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**MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – *contd.***

**SHRI TIRATH SINGH RAWAT :** Today, the people of our nation are becoming independent. For the last one year, the entire world alongwith our country was facing the Corona pandemic but today we have come out of it with new capabilities as compared to other countries of the world. During the last one year, our Prime Minister took the most accurate decisions and announced record economic packages. For 8 months the Government provided 5 kgs of additional foodgrain per month to 80 crore poor people under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana and it also expressed its concern towards the people living miles away from their homes by providing them foodgrain under the 'One National One Ration Card' system. The Government developed COVID vaccine in India itself and has proved to be a life savior by sending this COVID vaccine to many countries across the world including our own neighbouring countries which is a great example of self-reliant India.

Apart from developing its research capabilities, scientific and technical excellence India has also developed a network of laboratories, manufactured PPE kits, test kits and, ventilators which has made India a self-reliant nation and we are being praised across the world for this. In the field of health

sector also, the Government has done unprecedented work in the last 6 years. It has provided facility of free medical treatment of upto Rs.5 lakh to crores of poor families under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. 22 new AIIMS have been set up in the country. Small and marginal farmers have been given Kisan Samman Nidhi, lakhs of villages have been connected with optical fiber, small and cottage industries have been developed, water taps at every household have been provided under the Jal Jeevan Mission and many more of such unprecedented achievements have been made during the last six years in all the sectors including defence and space. India is also getting global support and co-operation today which has helped it secure a place in the UN Security Council for the eighth time and our country is heading the BRICS Organisation also.

**SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI :** COVID pandemic brought multi challenges before the Government. One was the safety of public lives and second was the economic security, and our Government proved to be successful on both the fronts. Two indigenous vaccines namely COVAXIN and COVISHIELD were developed by India and we have launched the biggest vaccination campaign of the world from 16 January onwards. India has also exported these vaccines to more than 90 countries. The Government has undertaken various works in the urban areas, rural areas, MSME sector and also brought a new education policy. The Government has taken concrete steps to ensure the partnership of women in every sector. Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan is not just limited to building the nation but it is also a campaign to raise the standard of living of every citizen and to boost the confidence of this country. The Government has taken concrete steps to improve agriculture sector by strengthening the entire system right from the seed to market. Government has bought record foodgrain at MSP and the number of procurement centres was also increased in order to benefit the farmers. The ambitions 'Digital India Campaign' was also launched in the country. Government has always laid stress upon development of basic infrastructure. In terms of our alertness

towards border security, the recent example was seen at the LAC where our security forces have given a befitting reply to all the efforts being made to challenge our country's security.

**SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:** Our country is heading towards development and we have been able to check COVID in the time of this pandemic. Three Agriculture Laws were passed during the previous Session of Parliament and now the farmers are protesting against those laws. The farmers have been protesting on the borders of Delhi for the last 70 to 75 days. The Government is refusing to listen to the voice of these farmers. The prices of diesel, petrol and gas have increased so much today that it has become difficult for the common man to run his household. Sansad Adarsh Garm Yojana introduced by the Government has also proved to be a failure. Under this scheme, there is no provision for providing any special fund for carrying out development works in these villages and no priority is given to the development related plans here. 29 central laws related to Labour Law Reforms were merged into 4 Codes during the previous Session. This has brought panic into the lives of labourers. Extremely stringent laws have been enacted against the labour class. This proves that this law will push the labour class towards slavery and will provide additional powerful rights to the company owners.

**SHRI ANTO ANTONY :** India's economy was sick before the coronavirus crisis. GDP growth has been declining since 2016, and investment since 2018. GDP grew at 4.2% in the 2019- 20, its slowest pace in nearly a decade. India's GDP showing alarming downturn of 23.9% which is all time high in the past 40 years. GDP downfall takes us somewhere back to 45 years which is totally unpalatable when we are trying to take our economy towards the 5 trillion economy status. The pandemic pushed the economy into an abyss. Seven years of the Modi Government have wrecked our economy and the prospects of high growth. The biggest rise in poverty will be in India and India will overtake Nigeria and become the country with the largest

number of poor people. The Petrol prices are expected to hit a century. It is because the Central Government has increased the excise duty on diesel by 8 times and on petrol by 2-1/2 times. The Central Government has earned more than 20 lakh crore rupees from this additional excise. First of all, it should reduce the increase in excise on petrol and diesel, secondly the Congress Party wants to know where the 20 lakh crore rupees has gone. India's crores of farmers are fighting a decisive battle to save their farms and fields, their lives and livelihood, and their present and their future. The government refuse to feel their agony or listen to their cry for justice. Three Agrarian Laws did not pass the test of Parliamentary Scrutiny as they were bulldozed by muzzling the voice of the opposition. These laws, when implemented, will affect every citizen of the country as pricing of all food products would be at the mercy of a handful of people. There is only one demand of India's farmers and farm labourers - repeal the three objectionable laws. The Government should forthwith repeal the three Anti- Agriculture Laws. Joblessness is becoming an epidemic in the country. Many millions of employed people have lost their jobs and the biggest losers have been women. Out of whopping 30,000 new job seekers everyday, only 500 can realistically expected to get a job. The unfortunate truth of the speech is that no condolence or importance was given to the poor and marginalized who constitute the majority of our country.

**SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH :** The appropriate decisions taken by the Government has saved the lives of lakhs of our countrymen. Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi ji we have successfully faced the challenges of corona virus pandemic. Now while catering to the domestic need of corona vaccine we are supplying it to other countries also. Opposing farm reforms bills is totally inappropriate. These farm reforms will definitely help to double the farmers' income. There should be a check on the misinformation being spread through social media. The Government has also introduced new education policy keeping in view the global needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century. The major

part of my Parliamentary Constituency is tribal dominated area. Setting up of Eklavay Vidyalayas will provide educational facilities to the local people. 29 labour laws have been amalgamated in 4 labour codes. These reforms will definitely transform the lives of labourers. Steps have also been taken to provide self-employment opportunities for women. The President's Address has included all the major issues be it is the internal security of the country, foreign policy, basic facilities, infrastructure or building a new India through Digital India Yojana.

**DR. SANGHAMITRA MAURYA:** The steps taken by the Hon Prime Minister to contain Corona Virus pandemic reflect his farsightedness. The Government has implemented the schemes like Pradhan Mantri Graib Kalyan Yojana, One Nation One Ration Card and Garib Kalyan Rojgar Yojana to ensure the welfare of returnee migrant labourers and other workers. A special 'Swanidhi Yojana' has been started for street vendors also. Our country is becoming self-reliant under the guidance of Modi Ji. 'Vocal for Local' is being promoted to encourage the use of indigenous products. Jal Jivan Mission is another ambitious scheme of the Government to supply water to every household. Today the people of our country are aware, no one can mislead them.

**SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA :** The Presidential Address has missed out on several important issues. It ignores the aspirations of the People of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. While opposing it I demand that the budget for Andaman & Nicobar Islands should be increased to Rs.10,000 crore and incentives be given to promote fisheries, tourism and IT in the Island. There is a need to tackle unemployment and to clear the backlog of thousands of government job vacancies in this Island. Online recruitment for government jobs should also be stopped here. Flat Bay water supply project and Rutland Project should be implemented as early as possible to resolve the water crisis in Andaman & Nicobar Island. There is a need to establish a separate commission for women also in this Island.

**ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH :**The President's Address to the Joint Session of the Parliament has completely ignored the real issues the nation is facing today. The nation is witnessing the protest of farmers against farm laws. The Government is intolerant even to the peaceful protests. No positive step has been taken by the Government to address the issues of the traditional fishermen. During the lockdown period, nation witnessed the painful return of migrants to their home towns. The President's Address keeps silence on this. The country today is facing recession and huge employment loss. COVID crisis resulted in job loss for lakhs of Indian workers abroad and forced them to return to the country.

**SHRIMATI GITABEN V. RATHVA :** His Excellency the President in his address emphasized that India should become fully self-reliant. I thank His Excellency the President for speaking about the social and economic development of tribal youth. It is the effort of the government that more and more eligible and needy students should get the benefit of scholarships. For the education of tribal youth, work is being done to open Eklavya Residential Model School in every tribal dominated block. The Deeksha online portal for school education has been developed as One Nation One digital platform under Pradhan Mantri E-Vidya. The benefit of Ayushman Yojana can be availed in more than 24 thousand hospitals in the country today. The government has approved 22 new AIIMS. There is widespread improvement in the means of irrigation. Cereals and fruits and vegetables have been sent by farmers from one region to another through Kisan Rails introduced in the country. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund has been established for modern-agro infrastructure. Investment is proposed to be made to increase fishermen's income. Solar pumps are being provided to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Yojana. The Ro-Pax service launched between Hajira and Ghogha in Gujarat and Sea Plane service between Kevadia and Sabarmati River Front are giving a new dimension to water transport in India.

**SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHOUHAN** : Hon'ble Prime Minister has given the mantra of self-reliance to the people of the country. The country is rapidly moving towards self-reliance . Skilled scientists of our country have succeeded in making two corona vaccines. A campaign has been started to vaccinate about 300 million people. The country is becoming self- reliance in the areas of food, safety equipment, health, education, IT, space, infrastructure, etc. The government announced an economic package of worth 20 lakh crore during the Corona period and gave 5 kg of extra grain per month free to 80 crore people of the country. The government has run many schemes like Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana for the welfare of poor people of the country. Crop insurance scheme and Kisan Rail have been introduced for farmers. New medical colleges and new AIIMS have been approved in the country. There is an increase in seats in medical colleges. MSP is given one and a half times more than the cost. Road construction work is being done under PMGSY scheme. Soil health cards have been issued to farmers of the country and testing labs have been established. A total of 20 testing labs have been set up in Rajasthan, including 11 in Ganganagar and 7 in Hanumangarh. About 11 lakh farmers have been benefitted in Sriganganagar and Hanumangarh districts.

**SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:** Last year will be remembered as time of the pandemic as well as how skillfully the government, led by Hon'ble Shri Narendra Bhai Modiji, managed it. The government has succeeded in preventing the widespread anarchy in the country with its Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana and PM Garib Kalyan Rojgar Yojana. The government has strengthen the health sector with the establishment of 22 new AIIMs. The government has a plan to invest Rs. 20 thousand crore in animal husbandry and fisheries in next five years. The government, led by Modi Ji, have open new development opportunities for

women. Nearly 70% of the total Mudra loan has been given to women. A major step has been taken for making India self-reliant with the announcement of new education policy to face the challenges of coming decades.

**SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI :** The government led by Modi Ji tackled the corona pandemic efficiently. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the government fought with the coronavirus pandemic effectively. Free food grains were given to migrant labourers and Shramik Special trains were also run. Millions of vaccine doses have been given to many countries. The government has implemented the recommendation of the Swaminathan Commission and is giving MSP 1.5 times of crop production. The visionary government has taken care of small and marginal farmers and the facilities of better techniques, more credit, post harvest processing and marketing facilities are being provided to them. The Kisan rail introduced to transport farm-goods from one place to another has begun a new chapter for providing new markets to farmers. An Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund with Rs. 15,000 crore has been set up to promote infrastructure and investment in dairy development. The work of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has been sped up to provide a pucca house for all the poor by 2022. The scholarship of more than Rs. 3.20 crore under various schemes have been given for social and economic upliftment of students of deprived classes. The construction of 06 new Expressways and 18 new Access Control Corridor is going on in Phase I of the Bharatmala project.

**SHRI JASVANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR :** Hon. President has emphasized on making India completely self-reliant. India has seized the opportunity in disaster and has moved ahead on its own path of self-reliance. India has also demonstrated its scientific ability and technical skills by manufacturing thousands of ventilators, in a very short time and becoming self reliant in manufacturing PPE kits to test kits. India is making both vaccines in

its own country for vaccination campaign. Along with this, India is also providing vaccines to other countries also. As regards, Agriculture Hon. President mentioned about extensive reforms in irrigation, facility of micro-irrigation, increase in production of foodgrain in the country, benefits to small farmers and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Health services in the country are also expanding very fast. The Parliament passed three important Bills, the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, and the Essential Commodities Amendment Bill seven months ago. More than 10 crore farmers have started getting the maximum benefits of these agricultural reforms. Kisan Rail has been started across the country. The pace of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has also been accelerated to provide pucca houses to every poor by the year 2022. Besides, our Government is also working on a scheme called Jal Jeevan Mission to provide water to every household. The Government has also done commendable work in expanding the rural road network. A campaign to connect more than 6 lakh villages of the country with optical fiber is also being launched. Rs 3 lakh crore Emergency Credit Guarantee Scheme has been launched for MSMEs. In addition, loans of more than Rs. 25 crore have been given so far under the Mudra Scheme.

Our Government has developed the Deeksha online portal as One Nation One digital platform under Prime Minister school education Schemes. Our Government has also started digitalizing medical services through the National Digital Health Mission. Our Government has enacted 4 labour Codes by reducing 29 central labour laws for workers. As regards animal husbandry, the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund has also been established. In this sector also, the facility of Kisan Credit Card has been given like agricultural sector. There is a plan to invest about 20 thousand crores in the next five years to increase the income of the fishermen, the Government is also running a campaign to make the food producer an energy

producer also to increase the income of farmers. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kustum Yojana, 20 lakh solar pumps are being given to the farmers. Production of ethanol from molasses, maize, paddy etc. is also being encouraged.

**DR. SANJAY JAISWAL :** The medical fraternity, the frontline workers were at the forefront for fighting the greatest struggle of COVID-19 in the history of mankind. I extend my special thanks to the scientists, doctors, nurses and other paramedical staff members for injecting hope and self-belief among masses of India. Hon. President has delivered an historic Address while the country is overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic. It has set India on the idea of self-reliance of the country, which our freedom fighters had envisioned, the dream of an empowered and free India. The country has witnessed an unparalleled and indomitable courage, spirit, endurance and discipline of our countrymen. Hon President has reiterated to come together over the last year to overcome multiple challenges and adversities, including COVID-19 pandemic, floods in various parts of the country, earthquakes, cyclones, locust attack and bird-flu. We have come a long way since the onset of the pandemic, from being a net importer of PPE kits to becoming a net exporter. India's vaccine manufacturing capability is a global asset. United Nations as well Committee on Health and Family Welfare has lauded the efforts of the Government in handling the pandemic situation. We have truly abided by India's greatest slogan, 'Vasudhaiva Kudumbakan' (the world is one family), by supplying vaccines to so many countries. India has undertaken the world's largest vaccination drive with an ambition to vaccinate 30 crore people in the next few months. Starting from providing Shramik special trains for the migrant labourers to providing 'One Nation One Ration card', to make food grains available to all are some affirmative steps under taken during pandemic. The various initiatives of the Government coupled with the package of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan' has made sure that the Government is focused on enhancing vibrant markets for providing multiple

job opportunities and facilitating development. There has been a political will to bring reforms in sectors such as agriculture and health. India's budget for the defence sector in 2021-22 is Rs. 4,78,195 crore, whereas the same in the year 2014-15 during the Congress era was RS 2,29,000 crore. Hon. President, during his speech, has elaborately explained the achievements of the Government in the field of healthcare also.

**SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:** The Government has made arrangements to provide free of cost food to poor under Garib Kalyan Yojana during the Corona pandemic and the most important task was performed by the department of Health and Family Welfare in which all the hospitals and dispensaries, be it doctors or nurses, lab technicians or the persons involved in preparing masks worked to their full capacity in urban as well as rural areas. Our scientists with their untiring efforts developed the Corona vaccine in a short time which is not only being supplied within the country but to many other countries of the world. Besides this the Government is emphasising to provide employment to migrant labourers in their villages itself and to promote self reliance by providing economic assistance to poor women and senior citizens. The Government has operated Kisan rails and other sources such as animal husbandry and fisheries were added to increase their income. For providing clean drinking water to each household under Jal Jeevan Mission and to make people self reliant the Government is running many schemes. The Government is working on many aspects such as implementation of New Education Policy, promoting latest technology and digital banking, construction of new Sansad Bhavan, increasing facilities for Parliamentarians, new reforms for labourers, merger of banks, setting up companies, laying new railway lines, houses for the urban poor and starting Metro trains in 27 Cities etc.

