<u>1,700,796</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	1,341,388
B.	Board of Investments	162,247

C.	Bonded Export Marketing Board	4,839
D.	Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines	34,372
E.	Construction Manpower Development Foundation	14,288
F.	Intellectual Property Office	71,580
G.	International Coffee Organization-Certifying Agency	4,702
H.	Philippine Trade Training Center	24,054
I.	Product Development and Design Center of the Philippines	43,326
XXIII.	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS	<u>10,152,294</u>
A.	Office of the Secretary	9,774,168
B.	Civil Aeronautics Board	20,165
C.	Maritime Industry Authority	202,708
D.	National Telecommunications Commission	143,593
E.	Office of Transportation Cooperatives	11,660
XXIV.	NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	<u>1,424,899</u>
A.	Office of the Director-General	403,701
B.	Commission on Population	102,197
C.	National Statistical Coordination Board	114,899

D.	National Statistics Office	744,479
E.	Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency	11,214
F.	Statistical Research and Training Center	8,766
G.	Tariff Commission	39,643
XXV.	OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY	<u>761,728</u>
A.	Office of the Press Secretary (Proper)	90,737
B.	Bureau of Broadcast Services	204,371
C.	Bureau of Communications Services	24,410
D.	National Printing Office	134,234
E.	News and Information Bureau	66,624
F.	Philippine Information Agency	179,131
G.	Presidential Broadcast Staff (RTVM)	62,221
XXVI.	OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICES	<u>4,440,392</u>
A.	Commission on Higher Education	2,182,213
B.	Committee on Privatization	1,031
C.	Cooperatives Development Authority	193,193
D.	Energy Regulatory Board	85,462

E.	Games and Amusements Board.....	44,144
F.	Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board	126,185
G.	Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council	40,779
H.	Movie and Television Review and Classification Board	20,741
I.	National Book Development Board	28,113
J.	National Commission for Culture and the Arts	51,285
K.	National Commission on Indigenous Peoples	363,304
L.	National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women	25,700
M.	National Computer Center	63,108
N.	National Intelligence Coordinating Agency	217,049
O.	National Security Council.....	77,980
P.	National Youth Commission	52,812
Q.	Office on Muslim Affairs	197,148
R.	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff	44,954
S.	Philippine Racing Commission	17,097
T.	Philippine Sports Commission	93,628
U.	Presidential Commission on Good Government	63,562
V.	Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor	43,739

W.	Presidential Legislative Liaison Office	17,496
X.	Presidential Management Staff.....	124,442
Y.	Professional Regulations Commission	188,489
Z.	Videogram Regulatory Board	26,738
AA.	National Anti-Poverty Commission	50,000
XXVII.	JOINT LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE COUNCILS	<u>6,593</u>
A.	Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council	6,593
XXVIII.	THE JUDICIARY	<u>6,253,343</u>
A.	Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Lower Courts	5,623,618
A.1	Presidential Electoral Tribunal	42,983
B.	Sandiganbayan	139,764
C.	Court of Appeals	413,191
D.	Court of Tax Appeals	33,787
XXIX.	CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION	<u>415,062</u>
A.	Civil Service Commission	388,249
A.1	Career Executive Service Board	26,813

XXX.	COMMISSION ON AUDIT	<u>3,309,804</u>
XXXI.	COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS	<u>1,234,085</u>
XXXII.	OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	<u>424,380</u>
XXXIII.	COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.	<u>170,256</u>
XXXIV.	AUTONOMOUS REGIONS	<u>4,403,289</u>
A.	Cordillera Administrative Region (Proper)	32,955
B.	Autonomous Regional Government in Muslim Mindanao	4,370,334
XXXV.	BUDGETARY SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS	<u>5,283,743</u>
A.	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	<u>659,616</u>
A.1	National Dairy Authority	48,842
A.2	National Tobacco Administration	93,663
A.3	Philippine Coconut Authority	189,024
A.4	Philippine Fisheries Development Authority	15,480
A.5	Philippine Rice Research Institute	144,882
A.6	Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corporation	57,739
A.7	Sugar Regulatory Administration	109,986

B.	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	<u>200,000</u>
B.1	National Electrification Administration	200,000
C.	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES	<u>35,000</u>
C.1	Natural Resources Development Corporation	35,000
D.	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	<u>514,476</u>
D.1	Lung Center of the Philippines	150,000
D.2	National Kidney and Transplant Institute	104,412
D.3	Philippine Children's Medical Center	160,064
D.4	Philippine Heart Center	100,000
E.	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS	<u>200,000</u>
E.1	Local Water Utilities Administration	200,000
F.	DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM	<u>66,494</u>
F.1	Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation	63,794
F.2	Nayong Pilipino Foundation	2,700
G.	DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY	<u>73,096</u>
G.1	Cottage Industry Technology Center	11,069
G.2	Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions	62,027
H.	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS	<u>126,173</u>
H.1	Light Rail Transit Authority	1,298
H.2	Philippine National Railways	124,875
I.	NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	<u>42,720</u>
I.1	Philippine Institute for Development Studies	35,629

I.2	PIDS-APEC Study Center Network	7,091
J.	OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICES.....	<u>3,340,968</u>
J.1	Asset Privatization Trust	30,600
J.2	Cagayan Economic Zone Authority	118,685
J.3	Cultural Center of the Philippines	85,277
J.4	Home Insurance and Guaranty Corporation	198,750
J.5	National Food Authority	1,192,638
J.6	National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation	644,954
J.7	National Housing Authority	734,000
J.8	Southern Philippines Development Authority	73,453
J.9	Technology and Livelihood Resource Center	110,567
J.10	Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority	152,044
K.	BUDGETARY SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS – OTHERS	25,200
XXXVI.	ALLOCATIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS	<u>103,818,216</u>
A.	Internal Revenue Allotment	96,780,000
B.	Special Shares of LGUs in the Proceeds of National Taxes	2,081,000
C.	Local Officials Insurance Premium Fund	37,000
D.	Municipal Development Fund	3,362,538
E.	Local Government Empowerment Fund	788,143
F.	Palarong Pambansa Fund	130,000
G.	Metropolitan Manila Development Authority	639,535

XXXVII. AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND	<u>34,720</u>
A. Aurora Integrated Area Development Project	14,174
B. Bondoc Development Program	20,546
XXXVIII. AGRARIAN REFORM FUND	<u>7,707,338</u>
XXXIX. CALAMITY FUND	<u>1,000,000</u>
XL. CONTINGENT FUND	<u>800,000</u>
XLI. DECS – SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM	<u>2,500,000</u>
XLII. FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM FUND	<u>1,517,800</u>
XLIII. FOREIGN-ASSISTED PROJECTS SUPPORT FUND	<u>1,657,734</u>
XLIV. GENERAL FUND ADJUSTMENTS	<u>250,000</u>
XLV. INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS FUND	<u>800,000</u>
XLVI. MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL BENEFITS FUND	<u>3,321,068</u>

XLVII. NATIONAL UNIFICATION FUND	<u>150,000</u>
XLVIII. ORGANIZATIONAL ADJUSTMENT FUND	<u>3,349,506</u>
XLIX. LINGAP PARA SA MAHIHIRAP PROGRAM FUND	<u>2,500,000</u>
L. RURAL/URBAN DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUND	<u>5,458,277</u>
LI. DEBT SERVICE – INTEREST PAYMENT	<u>115,719,000</u>
LII. UNPROGRAMMED FUND	<u>18,826,322</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u>585,097,506</u>

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DEBT SERVICE – PRINCIPAL AMORTIZATION	68,418,000
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DEBT SERVICE – PRINCIPAL AMORTIZATION

For payment of principal amortization of foreign and domestic indebtedness as indicated hereunder.....P 68,418,000,000

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>A. PURPOSE</u>				
1. For the Payment of Principal Amortization of Foreign and Domestic Indebtedness	P	68,418,000,000	P	68,418,000,000
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TOTAL	P	68,418,000,000	P	68,418,000,000
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GENERAL SUMMARY

DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL AMORTIZATION

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
	_____	_____	_____	_____
A. Debt Service - Principal Amortization	P	68,418,000,000	P	68,418,000,000
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Total, Debt Service - Principal Amortization	P	68,418,000,000	P	68,418,000,000
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BUDGETS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ATTACHED
CORPORATIONS

SEC. 2. *Approval of Annual Budgets of Corporations under R.A. No. 7638.* – Pursuant to Section 13, Chapter III of Republic Act No. 7638, the 1999 annual budgets of the National Electrification Administration (NEA), the National Power Corporation (NPC) and the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) are hereby approved as follows:

I. NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
SUMMARY

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
	_____	_____	_____	_____
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. General Administration and Support	P 35,948	P 63,224	P 226,742	P 325,914
2. Support to Operations	146,187	31,612	1,657	179,456
3. Operations	57,517	31,611	2,980	92,108
4. Locally-Funded Projects		<u>666,746</u>	<u>182,420</u>	<u>849,166</u>
4.1 Rural Electrification		666,746	161,420	828,166
4.2 Solar Energy Programme			21,000	21,000
5. Foreign-Assisted Projects		<u>1,310</u>	<u>704,957</u>	<u>706,267</u>
A. Foreign Borrowings		<u>1,310</u>	<u>704,957</u>	<u>706,267</u>

a.5.1 Rural Electrification		704,957	704,957
a.5.2 Institutional Strengthening	1,310		1,310
6. Debt Servicing	<u>1,812,267</u>	_____	<u>1,812,267</u>
6.1 Loan Repayment	1,312,267		1,312,267
6.2 Conversion of Interest on NG advances	500,000		500,000
7. Provision for Dividend	14,400		14,400
8. Others		10,485	10,485
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TOTAL	P 239,652	P 2,621,170*/	P 1,129,241
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*MOOE, Net of Allowance for Depreciation of P12.710 M

I. NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EQUITY AND/OR SUBSIDY

Schedule I

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
	_____	_____	_____	_____
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. Locally-Funded Project		<u>P 200,000</u>		<u>P 200,000</u>
1.1 Rural Electrification		200,000		200,000
2. Debt Servicing		<u>817,221</u>		<u>817,221</u>
2.1 Loan Repayment		317,221		317,221
2.2 Conversion of Interest on NG advances		500,000		500,000
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TOTAL		<u>P 1,017,221</u>		<u>P 1,017,221</u>
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I. NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
CORPORATE BORROWINGS

Schedule II

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. Foreign-Assisted Projects		P 1,310	P 704,957	P 706,267
A. Foreign Borrowings		1,310	704,957	706,267
a.1.1 Rural Electrification			704,957	704,957
a.1.2 Institutional Strengthening		1,310		1,310
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TOTAL		P 1,310	P 704,957	P 706,267
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I. NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
CORPORATE FUNDS

Schedule III

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. General Administration and Support	P 35,948	P 63,224	P 226,742	P 325,914
2. Support to Operations	146,187	31,612	1,657	179,456
3. Operations	57,517	31,611	2,980	92,108
4. Locally-Funded Projects		<u>466,746</u>	<u>182,420</u>	<u>649,166</u>
4.1 Rural Electrification		466,746	161,420	628,166
4.2 Solar Energy Programme			21,000	21,000
5. Debt Servicing		<u>995,046</u>		<u>995,046</u>
5.1 Loan Repayment		995,046		995,046

6. Provision for Dividend		14,400		14,400
7. Others			10,485	10,485
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TOTAL	P 239,652	P 1,602,639	P 424,284	P 2,266,575
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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. *Budget Flexibility and Report.* – The National Electrification Administration, through its Board of Administrators, is authorized to realign/reallocate the projects/programs and their corresponding budgetary requirements herein approved, as well as augment the requirements which may arise from factors beyond the Corporation's control. These may include, but shall not be limited to, currency depreciation, inflation, change in interest rate, new loans/financing that may be contracted/sourced, substitute projects and programs, and schedule of project implementation should conditions warrant: *Provided*, That augmentation funds shall not be used for the acquisition of motor vehicles and payment of traveling, representation and discretionary expenses: *Provided, further*, That the Personal Services shall not be augmented by savings from Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses as well as Capital Outlays, or by new funding sources.

A report on the aforesaid budgetary adjustments shall be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, including the Department of Budget and Management, within thirty (30) days after such adjustments are made.

2. *Audit of Government Funds.* – The status or use of all government funds received, whether in the form of equity, subsidy, grant, loan, contribution or any kind of assistance shall be subject to audit by the Commission on Audit up to and including any end-user entity.

II. NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
SUMMARY

	Current Operating Expenditures			Total
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	
	_____	_____	_____	_____
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. General Administration and Support	P <u>1,545,721</u>	P <u>803,710</u>	P <u>3,352,704</u>	P <u>5,702,135</u>
A. Head Office Support Group	1,545,721	803,710	1,579,854	3,929,285
B. Eng'g. Admin./Survey/ Dev. Studies/Planning			1,772,850	1,772,850
2. Support to Operations	<u>84,888</u>	<u>5,290,498</u>		<u>5,375,386</u>
A. Nuclear Power Village/ Test-Run/Other Expenses	84,888	5,290,498		5,375,386
3. Operations	<u>4,681,193</u>	<u>80,040,469</u>	<u>8,842,548</u>	<u>93,564,210</u>
A. Utility Operations	4,278,193	3,849,007	6,503,169	14,630,369
B. Strategic Power Utilities Group	403,000	290,441	834,829	1,528,270
C. Spares			1,504,550	1,504,550

D. Production of Goods (Power Generation)		75,901,021		75,901,021
4. Foreign-Assisted Projects			<u>25,514,748</u>	<u>25,514,748</u>
A. Generation			1,225,509	1,225,509
B. Transmission Lines & Substations			18,491,319	18,491,319
C. Others			2,524,905	2,524,905
D. Interest during Construction			3,273,015	3,273,015
5. Debt Servicing		36,230,000		36,230,000
6. Other Expenditures	16,334	5,814,481		5,830,815
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TOTAL	P 6,328,136 a/	P128,179,158 b/	P 37,710,000	P 172,217,294
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a/ PS, inclusive of P 3.433M for casuals

b/ MOOE, net of allowance for depreciation of P 11.944B

II. NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999

Schedule I

(In Thousand Pesos)

CORPORATE BORROWINGS

	Current Operating Expenditures			Total
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	
	_____	_____	_____	_____
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. General Administration and Support			P <u>3,352,704</u>	P <u>3,352,704</u>
A. Head Office Support Group			1,579,854	1,579,854
B. Eng'g. Admin./Survey/Dev. Studies/Planning			1,772,850	1,772,850
2. Operations			<u>8,842,548</u>	<u>8,842,548</u>
A. Utility Operations			6,503,169	6,503,169
B. Strategic Power Utilities Group			834,829	834,829
C. Spares			1,504,550	1,504,550
3. Foreign-Assisted Projects			<u>25,514,748</u>	<u>25,514,748</u>
A. Generation			1,225,509	1,225,509
B. Transmission Lines & Substations			18,491,319	18,491,319

C. Others		2,524,905	2,524,905
D. Interest during Construction		3,273,015	3,273,015
4. Debt Servicing	2,919,000		2,919,000
5. Other Expenditures	5,077,000		5,077,000
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TOTAL	P 7,996,000	P 37,710,000	P 45,706,000
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II. NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
CORPORATE FUNDS

Schedule II

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. General Administration and Support	P <u>1,545,721</u>	P <u>803,710</u>		P <u>2,349,431</u>
A. Head Office Support Group	1,545,721	803,710		2,349,431
2. Support to Operations	<u>84,888</u>	<u>5,290,498</u>		<u>5,375,386</u>
A. National Power Village/ Test-Run/Other Expenses	84,888	5,290,498		5,375,386
3. Operations	<u>4,681,193</u>	<u>80,040,469</u>		<u>84,721,662</u>
A. Utility Operations	4,278,193	3,849,007		8,127,200
B. Strategic Power Utilities Group	403,000	290,441		693,441
C. Production of Goods (Power Generation)		75,901,021		75,901,021

4. Debt Servicing		33,311,000	33,311,000
5. Other Expenditures	16,334	737,481	753,815
TOTAL	<u>P 6,328,136</u>	<u>P 120,183,158</u>	<u>P 126,511,294</u>

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. *Budget Flexibility and Report.* – The National Power Corporation through its Board of Directors, is authorized to realign/reallocate the projects/programs and their corresponding budgetary requirements herein approved, as well as augment the requirements which may arise from factors beyond the Corporation's control. These may include, but shall not be limited to, increase in oil/steam/coal prices, currency depreciation, inflation, change in generation mix and demand, interest rate, new loans/financing that may be contracted or sourced, substitute programs and projects, change in schedule of project implementation, and correction, transfer, or elimination of NPC's expense, of projects or installations that are a hazard to the health or safety of inhabitants, and reorganization, privatization, or subsidiarization, should conditions warrant: *Provided*, That augmentation funds shall not be used for the acquisition of motor vehicles and payment of traveling, representation and discretionary expenses: *Provided, further*, That the Personal Services shall not be augmented by savings from Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) as well as Capital Outlays or by new funding sources.

A report on the aforesaid budgetary adjustments shall be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, including the Department of Budget and Management, within thirty (30) days after such adjustments are made.

2. *Restrictions on the Use of Funds.* – In the event that certain NPC power plants have been completely subsidiarized and privatized before 1999, any amount earmarked for the rehabilitation and other costs intended for said power plants as reflected in the Corporate Operating Budget shall not be made available for such plants.

3. *Restriction on the Grant of New/Additional Compensation.* – No amount herein authorized shall be used to cover payment of new/additional cash compensation such as salaries and allowances, unless approved by Congress: *Provided*, That the grant of new/additional non-cash and other economic benefits shall be subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

III. PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
SUMMARY

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
	_____	_____	_____	_____
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. General Administration and Support	P 41,966	P 131,220	P 6,565	P 179,751
2. Operations	8,029	298,924	1,553,204	1,860,157
3. Others				
Debt Servicing				
Principal		905,121		905,121
Interest Expense		1,089,708		1,089,708
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TOTAL	P 49,995	P 2,424,973 a/	P 1,559,769	P 4,034,737
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a/ MOOE, net of allowance for depreciation of P19.906 M

III. PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
CORPORATE BORROWINGS

Schedule I

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
	_____	_____	_____	_____
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. Operations			P 462,000	P 462,000
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TOTAL			P 462,000	P 462,000
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III. PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS BY EXPENSE CLASS, CY 1999
(In Thousand Pesos)
CORPORATE FUNDS

Schedule II

	Current Operating Expenditures			Total
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	
	_____	_____	_____	_____
A. PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/PROJECT				
1. General Administration and Support	P 41,966	P 131,220	P 6,565	P 179,751
2. Operations	8,029	298,924	1,091,204	1,398,157
3. Others				
Debt Servicing				
Principal		905,121		905,121
Interest Expense		1,089,708		1,089,708
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TOTAL	P 49,995	P 2,424,973 a/	P 1,097,769	P 3,572,737
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a/ MOOE, net of allowance for depreciation of P19.906 M

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. *Budget Flexibility and Report.* – The Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC), through its Board of Directors, is authorized to realign/reallocate the projects/programs and their corresponding budgetary requirements herein approved, as well as augment the requirements which may arise from factors beyond the Company's control. These may include, but shall not be limited to, increase in costs associated with the privatization of subsidiaries, changes in foreign exchange rate, taxes, inflation, interest rates, payment of obligations as a result of final judgment of the court, and changes in programs/projects: *Provided*, That augmentation funds shall not be used for the acquisition of motor vehicles and payment of traveling, representation and discretionary expenses: *Provided, further*, That the Personal Services shall not be augmented by savings from Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), as well as, Capital Outlays, or by new funding sources.

