

## Salaries in the public sector rise five times faster than those in the private field

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**The salaries of state employees rose 15-35 percent in this year's first months, while salary increases in the private sector were five times lower, between 0-11 percent, according to market data gathered by Business Standard.**

The highest salary increase in the public sector, of 35 percent, was registered in the educational system, according to data from the National Institute of Statistics (INS). Meanwhile, salary increases in the health sector exceeded 25 percent, and salaries of employees working in public administration rose 22 percent in February and 16 percent in March.

According to the Ministry of Finance, personnel-related expenses in the public sector surged 50 percent in the first quarter of this year, compared to the first three months of 2008.

Such a growth rate in the public sector, considering that the private sector has taken drastic measures for restructuring, salary cuts, temporary layoffs, etc. to be able to overcome this crisis, is leading potential investors to ask themselves many questions. This entire action is a significant economic setback. These salary increases in the public sector cannot be supported in the long-run, said Daniela Necefor, Managing Partner of the Total Business Solutions executive search company.

The lowest salary growth rates in the private sector were registered in the banking system and in production, between 0-6 percent, while the highest were operated by companies in the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector, between 10-11 percent, and by companies in the construction material segment, of 10 percent, according to the Total Remuneration Survey 2009, conducted by the Mercer consultancy company.

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