**SHRI DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. :** On the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address I would like to emphasis on the importance of finding an amicable solution to the long going farmers' protest. I humbly request the

Government to include Minimum Support Price in the Bill related to the farmers. The Government should remember the frontline warriors who lost their lives in the battle against COVID-19 and come forward to help and support their families. Regional languages should be given due importance in the respective States. Reservations for Other Backward Classes should be continued and all institutes should adhere to the laws laid based on reservations. I would request the Government that State autonomy should be protected in all respects.

**SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR :** I would like to emphasise the importance of finding a solution to the farmers' protest, redressal of their grievances and withdraw the agricultural Bills. Minimum support price for agricultural produce should be fixed. Regional languages should be given due importance in the respective States. Families of frontline workers who have lost their lives during COVID-19 pandemic should be given adequate help and support. The reservation, should continue for providing social justice.

**SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA :** In the President's address there is no mention about development-oriented works for the deprived sections of scheduled castes, tribes and backward, poor and also two districts of Shravasti and Balrampur from Uttar Pradesh – lacking basic infrastructure like clean and potable water, high and quality education. Our party condemns the incident of violent assault and insult of the tricolor on the occasion of Republic Day. I urge upon the Government to withdraw the three controversial bills meant for farmers and resolve the issue and provide the permanent procurement centers to benefit the farmers, to facilitate them to sell their produce any time under the prescribed price. At least 20 lakh rupees per farmer should be provided to the family of the farmers who lost their lives in the farmers' movement, as well as a government job to each member of such family. There is no mention about the development work in the region, in the

absence of MPLAD fund. I urge upon the Government to provide funds for undertaking the development work.

**Shri C. P. Joshi** : The President has stated that whenever India united, it has achieved impossible goals. Today, this solidarity of Indians has brought the country out of many disasters. Accurate and timely decisions made by the Government have saved the lives of millions of countrymen. While making announcement of economic package for revival of economy, the Government has also taken care of the poor. India become self-reliant in making ventilators, PPE kits and test kits in a short span. Today India is implementing the world's largest vaccination programme. India has provided millions of doses of corona vaccine to many countries. Health services and medical education have expanded in the country. The number of medical colleges in the country has increased from 387 to 562. 22 new 'AIIMS' have also been approved. The recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission have been implemented and irrigation facilities have been improved. There are more than 80 percent small farmers in the country and more than one lakh thirteen thousand crore rupees have been directly transferred through PM Kisan Samman Nidhi for their welfare. The Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme has also benefitted these farmers. Agricultural Infrastructure Fund worth one lakh crore rupees has been set up. Kisan Credit Card facility has been provided for animal husbandry and fisheries. Potable water is proposed to be provided to every household under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' and water conservation work is also being expedited. Construction of 6 lakh 42 thousand km of roads in rural areas under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has been completed. Optical fiber connectivity is being provided in more than 6 lakh villages. Seven crore women entrepreneurs have been connected with 66 lakh self-help groups under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission and loan worth Rs 3 lakh 40 thousand crore has been given to them through banks during the last 6 years. A new National Education Policy has been announced by the Government.

Deeksha online portal for school education has been developed as One Nation, One Digital Platform under Prime Minister e-Vidya Yojana. The youth have been benefited greatly by discontinuing the practice of interviews in Group C and Group D recruitments. Decisions have been taken to bring changes in the lives of workers. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been empowered after the scrapping of Article 370.

**PRIME MINISTER (SHRI NARENDRA MODI)** *replying said:* I would like to make a few points while participating in the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. I extend my thanks to the hon. President for his inspiring Address. The President's Address is a testimony to the will-power of 130 crore citizens of India. Each and every word of his Address has the potential to instill a new sense of confidence in the countrymen and also to inspire everybody to do something for the country. That's why the more we express our gratitude to him, the less will it be. I express my deep gratitude to all the hon. Members who have participated in the discussion. I would like to especially thank the women parliamentarians as they have had more participation in the discussion and the views expressed by them were also precise and they made efforts to put forth research based facts. India is passing through the 75<sup>th</sup> year of its independence and it would be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its independence after 25 years. The onus lies with this august House to create such an ambiance which may instil a sense of will-power in the heart of every countryman to determine where we want our country to be led to so as to place the country at the highest point of world order. When our country got independence, the last British commander used to say that India was the continent of several countries and no one could unite it into a nation. But we Indians put such apprehensions to an end. It is our cultural unity and traditions which helped us emerge as a vibrant nation on the global arena and have become a ray of hope for the entire world. We have made it possible during these 75 years of our journey. Our every thought, every initiative and every endeavour thrives on the democratic fabric. The way