A report on the aforesaid budgetary adjustments shall be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, including the Department of Budget and Management, within thirty (30) days after such adjustments are made.

2. *Funds for Capital Outlays.* – The provisions of paragraph 1 above notwithstanding, Capital Outlays, provided herein under Operations, Program 2, whether funded from internally generated funds, budgetary support or authorized borrowings, shall be utilized for the primary purposes of exploration, exploitation and development of indigenous energy resources: *Provided*, That an amount not exceeding One billion pesos (P1,000,000,000) in the aggregate may be invested in entities not engaged in the said primary purposes: *Provided, further*, That consistent with the privatization program of the government, such equity investment shall not exceed thirty six percent (36%) of the outstanding capital stock of any one such entity concerned: *Provided, finally*, That such Capital Outlays shall not be used as loans or advances to entities not engaged in the primary purposes herein defined. This provision shall apply to the Philippine National Oil Company and all its subsidiaries.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO NEA, NPC, AND
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1. *Payment of Compensation.* – Payment of salaries, wages, and allowances or other forms of compensation shall be in accordance with Republic Act No. 6758 known as, Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989, as amended by Joint Resolution No. 1, s. 1994 of Congress and Executive Order No. 164, s. 1994, as well as Corporate Compensation Circular No. 10 and other pertinent implementing rules and regulations, unless the corporation is exempted therefrom by special law.

2. *Remittance of Dividends.* – Dividend equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of annual net earnings shall accrue to the National Government and shall be remitted to the National Treasury pursuant to Republic Act No. 7656.

3. *Acquisition of Equipment.* – The acquisition of equipment, whether funded from internally generated funds, budgetary support or authorized borrowings, shall be subject to Corporate Budget Circular No. 17, s. 1996 National Budget Circular No. 446, s. 1995 as supplemented by the National Budget Circular No. 446-A, s. 1998, and other applicable Presidential Issuances and other existing statutory requirements.

4. *Jurisdiction of the Commission on Audit.* – The constitutional jurisdiction of the Commission on Audit over funds and resources of the government including the appropriations herein authorized for Energy Corporations shall remain unimpaired.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

RECEIPTS AND INCOME

SEC. 3. *Fees, Charges and Assessments.* – All fees, charges, assessments, and other receipts or revenues collected by departments, bureaus, offices or agencies in the exercise of their functions, at such rates as are now or may be approved by the Secretary concerned, shall be deposited with the National Treasury and shall accrue to the General Fund pursuant to Section 44 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292 and Section 3 of B.P. Blg. 325: *Provided,* That certain receipts may be recorded as a Special Account in the

General Fund or a Fiduciary or a Trust Fund, or a fund other than the General Fund, when authorized by law and following such rules and regulations as may be issued by the Permanent Committee created under Section 45 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292: *Provided, further*, That all revenues or income accruing to Special Accounts in the General Fund may be made available for expenditure, subject to the Special Provision in this Act for the agencies concerned and to Special Budgets required under Section 35 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292: *Provided, furthermore*, That whenever practicable and taking into account the cost reduction program of the government, when an agency contracts with another government office for fabrication of furniture or equipment, or for computer, printing or other services, the agency rendering such services may assess the requesting agency for the cost of production and services rendered and may utilize the proceeds thereof, subject to Section 35 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292, except as otherwise provided in this Act: and *Provided, finally*, That the schedule of fees, charges and assessments collectible by any government agency including government-owned and/or controlled corporations shall be posted in big bold characters in a conspicuous place in said government agency or corporation, including its branches or extension offices and that the updating and continuous display of said schedule shall be the responsibility of the head of the agency or corporation concerned.

SEC. 4. *Revolving Fund.* – Revolving funds shall be established and maintained only in cases where said funds are expressly created and authorized by law. Revolving funds already in existence shall continue their operations, except those which are now reflected under "Use/Charging of Income" in this Act. Receipts derived from business-type activities of departments, bureaus, offices or agencies which are authorized by law to be constituted into a Revolving Fund shall be separately recorded and deposited in an authorized government depository bank and may be made available for operational expenses of the said activity of the agency concerned, subject to the conditions prescribed under the special provision of the agency concerned and the rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Permanent Committee created under Section 45 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292. The Revolving Fund shall be considered self-perpetuating and self-liquidating and all obligations or expenditures incurred by virtue of said

business-type activities shall be charged against the Revolving Fund. The agency concerned shall submit to the Department of Budget and Management, copy furnished the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, a quarterly report of the income from this Fund and a quarterly report of expenditure. In case of failure to submit said requirements, no withdrawal in the subsequent quarter shall be allowed in audit except upon certification of the Department of Budget and Management that said report was submitted.

SEC. 5. *Trust Receipts.* – Receipts from non-tax sources authorized by law for specific purposes which are collected/received by a government office or agency acting as a trustee, agent or administrator, or which have been received as guaranty for the fulfillment of an obligation, and all other collections classified by law or regulations as trust receipts shall be treated as trust liability of the agency concerned and deposited with the National Treasury, subject to the conditions prescribed under the Special Provisions of the agency concerned and to the rules and regulations as determined by the Permanent Committee created under Section 45 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292. All existing balances of trust receipts deposited with authorized government depository banks or any forthcoming trust receipts which are intended to be deposited with authorized government depository banks are hereby required to be deposited also with the National Treasury. Payment out of such funds shall be made in accordance with the purpose for which the fund is created and subject to accounting and auditing regulations.

SEC. 6. *Receipts Arising from BOT and its Variant Schemes Transactions.* – Receipts, such as toll fees, charges and other receipts or revenues arising from public sector projects implemented through build-operate-transfer (BOT) arrangement and other variants pursuant to R.A. No. 6957, as amended by R.A. No. 7718, collected by an office or agency of the National Government but which shall accrue to the proponent private companies or individuals in accordance with contract entered into by said government office or agency and project proponent(s) shall be constituted as a trust fund and deposited with the National Treasury and shall be utilized exclusively for the fulfillment of the obligations as stipulated and prescribed under the contract:

Provided, That the government share out of the collections from said projects shall accrue to the General Fund and shall be remitted to and deposited with the National Treasury.

The implementation of this Section shall be in accordance with the guidelines issued jointly by the Department of Finance, Department of Budget and Management, National Economic and Development Authority and the Coordinating Council of the Philippine Assistance Program, in coordination with the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 7. Performance Bonds and Deposits. – Performance bonds and deposits filed or posted by private persons or entities with agencies of the government shall be deposited in the National Treasury as trust liabilities under the name of the agency concerned. Upon faithful performance of the undertaking or termination of the obligation for which the bond or deposit was required, any amount due shall be returned to the filing party and the office or agency concerned, withdrawable in accordance with accounting and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided*, That any interest accruing on deposit accounts and any forfeited amounts shall be recorded as income of the General Fund and shall be remitted to the National Treasury at the end of each quarter. This provision shall apply to bonds posted in cash, such as bidder's bond, guaranty bonds, bail bonds, judicial deposits for the benefit of clients, cash under litigation deposited in court or quasi-judicial bodies and other refundable and judicial bonds, and all bonds and deposits required by law, rules and regulations to be posted to ensure the faithful performance of an activity or undertaking.

SEC. 8. Seminar and Conference Fees. – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies which conduct training programs in relation to their mandated functions are authorized to collect seminar and conference fees from government and private agency participants, at such standard rates as the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission shall deem appropriate. The proceeds derived from such seminars or conferences may be made available for the conduct of such seminars and conferences, subject to pertinent budget, accounting and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided*, That upon the

conclusion of the seminar or conference, the office authorized to conduct the same shall submit to the Department of Budget and Management a report of the fees collected and of the expenses incurred: *Provided, further*, That any excess therefrom shall be remitted to the National Treasury and shall accrue to the General Fund: *Provided, finally*, That no appropriation authorized in this Act shall be used to support or augment expenses for seminars or conferences.

SEC. 9. *Sale of Products.* – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies are hereby authorized to sell products of agricultural, industrial or other projects. The proceeds derived therefrom shall be deposited with the National Treasury and shall accrue to the General Fund, pursuant to Section 44 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292, unless otherwise provided by law or by Special Provision in this Act.

SEC. 10. *Sale of Official Publications.* – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies are hereby authorized to sell their official publications. The proceeds derived therefrom shall be deposited with the National Treasury and shall accrue to the General Fund. Such proceeds may be made available to defray the cost of printing of such official publications subject to Special Budget pursuant to Section 35, Book VI of E.O. No. 292.

SEC. 11. *Sale of Non-Serviceable, Obsolete and Other Unnecessary Equipment.* – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies are hereby authorized to sell non-serviceable, obsolete, and other unnecessary equipment including cars, vans and the like pursuant to the provisions of Section 79 of P.D. No. 1445 and E.O. No. 309 dated March 8, 1996. The proceeds from the sale of equipment of the agency shall be deemed automatically appropriated for the purchase of new ones, and for the repair or rehabilitation of existing vital equipment: *Provided*, That the purchase of such new cars and vans shall be subject to prior authority pursuant to pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 12. *Donations.* – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies may accept donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts, in cash or in kind, from various sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes relevant to their functions: *Provided*, That

in cases of donations from foreign governments, acceptance thereof shall be subject to the prior clearance and approval of the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs: *Provided, further,* That the Department of Agriculture through the National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) and in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), is hereby authorized to decide the utilization of the RP-Japan Increased Food Production Program Grant for agriculture and fishery projects in accordance with the objectives of R.A. No. 8435, otherwise known as "The Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997." Receipts from donations shall be accounted for in the books of the government in accordance with pertinent accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Such donations, whether in cash or in kind, shall be deemed automatically appropriated for purposes specified by the donor. The receipts from cash donations and sale of donated commodities shall be remitted to the National Treasury and recorded as a Special Account in the General Fund and shall be available to the concerned implementing agency through a Special Budget pursuant to Section 35, Book VI of E.O. No. 292. The agency concerned shall submit to the Department of Budget and Management and to the Commission on Audit a quarterly report of all donations whether in cash or in kind, as well as expenditures or disbursements of the amount released.