India took care of itself and helped the entire world to come out of the crisis during the corona pandemic has turned out to be a turning point for us. A new world order is about to emerge during the post-corona period the way a new world order had taken shape after the Second World War. New matrix of relations is likely to take shape during the post-Corona period. In such a scenario, India cannot remain aloof from the world. India cannot sit on the fence. We will have to emerge as a strong player. India will have to be vibrant and strong enough to carve out a niche in the new world order and the way to serve this purpose is nothing else but self-reliance. The more will India be self-reliant, the larger role it could play for the welfare of the world. I subscribe to the view of the hon. Member that we survived corona pandemic with the blessings of God as doctors and nurses turned up as Gods. We could win the fight against the corona virus because sanitation workers came forward as God. This corona period was a testing time and the true yardstick of something is tested only when there is a crisis. Moreover, the process of economic reforms continued to go on even during this period and we continued to move ahead with the intention to bail the economy of India out of the crisis by taking a few crucial steps. I firmly believe that the country will progress according to the aspirations of the countrymen even during this period of crisis and difficulties. Three farm laws were enacted during this Corona period. This process of agrarian reforms is quite necessary and of paramount importance as our agriculture sector has been facing challenges for last many years and we need to make incessant efforts to bring this sector out of the crisis. To this effect, we have made an honest effort. This House and even the Government respects and will continue to respect the sentiments of our protesting farmers and this is the reason why our senior Ministers have been holding negotiations with them. We are ready to have clause-wise discussion on this Bill and we are also ready to remove the shortcomings, if there is any in it.

There are options being provided under this law and, therefore, there is no reason to oppose it. Also, there is no restriction on the old Mandis. Not only that, this year's Budget provides for more funds for modernising and infrastructural development of these mandis. I am surprised that for the first time, a new argument was made in this House as to why such a legislation has been enacted when they had not asked for it? In this regard, I would like to say that ours is a very big country. In some parts of India, it is likely to benefit the farmers and it may not be beneficial in some other corners of the country. Still, I would like to say that various laws have been enacted in this country despite no demands were made from any quarters. Change is quite essential for any modern society. The decisions that are taken in the country are for the benefit of all. We also believe that Governments should be sensitive and it should come forward for the betterment of the people in a democratic manner. Further, decisions should be taken as per the need of the country. We also have to change the mindset of maintaining the status quo because the younger generation of the country cannot wait much longer for reforms. We should responsibly make all sorts of efforts to bring changes in the country. In our country, farming has been a part of our mainstream culture. We cannot do good to the country by neglecting 80-85 per cent of the country's population. As the population is growing, the piece of land is becoming smaller. Due to small landholdings, they have low earning which has caused many troubles in their lives. It is also unfortunate that the agriculture sector in our country is not getting adequate investment. Unless we bring investment and modernize our farming, we cannot strengthen the agricultural sector of the country. So, our farmers need to be made self-reliant. We must work towards making the entire agriculture sector self-reliant. It should not be a matter of politics. It is quite essential for the good of the country and we should sit together and think about it. We all have the responsibility to prepare our farmers for a long journey by bringing in a major change in the agriculture sector during the 21st century. We should provide

them alternative markets. We have taken an important step for setting up ten thousand Farmer Producer Organisations. This will let the farmers emerge as a collective force to find alternative markets. Similarly, Kisan Rail and Kisan Udaan have provided a great help to small farmers in transporting their produce to the big markets. Kisan Rail has linked the farmers living in remote areas with the markets available in other States. Chaudhary Charan Singh Ji had given a suggestion that there should not be any restriction on the inter-state transportation of foodgrains. The agricultural reforms, Kisan Rail, electronic platform, e-NAM etc.- all these initiatives are endeavours undertaken in that direction. In the year 2005, Shri Sharad Pawar Ji had proudly stated that 24 private markets had already come up in the country. He had contended that if the farmers were given alternative of the APMC mandis, there will be more competition in the market and the nexus will break down. Thus, alongwith the public sector, we also need active participation of the private sector for the country. I acknowledge the sanctity of the farmers' movement. But we also need to discriminate between the genuine protestors and the professional protestors. We need to keep our country safe from professional protestors as they believe only in talking the right things but not doing the right things. Infrastructure has a large role to play in the 21st century. Infrastructure provides new opportunities for the poor and the middle class. We have been successful in providing metro train facility in 27 cities of the country, fast internet in more than 6 lakh villages and have successfully conceptualized the 'one nation, one grid' scheme in the power sector. India has cemented its position among the top five countries of the world in the field of renewable energy. We have particularly focused on the development of eastern part of the country so that there is a balanced development in the country. We have operationalised 600 kilometer long dedicated freight corridor and taken swift steps in the matter of border infrastructure. The construction of Atal Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh has been completed. We have also been taking initiatives for the welfare of the middle class of the

country. I, once again, request the farming community of the country to come forward so that we are able to resolve their problems amicably.

*All the amendments moved were negatived.*

*The Motion was adopted.*

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**\* MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI RAJESH VERMA** laid a statement regarding need to construct RoB on level crossings in Sitapur Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.
- (2) **SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH 'BHOLE'** laid a statement regarding request for CBI probe into the alleged irregularities by Managing Director of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.
- (3) **SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY** laid a statement regarding starting operation of goods train at Madar railway station in Rajasthan.
- (4) **SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI** laid a statement regarding need to extend railway line from Dhamtari to Kondagaon via Kanker in Chhattisgarh.
- (5) **SHRI HASMUKHBHAI S. PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to construct a bridge or underbridge on Mahatma Gandhi Express Way No. 1 in Ahmedabad East Parliamentary Constituency, Gujarat.
- (6) **SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL** laid a statement regarding measures to prevent flood in Rapti river in Domariyaganj Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.

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\* Laid on the Table as directed by the Chair.