In case of violation of this Section, the erring officials and employees shall be subject to disciplinary action under the provisions of Sections 43 and 80 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292 and to appropriate criminal action under existing penal laws.

SEC. 13. National Internal Revenue Taxes and Import Duties of National Government Agencies including the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA), Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF), National Food Authority (NFA) and Specialty Hospitals. – National internal revenue taxes and import duties payable by national government agencies to the National Government arising from foreign donations, grants and loans are deemed automatically appropriated. Tax expenditure subsidy to the Light Rail Transit Authority, Home Development Mutual Fund, National Food Authority and Specialty Hospitals, shall likewise be deemed automatically appropriated, subject to approval

by the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB) pursuant to Executive Order No. 93, as amended: *Provided*, That in the case of NFA, custom duties and taxes referred to pertain only to CY 1998. The amounts pertaining to such taxes and duties shall be considered as revenue and expenditure of the government.

The implementation of this Section shall be in accordance with guidelines to be jointly issued by the Department of Finance and the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 14. *Loan Agreements.* – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations, shall in no case enter into foreign or domestic loan agreements, whether in cash or in kind, except upon concurrence of the Secretary of Budget and Management with respect to peso requirements and implications on expenditure ceilings and prior approval of the President of the Philippines, with the prior concurrence of the Monetary Board, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law: *Provided*, That the Monetary Board shall, within thirty days from the end of every quarter of the calendar year, submit to the Congress of the Philippines a report of its decisions on applications for loans to be contracted or guaranteed by the government or government-owned and/or controlled corporations which have the effect of increasing the foreign debt. Loan agreements shall not be signed by agencies of the national government unless the full amount of the loan is covered by a Forward Obligational Authority (FOA) issued by the Secretary of Budget and Management. For this purpose, the budgetary implications of foreign-assisted projects shall be explicitly considered by the Secretary of Budget and Management and the office or agency concerned at the time of project design and financing negotiations. The project study shall specify the cash flow requirements of the project among others, for: (a) payment of principal and interest; (b) peso component of capital costs and project preparation; (c) infrastructure and support facilities needed to be directly financed by government; (d) operating and other expenditures which will be ultimately required for general fund support when the project is implemented; and (e) peso requirements needed as counterpart.

EXPENDITURES

SEC. 15. *Restrictions on the Use of Government Funds.*

– No government funds shall be utilized for the following purposes:

a. To purchase motor vehicles, except: (a) medical ambulances, military and police patrol vehicles, motorcycles, other utility vehicles, road construction equipment, motorized bancas and those used for mass transport when necessary in the interest of the public service, upon authority of the department or agency head and the Secretary of Budget and Management; and (b) those authorized by the President, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

b. To defray foreign travel expenses of any government official or employee, except in the case of training seminar or conference abroad when the officials and other personnel of the foreign mission cannot effectively represent the country therein and travels necessitated by international commitments: *Provided*, That no official or employee, including uniformed personnel of the Department of the Interior and Local Government and Department of National Defense will be sent to foreign training, conference or attend to international commitments when they are due to retire within one year after the said foreign travel;

c. To provide fuel, parts, repair and maintenance to any government vehicle which is not permanently marked "For Official Use Only" with the name or logo of the agency, nor otherwise properly identified as a government vehicle and does not carry its official government plate number, except official vehicles assigned to the President, Vice President, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Chairmen of the Constitutional Commissions and those used by personnel performing intelligence and national security functions: *Provided*, That in case of transport crisis, such as that occasioned by street demonstrations, welgang bayan, floods, typhoons and other emergencies, all government vehicles of any type whether luxury cars or utility vehicles, shall be made available to meet the emergency and utilized to transport for free the commuters on a round-the-clock basis;

d. To pay *honoraria*, allowances or other forms of compensation to any government official or employee, except those specifically authorized by law;

e. To be invested in non-government securities, money market placements and similar investments or deposited in private banking institutions.

The provisions of this Section shall also apply to government-owned and/or controlled corporations.

The implementation of this Section shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the Department of Budget and Management, in coordination with the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 16. *Mandatory Expenditures.* – The amounts released, particularly for, but not limited to, petroleum, oil and lubricants as well as for water, illumination and power services, telephone and other communication services, rents, retirement gratuity and terminal leave requirements shall be disbursed solely for such items of expenditures as approved by the Secretary of Budget and Management: *Provided,* That any savings generated from these items may be realigned only in the last quarter upon prior approval of the Secretary of Budget and Management.

The use of funds in violation of this Section shall be null and void, and shall subject the erring officials and employees to disciplinary action under the provisions of Sections 43 and 80 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292 and to appropriate criminal action under existing penal laws.

SEC. 17. *Authority to Identify Funds for Mandatory Expenditures.* – Out of the agency appropriations authorized in this Act, the Department of Budget and Management may identify in the fund release documents the amounts due all government service agencies and government service corporations to cover prior year's mandatory expenditures as certified by the Commission on Audit. In the case of government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs) without budgetary support from the National Government, funds for the purpose shall be indicated in the approval of their Corporate Operating Budgets.

The implementation of this Section shall be subject to the guidelines to be issued by the Department of Budget and Management in coordination with the Department of Finance and the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 18. *Intelligence and Confidential Funds.* – No amount appropriated in this Act shall be released or disbursed for confidential and intelligence activities unless specifically identified and authorized as such intelligence or confidential fund in this Act. Only amounts identified as confidential and intelligence funds in this Act, as specified in Object Code 19, can be subject to closed accounting.

Intelligence and confidential funds provided for in the budgets of departments, bureaus, offices or agencies of the national government, including amounts from savings authorized by Special Provisions to be used for intelligence and counter-intelligence activities, shall be released only upon approval of the President of the Philippines: *Provided*, That at least eighty percent (80%) of intelligence and confidential funds shall be used for field operations.

All the officials of the departments, bureaus and offices shall submit to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Commission on Audit, a periodic report covering the results on the utilization of intelligence and confidential funds.

SEC. 19. *Prohibited Expenses in Revolving Funds and Use of Income.* – No amount of the revolving funds or agency income authorized in this Act shall be used for the payment of discretionary and representation expenses.

SEC. 20. *Purchase of Supplies, Materials and Equipment Spare Parts for Stock.* – The stock on hand of supplies, materials and equipment spare parts to be acquired through ordinary purchase out of appropriations herein provided shall at no time exceed normal three-month requirements, subject to pertinent rules and regulations issued by competent authority: *Provided*, That heads of departments, bureaus, offices or agencies or other instrumentalities of the government may approve the build-up of

stocks on hand of critical supplies and materials as defined or specified by the Department of Budget and Management in anticipation of cost increases, or requirement of a national emergency, or of an impending shortage in the items concerned, specifying maximum quantities of individual items. Unless otherwise approved by the President, upon the joint recommendation of the Secretary concerned and the Chairman of the Commission on Audit, these stocks shall not exceed one year's need.

SEC. 21. *Emergency Purchases.* – Unless otherwise provided in this Act, departments, bureaus, offices or agencies of the National Government are authorized to make emergency purchases of supplies, materials and spare parts of motor transport equipment that are urgently needed for the repair of ambulances, motor vehicles, vessels and aircrafts or to meet an emergency which may involve the loss of, or danger to, life and/or property, or are to be used in connection with a project or activity which cannot be delayed without causing detriment to the public service, in a monthly amount not exceeding four percent (4%) of the annual agency expenditure program for supplies and materials out of the appropriations allotted for maintenance and other operating expenses of the agency concerned, except as may be authorized by the President of the Philippines upon the joint recommendation of the Department of Budget and Management and the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 22. *Domestic Purchases and Foreign Importations.* – All appropriations for the procurement of equipment, supplies and materials and other products and services authorized in this Act shall be used only for the purchase of equipment, parts, accessories, medicines and drugs, supplies and materials and other products and services locally available: *Provided*, That importation may be made when none of the desired quality or standard is available in the market or when the price of the local product or service is more than fifteen percent (15%) of that of a similar product offered by an enterprise other than a domestic entity pursuant to Section 4 of the Flag Law (Commonwealth Act No. 138, as amended): *Provided, further*, That purchases under foreign military sales agreements, heavy equipment imports for infrastructure projects and other importations of agencies which

are financed by foreign borrowings may be made, subject to the requirements of LOI No. 880 and to pertinent budget, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 23. *Cultural and Athletic Activities.* – Out of the appropriations authorized in this Act for maintenance and other operating expenses for each department, bureau, office or agency, an amount not exceeding One thousand two hundred pesos (P1,200) may be used for the purchase of costume or uniform for each participant and other related expenses in the conduct of cultural and athletic activities.

SEC. 24. *Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses.* – Appropriations herein authorized may be used for extraordinary expenses of the following officials and those of equivalent rank as may be authorized by the Department of Budget and Management not exceeding:

- a. P150,000 for each Secretary;
- b. P50,400 for each Undersecretary;
- c. P25,000 for each Assistant Secretary;
- d. P20,400 for each head of bureau or organization of equal rank to a bureau and for each Department Regional Director;
- e. P10,200 for each Bureau Regional Director; and
- f. P6,000 for each Municipal Trial Court Judge, Municipal Circuit Trial Court Judge, and Shari'a Circuit Court Judge.

In addition, miscellaneous expenses not exceeding P48,000 for each of the offices under the above named officials are herein authorized.

For the purpose of this Section, extraordinary and miscellaneous expenses shall include, but shall not be limited to, expenses incurred for:

- a. meetings, seminars and conferences;
- b. official entertainment;
- c. public relations;
- d. educational, athletic and cultural activities;
- e. contributions to civic or charitable institutions;
- f. membership in government associations;
- g. membership in national professional organizations duly accredited by the Professional Regulations Commission;
- h. membership in the Integrated Bar of the Philippines;
- i. subscription to professional technical journals and informative magazines, library books and materials;
- j. office equipment and supplies; and
- k. other similar expenses not supported by the regular budget allocation.

No portion of the amounts authorized herein shall be used for salaries, wages, allowances, intelligence and confidential expenses. In case of deficiency, the requirements for the purpose may be charged against savings of the agency.

These expenditures shall be subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 25. Information Outlay. – The appropriations pertaining to information activities of various departments, bureaus, offices or agencies shall be released upon presentation of an appropriate program of activities prepared by their respective Heads, copies of which shall be furnished the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.

SEC. 26. *Science and Technology Research.* – The appropriations of departments, agencies, bureaus or offices for research and development in the natural, agricultural, technological and engineering sciences shall be released upon recommendation of the Department of Science and Technology with the primary objective of coordinating research agenda to achieve over-all coordination and optimize the use of research funds and encourage private sector participation in R&D activities: *Provided*, That research efforts shall be geared towards achievement of a wider commercialization of new discoveries and acceleration of technology transfer: *Provided, further*, That the said government agencies shall submit an annual report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance. The report shall include the list of recipient private entities, status of research being undertaken, and the amount released and utilized for each project and the commercialization activities and technology transfer made.

SEC. 27. *Human Resources Development and Training Programs.* – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies shall review and formulate their human resources development and training programs to make the same responsive to the organizational needs and manpower requirements of agencies and the need to train personnel in appropriate skills and attitudes. Such training programs shall be consistent with the rules and regulations issued by the Training Coordination Committee created under LOI No. 754, which shall review and evaluate training activities.

SEC. 28. *Programs/Projects Related to Gender and Development (GAD).* – The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in consultation with the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), shall formulate a set of guidelines for the implementation of programs/projects related to GAD.

In consultation with the NCRFW, all departments, offices, bureaus, agencies, state universities and colleges, government-owned and controlled corporations and other instrumentalities, shall formulate a GAD plan, designed to address gender issues, in accordance with RA 7192 and the Philippine Plan for Gender-

Responsive Development (PPGD), 1995-2005. The cost of implementation of the GAD plan shall be at least five percent (5%) of the agency's total 1999 budget appropriation.

All concerned government entities shall submit their GAD plan to the NCRFW for review. They shall likewise submit annual reports to Congress, the DBM and the NCRFW, indicating the accomplishments and amounts utilized to implement GAD-related programs/projects/activities.

SEC. 29. *Projects Related to Youth.* – The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), in consultation with the National Youth Commission (NYC) shall formulate a set of guidelines for the implementation of projects related to youth.

All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, government-owned and/or controlled corporations and local government units shall, in implementation of their plans, programs and projects, provide skills training and employment for the out-of-school youth (OSY) as well as create summer jobs for students, in no case to exceed two (2) months duration.

SEC. 30. *Human and Ecological Security Concerns.* – All departments, bureaus, offices and agencies shall set aside an amount out of their 1999 appropriations to be used for projects designed to address human and ecological security concerns. This Section shall be implemented in accordance with the guidelines to be issued jointly by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of the Interior and Local Government in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 31. *Disability-Related Projects/Facilities for the Handicapped.* – All government facilities, including infra, non-infra and civil works projects of the government as well as office buildings, streets and highways, shall provide architectural facilities or structural features and designs as shall reasonably enhance the mobility, safety and welfare of disabled persons pursuant to B.P. Blg. 344 and R.A. No. 7277.

SEC. 32. *Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Preparedness (DPMP) Projects.* – Except for the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHILVOCS) whose basic concerns are DPMP, all concerned departments, bureaus, offices and agencies are authorized to use their appropriation to implement projects designed to address their disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness concerns pursuant to P.D. No. 1566. This Section shall be implemented in accordance with the guidelines to be issued by the National Disaster Coordinating Council in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 33. *Contracting Multi-Year Projects.* – In the implementation of multi-year projects, no agency shall enter into a multi-year contract without a multi-year Obligational Authority issued by the Department of Budget and Management for the purpose. Notwithstanding the issuance of the multi-year Obligational Authority, the obligation to be incurred in any given calendar year, shall in no case exceed the amount programmed for implementation during said calendar year.

PERSONNEL AMELIORATION

SEC. 34. *Funding of Personnel Benefits.* – The personnel benefits costs of government officials and employees shall be charged against the respective funds from which their compensations are paid. All authorized supplemental or additional compensation, fringe benefits and other personal services costs of officials and employees whose salaries are drawn from special accounts or special funds, such as salary increases, step increment for length of service, incentive and service fees, vacation and sick leaves, retirement and life insurance premiums, compensation insurance premiums, health insurance (Medicare) premiums, HDMF contributions, hospitalization and medical benefits, scholarship and educational benefits, training and seminar expenses, all kinds of allowances, whether commutable or reimbursable, in cash or in kind, and other personnel benefits and privileges authorized by law, including the payment of retirement gratuities, separation pay and terminal leave benefits, shall similarly be charged against the corresponding fund from which their basic salaries are drawn and in no case shall such

personnel benefits costs be charged against the General Fund of the National Government. Officials and employees on detail with other offices, including the representatives and support personnel of auditing units assigned to serve other offices or agencies, shall be paid their salaries, emoluments, allowances and the foregoing supplemental compensation, fringe benefits and other personal services costs from the appropriations of their parent agencies, and in no case shall such be charged against the appropriations of the agencies where they are assigned or detailed, except when authorized by law.

SEC. 35. *Personnel Benefits Fund.* – The provisions of Letter of Instructions No. 1102 notwithstanding, the government shares in the compulsory contributions mandated by Republic Act No. 8291, Republic Act No. 6111 and Presidential Decree No. 626, as amended, shall be remitted directly by said bureaus, offices and agencies, including local government units, to the Government Service Insurance System and the Home Development Mutual Fund.

SEC. 36. *Authorized Deductions.* – Deductions from salaries, emoluments or other benefits accruing to any government employee may be allowed for the payment of obligations due or owing to government lending institutions such as government banks, the Government Service Insurance System, duly licensed insurance companies, savings and loans associations, and those organized for, and managed by, government employees. Deductions under Section 21 of R.A. No. 4670, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers may be allowed, including such deductions representing amortizations arising from educational loan for tuition fees, reasonable amount for textbooks and other school obligations granted by insurance companies duly licensed by the Insurance Commission: *Provided*, That such deductions shall not reduce the employee's monthly take home pay to an amount lower than Two thousand pesos (P2,000), after deducting all other statutory deductions: *Provided, further*, That the agencies and offices with existing deductions arrangements with private lenders shall continue such deductions until the credits/loans outstanding or the premiums of the policies in force at the date of passage of this Act shall have been fully paid.

SEC. 37. *Incentive from Service Fees.* – Departments, bureaus, offices and agencies that collect service fees from public and private institutions for services rendered such as those contemplated in Section 36 above and similar activities shall deposit said service fees with the National Treasury. The income shall accrue to the General Fund, pursuant to Section 44 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292. Such fees may be made available for payment of incentive to employees who are actually and directly involved in the collection: *Provided*, That such payment to any employee may not, in the aggregate exceed fifty percent (50%) of his annual salary.

Any surplus of service fees deposited with the National Treasury may be used to fund a Provident Fund that may be established by the agency in favor of all its employees in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

SEC. 38. *Year-end Bonus and Cash Gift.* – Payment of benefits to cover the year-end bonus and cash gift provided under Republic Act No. 6686 as amended by Republic Act No. 8441 shall be released to the department, bureau, office or agency concerned: *Provided*, That one-half (1/2) of the amount of said year-end bonus and cash gift may be paid not earlier than May 1 but not later than May 31 of each year, subject to the implementing rules and regulations issued by the Department of Budget and Management.

Savings generated in one department, bureau, office or agency shall be used to augment deficient funds in other departments, bureaus, offices or agencies.

SEC. 39. *Additional Benefit for Streamlining, Improving Productivity and Exercising Thrift in Government Operations.* – The heads of departments, bureaus, offices and agencies which have adopted measures resulting in the streamlining of operations or organizations, and/or have introduced productivity improvements in the implementation of programs, projects and activities pursuant to the national productivity policy of the government, and/or have exercised thrift and economy in the utilization of its funds are hereby authorized to utilize savings generated from said measures or improvements for the payment

of additional benefit or reward to their respective officials and employees: *Provided*, That the generation of savings does not result in jeopardizing the activities of the agency and does not arise out of failure to achieve its targets: *Provided, finally*, That thirty three percent (33%) of the savings shall be used for the establishment of a savings productivity fund. The income from such fund shall be used as follows:

30% for the housing program and health benefits of its employees;

30% for the improvement of the facilities of the government agency concerned; and

40% for the additional benefits of the agency's retiring employees.

The implementing rules and regulations of this particular provision shall be formulated by the Department of Budget and Management in coordination with the Civil Service Commission.

SEC. 40. *Traveling Expenses.* – Officials and employees of the government may be allowed full payment of claims for reimbursement of traveling and related expenses incurred in the course of official travel, certified by the head of the agency concerned as absolutely necessary in the performance of an assignment and supported by receipts, chargeable to the allotment for traveling expenses, subject to the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 248 and 248-A s. 1995.