- (7) **SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to 'Sangam Kshetra' and historical fort in Prayagraj under the control of Archaeological Survey of India.
- (8) **SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL** laid a statement regarding need to provide stoppage of Pataliputra-Lucknow train no. 025229/30 at Ekma railway station in Maharajganj Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.
- (9) **DR. UMESH G. JADAV** laid a statement regarding setting up of Yoga Park in Kalaburagi, Karnataka.
- (10) **KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL** laid a statement regarding need to set up a committee to report on the existing information relating to Indian History, Philosophy and cultural values in our textbooks.
- (11) **SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA** laid a statement regarding need to construct a Railway overbridge at level crossing at Kusmi on NH-96 between Ayodhya and Prayagraj.
- (12) **DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI** laid a statement regarding need to construct an overbridge on level crossing no. 115 near east Bhatni Railway Junction in Deoria Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.
- (13) **SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA** laid a statement regarding construction of bridges in Beneshwar Dham in Banswara Parliamentary Constituency, Rajasthan.
- (14) **SHRI V. K. SREEKANDAN** laid a statement regarding establishment of a FM station at Palakkad.
- (15) **SHRI ANTO ANTONY** laid a statement regarding man-animal conflict.
- (16) **SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ** laid a statement regarding need to withdraw the decision to privatise Nagarnar Steel Plant in Chhattisgarh.

- (17) **SHRI S.R. PARTHIBAN** laid a statement regarding problems of EPF pensioners.
- (18) **SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI** laid a statement regarding release of funds for construction of Panchayat buildings in Andhra Pradesh.
- (19) **SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY** laid a statement regarding grant of CCS pension to Navodaya Vidyalaya Staff.
- (20) **SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV** laid a statement regarding payment of compensation to farmers by insurance company for loss of crops due to incessant heavy rains in Buldhana Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.
- (21) **SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR** laid a statement regarding reservation in private sector.
- (22) **SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD** laid a statement regarding measures for welfare of people rendered jobless due to pandemic situation.
- (23) **DR. G. RANJITH REDDY** laid a statement regarding closing of railway stations.
- (24) **SHRI E. T. MOHAMMED BASHEER** laid a statement regarding setting up of a Migrant Commission.
- (25) **SHRI P. RAVINDHRANATH** laid a statement regarding need to grant environmental clearance for construction of road between Thevaram and Sakkulathumettu in Tamil Nadu.
- (26) **SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL** laid a statement regarding East Rajasthan canal project.
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## **UNION BUDGET - 2021-22- GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**DR. SHASHI THAROOR** *initiating said:* The Budget has failed to fulfil the most fundamental four expectations of the Nation such as-health, fiscal stimulus, defence and agriculture. The actual allocation to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was only Rs. 71,269 crore, which marked not a 137 per cent increase but a decline of nearly Rs. 7000 crore or 10.84 per cent when compared to the revised estimates for the same financial year. We expected a Budget that would offer comprehensive fiscal stimulus. At the same time, we hoped that the Government expenditure would be increased and more money will be made available in the hands of the people by boosting employment and livelihood generation. Nothing of the sort has happened. Funding for key schemes like MNREGA Scheme and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana has been slashed. No direct fiscal support has been provided to the MSMEs, tourism and hospitality industries. The Prime Minister has been repeatedly invoking Atma Nirbhar Bharat. Bharat should be Atma Nirbhar, not Bharatwasi. The citizens are being asked to be self-reliant and the Government will do nothing for them. That is not the kind of Atma Nirbharta this country needs. This Government has a duty to ensure that armed forces are safe and well supported. It is shocking that even the word 'Defence' does not figure in the Budget. We expected an effort to support long pending modernization and acquisition programme but the fact remains that the capital outlay allocation has been enhanced by mere 0.4per cent as compared to the previous year. The Government has repeatedly proven incapable of offering any considerable financial support to our Armed Forces particularly at a time when the threat of two front wars has grown dramatically. Coming to the agriculture sector, over the last few months we have witnessed their misery rising beyond measure aggravated by the undemocratic passage of three farm Bills. These Bills will have widespread adverse ramifications for the agrarian economy. The budget has not taken cognizance of their distress at all nor any tangible measures are there to alleviate their current plight.

Allocation for MNREGA has been slashed by 35 per cent to the huge dismay of those seeking jobs under the scheme. The budget has no provision for job creation or skilling. There has been 6 per cent cut in the Education budget. The budget talks about setting up 100 Sainik Schools while the fact remains that even the existing ones are not receiving money from the Government. The Government has not only consigned our migrants workers to misery but has erected spikes and barriers on the path of our *annadatas*.

**SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:** Today, India is the part of top five economies. I would like to thank our Finance Minister as at a time when the entire world had the impression that Indian economy shall be doomed, the budget talks of double digit economy in the time to come. Alongside, I would also like to thank the Prime Minister who has persuaded the mass to focus on both life and livelihood amidst critical time. When life would be saved, it would obviously be followed by livelihood measures. The budget has taken due care of children, elderly people and women. This budget has provided many good things wherein the senior citizens will not be subjected to paying taxes from now on. Unless and until there is infrastructure development in the rural areas, betterment of agriculture markets, compensation to farmers and efforts aimed at ensuring sanitation and hygiene, one just cannot expect the empowerment of women and substantial reduction in the MMR or child mortality rate. As many as 40 crore bank accounts were opened in the year 2014 with a view to facilitate the benefits to be delivered through the agency of financial institutions. As a matter of fact, the Government is committed to the welfare of the poor, farmers, labourers and the destitute folk which has been reflected in the budget. This budget intends to provide all those people with an opportunity who wish to transform Indian condition and its economy. When other manufactures are free to sell their produce in any market then why this option should not be given to the farmers? Even the stock market has responded well to the Budget. Budget allocation to all sectors including drinking water and sanitation has been increased. A lot of work has been