SEC. 41. *Representation and Transportation Allowances.* – The following officials and those of equivalent rank as may be determined by the Department of Budget and Management are hereby granted monthly commutable representation and transportation allowances payable from the programmed appropriations provided for their respective offices not exceeding the rates indicated below, which shall apply to each type of allowance:

a. At P5,500 for Secretaries;

- b. At P4,250 for Department Undersecretaries;
- c. At P3,650 for Department Assistant Secretaries;
- d. At P3,100 for Bureau Directors and Department Regional Directors;
- e. At P2,650 for Assistant Bureau Directors, Department Assistant Regional Directors, Bureau Regional Directors, and Department Service Chiefs;
- f. At P2,200 for Assistant Bureau Regional Directors; and
- g. At P2,000 for Chief of Divisions identified as such in the Personal Services Itemization.

The transportation allowance herein authorized shall not be granted to officials who are assigned a government vehicle or use government motor transportation. Unless otherwise provided by law, no amount appropriated in this Act shall be used to pay for representation and/or transportation allowances, whether commutable or reimbursable, which exceed the rates authorized under this Section. Previous administrative authorizations not consistent with the rates and conditions herein specified shall no longer be valid and payment shall not be allowed.

Allowances of those officials who are receiving salaries from special accounts or special funds shall be charged against the corresponding fund from which their salaries are charged. Officials on detail with other offices, including officials of the Commission on Audit assigned to serve other offices or agencies, shall be paid the allowance herein authorized from the appropriations of their parent agencies.

SEC. 42. Official Vehicles and Transport. – Government motor transportation may be used by the following officials with costs chargeable to the appropriations authorized for their respective offices:

- a. The President of the Philippines;

- b. The Vice President;
- c. The President of the Senate;
- d. The Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- e. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court;
- f. The Secretaries, Undersecretaries, and officials of equivalent rank;
- g. The Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals;
- h. Ambassadors, Ministers Plenipotentiary and Consuls in charge of Consulates, in their respective stations abroad;
- i. The Chief of Staff, the Vice Chief of Staff and the Commanding Generals of the major services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines;
- j. The Heads of Constitutional Commissions; and
- k. Those who may be specifically authorized by the President of the Philippines, the President of the Senate with respect to the Senate, the Speaker, with respect to the House of Representatives, and the Chief Justice, in the case of the Judiciary.

SEC. 43. *Honoraria.* – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies, are authorized to use their respective appropriations for payment of *honoraria* for services rendered by agency personnel performing activities or discharging duties in addition to or over and above their regular function as well as military personnel who are rendering security service to the Congress of the Philippines, including its Committees, at such rates as the Department of Budget and Management may authorize, unless otherwise specifically provided by law: *Provided*, That researchers, experts and specialists who are acknowledged authorities in their field of specialization hired as consultants

and who are paid professional consultancy fees for services rendered shall not be entitled to such *honoraria*.

SEC. 44. *Employment of Contractual Personnel.* – Heads of departments, bureaus, offices or agencies, when authorized in their respective appropriations provided in this Act, may hire contractual personnel as part of the organization to perform regular Agency functions and specific vital activities or services which cannot be provided by the regular or permanent staff of the hiring agency.

The contractual personnel employed pursuant to this Section shall be considered as an employee of the hiring agency, limited to such period when their services are reasonably required. Such contractual personnel may be paid compensation, inclusive of fees, *honoraria*, *per diems* and allowances not exceeding 120% of the minimum salary of an equivalent position in the Position Classification and Compensation System, but not to exceed the salary of his immediate superior, chargeable against the Personal Services funds of the Agency in accordance with the National Government Chart of Accounts.

SEC. 45. *Uniform and Clothing Allowance.* – The appropriations herein provided for each department, bureau, office or agency may be used for uniform and clothing allowance of employees at not more than Three thousand pesos (P3,000) each *per annum* which may be given in kind, subject to the discretion of the department head concerned. In case of deficiency, or in the absence of appropriation for the purpose, the requirements may be charged against savings in the appropriations of each department, bureau, office or agency.

The implementation of this Section shall be in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 46. *Special Counsel Allowance.* – Lawyer-personnel, including those designated to assume the duties of a legal officer and those deputized by the Office of the Solicitor General in the legal staff of departments, bureaus, offices or agencies of the National Government to appear in Court as special counsel in

collaboration with the Solicitor General or Prosecutors concerned are hereby authorized an allowance of P500 for each appearance, chargeable to savings in the appropriations of their respective offices, but not exceeding P3,000 per month.

SEC. 47. *Quarters Allowance.* – Except as may be authorized by law, government officials and employees who, by virtue of their positions, are provided free quarters, furnished quarters, or are charged only nominal rate for the use of government-owned buildings such as dormitories or living quarters in State colleges and universities, schools, offices and elsewhere, shall forfeit their entitlement to any quarters allowance. Directors or their equivalent who are transferred from one Regional Office to another and do not own rooms, houses or units therein shall be provided free quarters within their office premises. Where there is not enough space to be used as quarters, the agency concerned may rent buildings or rooms which shall serve as quarters for officials and employees concerned.

For those who desire more extensive quarters other than those provided by their agencies or by rental in the authorized amount appropriated for the purpose, such preferred quarters may be secured provided that the difference between the rental cost shall be paid by the officials and employees concerned. Those officials and employees who enjoy free quarters in government-owned buildings but are not entitled to quarters privileges, shall be charged the corresponding cost of rentals therefore subject to the guidelines issued by the Department of Budget and Management for the purpose.

SEC. 48. *Entitlement to Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA).* – The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) in the amount of Five hundred pesos (P500) per month shall be granted to all appointive national and local government employees occupying itemized plantilla positions, to casual and contractual employees and to uniformed personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of the Interior and Local Government and the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority: *Provided*, That employees of government-owned and/or controlled corporations shall be paid from their respective corporate fund: *Provided, further*, That appointive local

government employees, shall be paid from their respective internal revenue allotment and local funds: *Provided, however,* That Local Government Units which can afford to pay higher than the rates authorized in the schedule below for their particular income class, but not exceeding P500 per month, shall be allowed to do so at a rate uniformly applied to all their respective personnel entitled to this benefit:

	Provinces/Cities	Municipalities
Special Cities and 1st Class	100%	90%
2nd Class and 3rd Class	90%	80%
4th Class, 5th Class and 6th Class	80%	70%

SEC. 49. *Additional Compensation of P500 Per Month.* – The additional compensation in the amount of Five hundred pesos (P500) per month under Administrative Order No. 53 dated May 17, 1993 granted to all government personnel whether regular personnel or full-time casual, those on temporary status or contractual personnel whose employments are in the nature of a regular employee pursuant to said Order, shall continue to be given, chargeable against the appropriations provided for the purpose under this Act: *Provided,* That personnel of government-owned and/or controlled corporations shall be paid from their respective corporate funds.

SEC. 50. *Use of Appropriations for Retirement Gratuity and Terminal Leave.* – Appropriations authorized in this Act to cover retirement gratuity benefit claims shall be released directly to the offices and agencies concerned. In no case shall payment be made except on the basis of creditable services as computed by the Government Service Insurance System in accordance with the provisions of existing retirement laws. Unless otherwise authorized by law, no amount appropriated in this Act shall be used for payment of retirement gratuity under the provisions of Section 12(c) of C.A. No. 186, as amended by R.A. No. 1616 and terminal leave benefits of retiring officials and employees which include in the computation thereof additional compensation as defined under retirement laws such as bonuses, *per diems*, allowances and overtime pay, or salary, pay or compensation given

in addition to the base pay of the position or rank as fixed by law or regulation.

Savings generated in one department, bureau, office or agency shall be used to augment deficient funds in other departments, bureaus, offices or agencies.

The implementation of this Section shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations issued jointly by the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 51. Unauthorized Pre-Retirement Promotions and Salary Increases. – No portion of the appropriations provided in this Act shall be used for automatic promotions or for salary increases and adjustments granted to retiring officials and employees, which are not authorized by law and duly formalized in a National Compensation Circular.

The implementation of this Section shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations issued jointly by the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 52. Personal Liability of Officials for Payment of Unauthorized Personal Services Cost. – No official or employee of the National Government, including those of government-owned and/or controlled corporations, shall be paid any unauthorized personal services benefits charged against the appropriations in this Act, other appropriations laws or income of the government.

The payment of any unauthorized personal services benefit in violation of this Section is null and void. The erring officials and employees as determined by the Commission on Audit and other competent authority shall be subject to disciplinary action under the provisions of Section 43, Chapter 5 and Section 80, Chapter 7 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292 and to appropriate criminal action under existing penal laws.

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURE ITEMS

SEC. 53. Modification of Expenditure Components. – Except as may be authorized by law, no change or modification

shall be made in the expenditure items authorized in this Act and other appropriations laws unless in cases of augmentations from savings in appropriations as authorized under Section 25(5) of Article VI of the Constitution.

SEC. 54. *Use of Savings.* – The President of the Philippines, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Heads of Constitutional Commissions under Article IX of the Constitution, the Ombudsman, and the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights are hereby authorized to augment any item in this Act for their respective offices from savings in other items of their respective appropriations.

SEC. 55. *Meaning of Savings and Augmentation.* – Savings refer to portions or balances of any programmed appropriation in this Act free of any obligation or encumbrance still available after the completion or final discontinuance or abandonment of the work, activity or purpose for which the appropriation is authorized, or arising from unpaid compensation and related costs pertaining to vacant positions and leaves of absence without pay.

Augmentation implies the existence in this Act of an item, project, activity or purpose with an appropriation which upon implementation or subsequent evaluation of needed resources is determined to be deficient. In no case, therefore, shall a non-existent item, project, activity, purpose or object of expenditure be funded by augmentation from savings or by the use of appropriations authorized otherwise in this Act.

SEC. 56. *Priority in the Use of Savings.* – In the use of savings, priority shall be given to the augmentation of the amounts set aside for compensation, bonus, retirement gratuity, terminal leave, old-age pension of veterans and other personnel benefits authorized by law and those expenditure items authorized in agency Special Provisions and in Section 16 and in other sections of the General Provisions of this Act.

SEC. 57. *Use of Savings for the Implementation of the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers.* – In case of deficiency in

the funds needed to implement the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers pursuant to R.A. No. 7305, the requirements shall be charged against savings in the appropriations authorized for each department, bureau, office or agency concerned, subject to the guidelines to be jointly prescribed by the Department of Health and the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 58. *Augmentation of MOOE Items.* – Agencies may augment an item of expenditure within Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) from savings in other items of MOOE in an amount not exceeding one-third (1/3) of the appropriated amount to be augmented without prior approval of the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 59. *Realignment/Relocation of Capital Outlays.* – The amount appropriated in this Act for the acquisition, construction, replacement, rehabilitation and completion of various capital outlays may be realigned/relocated in cases of imbalanced allocation of projects within the district, duplication of projects, overlapping of funding source and similar cases: *Provided*, That such realignment/relocation of capital outlays shall be done only upon prior consultation with the representative of the legislative district concerned.

SEC. 60. *Realignment of Foreign-Assisted Projects.* – The amount appropriated in this Act for the implementation of foreign-assisted projects, including loan proceeds and local counterpart, shall not be realigned except to other foreign-assisted projects.

SEC. 61. *Electronic Interconnection Through the Internet.* – A portion of the budget of each department and its attached bureaus, offices and agencies, instrumentalities including government-owned and/or controlled corporations, shall be set aside to implement Administrative Order No. 332, otherwise known as "RPWEB" including the acquisition of computer equipment and services, addition or upgrade of hardware components, peripherals and software to attain Internet access by personal computers (PCs), printing of graphic homepages and scanning of data materials, which shall be equitably funded/distributed for FY 1999, as practicable, to at least at one-third (1/3) of all Key Positions of all departments, agencies, instrumentalities including

government-owned and/or controlled corporations, with priority to regional and provincial offices thus creating an immediate Internet-based wide area network (WAN).

In the implementation of said Administrative Order, government departments, agencies, bureaus, instrumentalities and schools including government-owned and/or -controlled corporations may utilize existing appropriations, or savings from any appropriations, to acquire subscription services from any Internet service or content providers, leased lines, telephone line and trunk hunt subscriptions, training, computer software, modems, peripherals, accessories, supplies and other maintenance expenditure items consistent with the purpose of said Administrative Order: *Provided*, That any existing capital outlay appropriations or savings from any appropriations may be utilized for the acquisition of computer hardware and other equipment consistent with the purposes of the Administrative Order such as, but not limited to, servers, routers, PC workstations, printers, network wiring and cables: *Provided, further*, That individual requests for authority from the Department of Budget and Management to acquire such services, equipment or items shall not be required as provided in the Administrative Order: *Provided, furthermore*, That all government departments, agencies, bureaus, instrumentalities and schools shall set aside a minimum amount to cover the implementation and maintenance costs of Internet connection out of their appropriations in the annual General Appropriations Act and shall submit to the Department of Budget and Management and to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, semestral reports on the amount utilized for Administrative Order No. 332.

SEC. 62. *Availability of Appropriations.* – Appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses and capital outlays authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose specified and under the same special and general provisions applicable thereto for a period extending to one fiscal year after the end of the year in which such items were appropriated. Such appropriations shall be considered as over and above the current year budget of the departments, bureaus, offices or agencies.

The Notice of Cash Allocation issued for valid obligations shall be effective and available for a period of one year from the date of issuance thereof.

The implementation of this Section shall be in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 63. *Meaning of Hard Infrastructures.* – Hard infrastructures refer to those investments that increase the productive capacity of the country. These include, but shall not be limited to, roads, bridges, airports, seaports, railways telecommunications, electrification and irrigation systems. The term shall also refer to facilities that enhance the human capital, such as schools, clinics, hospitals, libraries and science and technology centers.

RELEASE AND USE OF FUNDS

SEC. 64. *Appropriations of Agencies Vested with Fiscal Autonomy.* – Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations authorized in this Act for the Judiciary, Congress of the Philippines, the Commission on Human Rights, the Office of the Ombudsman, the Civil Service Commission, the Commission on Audit and the Commission on Elections shall be automatically and regularly released.

SEC. 65. *Release of Appropriations for Mt. Pinatubo Projects and Programs.* – The amounts appropriated in the budgets of the departments, bureaus, offices and agencies in this Act for the implementation of various programs and/or projects for the rehabilitation or development of areas affected by the Mt. Pinatubo eruptions shall be released to the implementing agencies concerned upon the endorsement of the Mt. Pinatubo Commission.

SEC. 66. *Release of Funds for Payment of Death Gratuity and Disability Benefits.* – The amounts appropriated for payment of death gratuity and disability benefits of uniformed personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Department of the Interior and Local Government on account of death or injury suffered in line of duty shall be paid to the legitimate beneficiaries

at the earliest possible time but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of required documentation.

SEC. 67. *Prohibition on the Release of Funds for Unfilled Positions.* – No amount herein appropriated for salaries of authorized itemized positions which are unfilled shall be released by the Department of Budget and Management except for those: (a) in Congress, in the Judiciary, in agencies with fiscal autonomy as provided for in the Constitution, in schools and educational institutions, and in hospitals; and (b) to be filled by personnel currently employed in the National Government.

Amounts generated from unfilled positions shall be used for the increase of salaries and wages of all national government personnel, as may be authorized by law.

SEC. 68. *Direct Release of Funds to Regional Offices.* – Funds allotted for regional offices but included in the budgets of their central offices or which are specifically allocated for the different regions shall automatically be released directly and regularly to said regional offices. Imposition of any retention or deduction as reserves shall not be allowed except as may be authorized by the Department of Budget and Management. For this purpose, the Department of Budget and Management shall identify by region the expenditure programs of agencies in the national government budget and shall release funds intended for them in accordance with the approved regional distribution of expenditures specifying the region of destination.

Copies of fund releases to the said Regional Offices shall be furnished the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.

SEC. 69. *Use of Funds and Releases to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.* – The lump-sum appropriations provided in the various departments of the national government intended for the areas of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao upon the initiative of the respective representatives of the congressional district concerned, shall be used for regular programs and specific activities identified by them. No portion of

the lump-sum appropriations referred to above shall be released without the prior consultation with the said representatives.

SEC. 70. *Utmost Priority to Priority Provinces.* – All departments, bureaus, offices and agencies shall give utmost priority in the utilization of their funds for basic services to 5th and 6th class municipalities in all provinces, particularly "C-21" and all cities with high urban poor communities as set forth in the Integrated National Action Agenda for Social Reform.

SEC. 71. *Prohibition Against Deduction/Retention of Allotment.* – Fund releases from appropriations provided in this Act for any function/project shall be transmitted intact or in full to the office or agency concerned and no retention or deduction as reserves or overhead shall be made, except as authorized by law, or upon direction of the President of the Philippines. The Commission on Audit shall ensure compliance with this provision to the extent that sub-allotments by departments and/or central agencies to their subordinate offices are in conformity with allocations in the General Allotment Release Order (GARO)/Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) as the case may be, as issued by the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 72. *Notice of Release of Funds.* – Release of funds for construction, repair and maintenance, rehabilitation, replacement, completion, betterment or improvement of roads and bridges, port works, flood control, waterworks/supply and government buildings and structures as well as for Internal Revenue Allotment and other financial support to local government units shall be made with at least ten (10) days prior written notice of the release to the Representative of the district concerned.

Failure to comply with this Section shall be considered negligence in the performance of duty subject to appropriate administrative sanction.

SEC. 73. *Certification of Availability of Funds.* – Before entering into contracts involving the expenditure of public funds, all departments, bureaus, offices or agencies shall secure a certification of availability of funds for the purpose from the agency

Chief Accountant, subject to applicable rules and regulations as may be issued by the Department of Budget and Management and to Sections 40 and 58 of Book VI, E.O. No. 292: *Provided*, That the certification of availability of funds sufficient to cover the cost of the contracted activities shall be contained in and made part of the contract duly signed by the Chief Accountant of the contracting agency, as provided for by LOI No. 968. Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies, before entering into contracts for delivery of goods or services against future payment, shall likewise first secure a certification of the availability of the full contracted amount for such goods or services out of the agency's appropriations. No contracts shall be entered into nor work undertaken without such certification of fund availability.

SEC. 74. *Disbursement of Funds.* – All appropriated funds shall be disbursed only through the National Treasury and/or originally-chartered government-owned and/or controlled banks.

SEC. 75. *Treatment of Releases to Local Government Units from Special Purpose Funds.* – Except those funds earmarked by Special Laws to LGUs, all releases made directly to local government units from the Calamity Fund and other special purpose funds shall be used exclusively for the projects/purposes for which these are intended and the same shall be treated as a Special Account under the General Fund of the Local Government Units concerned: *Provided*, That any unutilized balances thereof except those released as subsidy shall be reverted to the General Fund of the National Government upon completion and/or abandonment of the projects or purposes.

The rules and regulations to implement this Section shall be issued by the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 76. *Capitalization or Deferment of Interest Payments and/or Restructuring of Public Debt.* – In view of the regional economic crisis which has caused unprecedented deterioration of the Peso/Dollar exchange rate and a widespread slowdown in economic activity, it is necessary for the government to step in whenever circumstances demand for the purpose of stimulating the economy especially towards job generation and productivity infrastructure enhancement, providing for basic needs, and

maintaining of the appropriate level of public services for the common good, while enforcing an austerity regime on all non-essential endeavors. The government accordingly is encouraged to seek capitalization of interest payments, deferment thereof and/or further restructuring of the public debt to free resources for more pressing needs as aforesaid.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

SEC. 77. *Organizational Changes.* – Unless otherwise provided by law or directed by the President of the Philippines, no changes in key positions or organizational units in any department or agency shall be authorized in their respective organizational structures and funded from appropriations provided by this Act.

SEC. 78. *Implementation of Reorganization.* – Pursuant to Section 42, Chapter 5, Book VI of the Administrative Code of 1987, the appropriations including the functions, projects, purposes and activities authorized in this Act may be realigned as may be necessary to implement the reorganization of departments, bureaus, offices or agencies of the government as mandated by law. Any unexpended balances or savings in appropriations may be made available for the payment of retirement gratuities and separation benefits as authorized under existing laws to personnel affected by the reorganization.

SEC. 79. *Scaling Down and Phase-Out of Activities of Agencies within the Executive Branch.* – The heads of departments, bureaus, offices and agencies are hereby directed to identify their respective activities which are no longer essential in the delivery of public services and which may be scaled down, phased-out or abolished, subject to Civil Service rules and regulations. Said activities shall be reported to the Office of the President through the Department of Budget and Management and to the Chairman, Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Chairman, Committee on Finance of the Senate. Actual scaling down, phase-out or abolition of the activities shall be effected pursuant to Circulars or Orders issued for the purpose by the Office of the President.

Savings generated by departments, bureaus, offices and agencies from the abolition, phase-out or scaling down of unnecessary activities may be used by the departments, bureaus, offices and agencies concerned for the augmentation of their respective programs, projects and activities.

SEC. 80. *Recruitment of Uniformed Personnel for the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).* – In the hiring of uniformed personnel for PNP, BJMP and BFP, one third (1/3) of their respective recruits shall come from the qualified applicants of the twenty (20) priority provinces and 5th and 6th class municipalities.

SEC. 81. *Service Contracts.* – Departments, bureaus, offices or agencies of the National Government are hereby authorized to enter into contracts, including professional consultancy services contracts with other government agencies, private firms or individuals and non-governmental organizations for services related or incidental to their respective functions and operations, whether on part-time or full-time basis, through public bidding or negotiated contracts, whenever it is impractical or more expensive for the government to directly undertake such functions and operations, subject to pertinent accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For purposes of this Section, consultants shall be understood to mean those who are hired to provide professional consultancy services requiring highly specialized or technical expertise in a field of special knowledge or training. Such consultant shall not be considered an employee of the government and shall not be entitled to benefits granted to government employees: *Provided*, That such consultant shall be paid a professional fee at a rate to be determined by the Department of Budget and Management: *Provided, further*, That said professional service fee shall be charged against the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) or capital outlays of the department, office or agency concerned as the case may be: *Provided, finally*, That the regular staff of the agency cannot adequately provide the necessary technical skill and expertise needed.

SEC. 82. *Implementation of Infrastructure Projects.* – In the hiring of workers needed for the implementation of infrastructure projects as authorized in this Act, priority shall be given to unemployed, unskilled and indigent inhabitants of the local government unit where the project is located.

SEC. 83. *Funding of National Government Agencies in the Autonomous Regions.* – National government offices and agencies in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao which are not excluded under paragraph (9), Section 2, Article V of R.A. No. 6734, together with their personnel, equipment, properties and budgets shall be placed under the control and supervision of the Regional Government, pursuant to a schedule prescribed by the Oversight Committee in accordance with its mandate under the provisions of R.A. No. 6734.

Prior to said transfer, the said agencies of the National Government shall continue their operations and the discharge of their respective functions in consultation with the representatives of the legislative districts therein.

SEC. 84. *Construction Standards and Guidelines.* – Construction projects funded from capital outlays authorized in this Act under the various departments, bureaus, offices or agencies of the National Government, including the construction of buildings for state universities, colleges, schools, hospitals, sanitarium, health centers and health stations, roads and bridges, shall be implemented only in accordance with the appropriate standards and specifications for the planning, survey, design and construction of the project as prescribed by the Department of Public Works and Highways or the Department of Transportation and Communications as the case may be. In addition, land use and zoning guidelines as prescribed by existing laws, rules and regulations shall be strictly observed.

In the implementation of the construction projects, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 of Executive Order No. 182, entitled "Rationalizing Public Works Measures, Appropriating Funds for Public Works, and for Other Purposes," and other legislations on public works shall be strictly complied with, except as otherwise provided in this Act and except further for projects of the

Department of Public Works and Highways, for which Sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Republic Act No. 8150, otherwise known as the "Public Works and Highways Infrastructure Program Act of 1995" shall be adopted.

SEC. 85. *Implementing Agency for Nationally Funded Projects.* – Pursuant to Sec. 17 (c) of R.A. No. 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, projects, facilities, programs and services funded under the General Appropriations Act shall be implemented by the appropriate national government department or agency irrespective of the nature and location of such projects, facilities, programs and services: *Provided*, That a memorandum of agreement may be entered into with the implementing national government agency and the beneficiary LGU, designating the latter or any other local government unit with demonstrated capability to undertake the project or activity by themselves with the concurrence of the representative of the legislative district concerned.

SEC. 86. *Report on Compliance with COA Recommendations.* – All departments, agencies, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations and local government units, shall submit to the Commission on Audit (COA) within sixty (60) days from their receipt of the COA annual audit report, a status report on the actions they have taken on the audit findings and recommendations made by the COA pertaining to each of said departments, agencies, instrumentalities, corporations and local government units.

SEC. 87. *Submission of Quarterly Reports.* – Within thirty (30) days after the end of each quarter, each department, bureau, office or agency shall submit a quarterly report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, copy furnished the Department of Budget and Management, the Commission on Audit, and the appropriate Committee Chairman of the House of Representatives on their cumulative allotments, obligations incurred/liquidated, total disbursements, unliquidated obligations, unobligated and unexpended balances, and the results of expended appropriations.

The quarterly report shall include detailed statements on the disbursements and utilization of appropriations for the purchase of motor vehicles and equipment, capital investment outlays, as well as appropriations earmarked and released for rentals, travels, petroleum, oil and lubricants, water, illumination and power services, and telephone and other communication services.

Likewise, the Department of Budget and Management shall submit to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance and the appropriate Committee Chairman of the House of Representatives a quarterly report on releases made from the lump-sum Special Purpose Funds, Supplemental Appropriations, Continuing Appropriations and Automatic Appropriations, and as applicable, the unreleased balances of such appropriations.

SEC. 88. *Submission of the Work and Financial Plan.* – Within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Act, all departments, bureaus, offices and agencies shall submit their respective work and financial plans, including their prior year's statements of accounts payables and cash advances to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations.

SEC. 89. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 90. *Effectivity.* – The provisions of this Act shall take effect on January one, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, unless otherwise provided herein.

Approved, December 30, 1998.

PRESIDENTIAL VETO MESSAGE

MALACAÑANG

Manila

December 30, 1998

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I have this day signed into law Republic Act No. 8745, the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1999 (House Bill No. 4240), entitled "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I acknowledge the expeditious approval of the first Budget submitted by the Estrada Administration to Congress.

I. GENERAL COMMENTS

I am pleased by the zeal and enthusiasm displayed by Congress which led to the speedy passage of this Budget. It is the manifestation and evidence of the unity of mind between the Executive and the Legislature of the basic wisdom of a pro-poor yet market-friendly budget to steer the country out of the current global economic crisis ahead of other Asian nations.

II. DIRECT VETO

It may please you to note that I hereby exercise my veto power against only one appropriation item which I consider inconsistent with existing laws, and the Constitution.

XLIX. DEBT SERVICE – INTEREST PAYMENT

For payment of interest of foreign and domestic indebtedness as indicated hereunder P115,719,000,000

New Appropriations, by Purpose

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
A. PURPOSE				
For the Payment of Interest of Foreign and Domestic Indebtedness		P115,719,000,000		P115,719,000,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS		P115,719,000,000 =====		P115,719,000,000 =====

Special Provisions

1. *Use of Fund.* The appropriations authorized herein shall be used for payment of interest foreign and domestic indebtedness.

2. *Reporting Requirement.* The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the Department of Finance shall submit a quarterly report of actual foreign and domestic debt service payments to the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Finance Committee within one (1) month after each quarter.

New Appropriations by Object of Expenditures
(In Thousand Pesos)

A. PURPOSE

Current Operating Expenses

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	115,719,000
09 Interests	115,719,000
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	115,719,000
Total Current Operating Expenses	115,719,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	115,719,000
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(Page 1189, GAA, FY 1999)

III. CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

XLVIII. ORGANIZATIONAL ADJUSTMENT FUND

I cannot appreciate the rationale of the allocation by agency of the appropriations authorized under the Organizational Adjustment Fund (OAF). The fund distribution for the programs/projects/activities under the OAF shall be subject to the exercise of Presidential prerogative pursuant to Section 25 (5) of Article VI and Sections 1 and 17 of Article VII of the Constitution, hence, I hereby declare the conditional

implementation of Special Provision No. 1 of the OAF entitled "Use and Release of the Fund." Page 1194, GAA, FY 1999.

IV. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE NEED
FOR IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR CERTAIN ITEMS

In addition to the above, I have noted certain changes in budgetary items, which will require the issuance of implementing guidelines, pursuant to Sections 1 and 17 Article VII of the Constitution, Section 35, Chapter 5, Book VI, of Executive Order No. 292, and the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines.

V. CLOSING STATEMENT

In closing, I would like to put on record my deep gratitude to the leadership of Congress, most especially to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance for the early enactment of the General Appropriations Bill for FY 1999.

As I said in my State of the Nation Address, "My solutions are obvious, my proposals may be common place, but they were never adopted before. In sum, they are to spend wisely and less. And, by austerity and hardwork, generate the means to cover the shortfalls of the past, so we can have a smooth runway for a final take-off."

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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