done in the health sector. However, Delhi and Bengal have not implemented the Ayushman Bharat Scheme. These laws allow no room to anyone to usurp the land of farmers. The parties and the leaders opposing these laws have been promising the same earlier. Local manufacturing has been given impetus. Adequate Budget allocation has been made to the Railways for various projects. Capital expenditure in defence has been increased. The country has moved from the 'fragile five' to the top five economies. With everybody's participation, our economy is all set to become a 10 trillion dollar economy.

**SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:** The Government is taxing the poor and patting the rich. Indian economy saw unprecedented collapse and the nation witnessed a humanitarian crisis of unforeseen proportions. The shutdown of the economy sent lakhs of workers on the long walk home and many perished. The incomes of silent classes saw deep cuts and a lot people lost their jobs. More than 30 per cent of our MSMEs have reportedly been closed down permanently. In such grim circumstances, the nation was waiting for a revival package. It is an unprecedented let-down Budget. The common man is left with nothing but empty words and unfulfilled promises. There is no income tax concession. In this Budget, there is not a single good news to the middle-class. Construction, aviation, tourism and hospitality industries have been adversely affected. The Government should reduce the rates of GST. On the contrary, they hiked the excise duty on petrol. We are worried that in the wake of tension with China, the figures on defence spending barely show any change. The Budget allocation for the Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare has been slashed by 8.5 per cent in 2021-22. The farmers are agitating for about 90 days but the Government has shown no compassion towards them. The Government has touted the health expenditure set out in the Budget as the game changer but technically the funds allocated to the health sector are lesser than what was allocated previous year. When you are focusing so much on the Corona pandemic

vaccine please ensure that the regular programmes do not get a backseat. There is a discomfort as people are not truly trusting the vaccine. I am saying this with no political agenda but I really want the people of our country to be protected. The PSUs have failed miserably. Now, the Government is in a spree to sell our PSUs. Why cannot you cut down on your advertisement? You are spending crores and crores of money to keep the media shut. Why cannot you put that money into our PSUs? Please look at BSNL. Should the Prime Minister not take the lead and ensure to be a poster boy for BSNL? LIC is the only Government-owned life insurance company and you plan to sell it off and fund the Government. You said that Air India is in very bad shape. No private airlines came forward to bring Indians from abroad. Our Prime Minister, last year, said that in a country of 130 crore, only 1.5 crore people are paying taxes, that is nearly one per cent. Let me tell you that may be one per cent is paying taxes, but 99 per cent are also paying taxes, indirect taxes. The banking system is digitalised. The Government has not done anything for better service for public. This Budget has not addressed the serious question of job creation. While millions of Indians lost jobs or sunk into poverty, the fortunes of the country's two richest people are increasing day to day. The Finance Minister has made some announcement for Tamil Nadu after neglecting Tamil Nadu for nearly eight years. AIIMS was supposed to come in Madurai. Till now, there is not even a single stone put there. There is a long pending demand for a train to Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from Central Chennai. I would request the Railway Minister to look into it and do something about it.

**PROF. SOUGATA RAY :** This Budget fails to give any sop to the poor migrant labourers, agricultural labourers and the jobless factory workers and that is why it is not good for the country. There is no change in the total Budget value as compared to the last year hence, there is no expenditure boost in it. It will lead to inflation and price rise. Air India, Bharat Petroleum, Shipping Corporation, Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) and LIC are going to be sold out. The Government is monetizing all the assets of the

public sector to fund this Budget. The distribution network formed by the Power Grid Corporation of India will be given to the private sector. The asset monetization and privatization of non-strategic PSUs will create a havoc in the economy. The Government constantly keeps on talking about startup, Standup, Sit-down, khelo India, Pado India, and so on but startup is not successful in this country. The farmers are agitating and the Government is not acceding to their demands. Certain procedures in the Income Tax have been simplified but there is no Income Tax cut. The MGNREGA Scheme is the biggest employment creator but the estimate of Rs. 1,11,500 crore last year has been cut to Rs. 73,000 crore this year. Under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme, the allocation of money has been reduced. The economy is still not showing an upturn. The IMF is calling for a synchronized investment in green and digital infrastructure as the pandemic starts to come under control and the Governments must put in place public investments as well as incentives for private investments that support low carbon and climate-resilient growth. Increased investment in training, re-skilling and high-quality education will be pivotal to unlock the potential of a green and digital economy. I would urge this Government to do something really to up lift the poor and marginal farmers and the migrant workers out of their poverty.

**SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:** I appreciate the attitude of the Government towards facing COVID-19 challenges and bringing down the number of cases and providing vaccination to more than 65 lakh people. I also thank the hon. Finance Minister for helping us in getting revised estimate for Polavaram Project. As regards GST collections, Andhra Pradesh stands first in the entire country during Covid-19 period also. It stands second in commerce and industry. A lot of funds related to MGREGA are pending with various Departments of the Central Government. I request the Government to release the pending dues of Rs. 4282 crore to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for rice distribution through the Public Distribution System and provide revenue deficit which has been caused by the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance

Commission which comes to Rs 18,830 crore. Assistance for Nivar Cyclone under NDRF and Development assistance to the backward districts should also be provided. I urge the Government to immediately accord special category status to the State of Andhra Pradesh and accord sanction to Ramayapatnam Port in place of Dugarajapatnam Port. There is a need to implement all schemes and projects under AP Reorganisation Act. I request the Government to release all funds pending for the welfare schemes and various projects pertaining to the state. I request the hon. Finance Minister to rethink, restructure and recalibrate Vizag Steel Project. There is a need to restructure mining sector in the state. The tax slab of GST should be reduced from 18% as it is very high and some kind of relief in regard to GST has to be given to the contractors doing work for the State Government and the Central Government. The Government has to rethink on MSME sector and provide stimulus package to them. New railway lines, RUBs and ROBs are required to be built in Andhra Pradesh with 100 percent support from the Central Government. As far as individual income tax is concerned, some kind of relief should be provided to middle class and upper middle class people. My final point is about the MPLADS which should continue as without these funds, we are unable to do any projects in our constituencies.

**SHRI K. SUBBARAYAN :** Union Budget 2021-22 is a grand betrayal on the people. It has absolutely failed to address the crucial issues of the people exacerbated post pandemic lock downs. The Budget lacks in its vision to address the increasing levels of poverty and unemployment. The Finance Minister has made the corporate happy. The Finance Minister has presented an election budget in an open bid to entice the states that go for elections this year. The high rhetoric of fell awfully short of expectations. With the kind of mandate that people have given, this government should come out with growth oriented good policies. But this government stands exposed in its reluctance to do any good to the people who have reposed their faith. The caption of the budget was expected to be pro-poor and pro-people. Instead,

the headline is "monetization", a euphemism for "selling". The budget shows the government on a monetisation spree, to sell of the public assets from airports to railways, LIC and Public Sector Banks to cater to the needs of the corporate. This budget does not have anything to address real growth issues. Corona virus has exposed the paltry public spending on health. Allocation for health should be increased to at least 10 % of the GDP. In a year when 160 million people lost jobs and migrants return to their homes cut in outlay for MGNREGA is outrageous. Moreover, MGNREGA is considered the lifeline of rural India. The budget does not seem to care for the welfare of the people. The budget has nothing attractive to encourage the MSMEs and revive them. Farmers agitation demanding repeal of the anti-farmer farm laws is intensifying day by day. The budget should have seriously laboured to win the trust of the agitating farmers. But the trust deficit only intensifies. The budget statement has nothing to address the workers of the unorganized sector. Every aspect of the budget is pro rich and pro corporate. This budget will push 50 % of the population below poverty line. The budget does more harm than good.

**SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN :** The Union Budget 2021-2022 is a betrayal to the people, a classic illustration of Government's unshakeable commitment to promoting the interests of a handful of big business houses. The budgeted Central Government's total expenditure of Rs. 34.8 lakh crore in 2021-2022 is identical in nominal terms to that in 2020-2021, which amounts to slashing expenditure in real terms. The apparent increase of the fiscal deficit to GDP ratio of 9.5 per cent in the year 2020-2021 which Government claims because of increased expenditure, is primarily on account of revenues collapsing. This collapse happened despite the Government's cynical imposition of a heavy additional tax burden on common people through the sharp increase in taxes on petrol and diesel. While the Budget Estimates for Corporate Tax and Income Tax in 2020-2021 were 6.81 and 6.38 lakh crore respectively, the same figures for 2021-2022 are 5.47 and 5.61 lakh crore. The panacea for

this Government is to sell off India's national assets and privatize even profit-making public sector companies. The monetization project announced in the Budget included sale of valuable land held at present by public sector companies. The target is to mobilize 1.75 lakh crore through disinvestment. The increase in FDI in insurance to 74 per cent is highly objectionable. This drive for privatization is a subversion of the national interests and a mockery of the slogan of Atma nirbharta. As the country goes through the worst crisis in its history, the presented Budget that has lost its sense of direction and has no proposals to overcome the economy. There are no plans or announcements in this Budget to help the billions of people who lost their jobs and income due to the pandemic. In the Budget Speech, FM made the bizarre argument that privatization of Public Sector Undertakings and sale of its assets would help expand the country's economic base. There are no effective plan or proposal to address the problems faced by farmers and the agriculture sector other than making some references in the speech about it in the context of the agrarian struggles against the Central Government.

**ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH :** Around 1.4 crore workers are estimated to have lost their jobs following the countrywide shutdown in March 2020. On Covid relief the Government has spent only Rs. 1.5 lakh crore. Healthcare and Well-being, one of the six pillars on which Finance Minister has built her budget, is a complete eyewash. 'Health and Well-being includes drinking water supply, sanitation and nutrition. Despite schemes such as *Janani Suraksha Yojana and Janani-Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK)*, people have to pay huge amounts for healthcare. Poor people were more vulnerable to higher rates of infection and spread of the virus, due to high population density and poor hygiene and sanitation. The Government of India should publish a White Paper on the sources of money into PM Cares Fund and how it is being spent. Presently unemployment rate is 6.1%, which is the highest in 45 years. During the lockdown it reached as high as 24 per cent. Finance Minister has indulged in misuse of the budget for electoral gains in Kerala,

Tamil Nadu and Bengal. The only other significant allocation for the state is Rs. 1957.05 crore for the second phase of the Kochi Metro and fishing harbour in Kochi. The government wants to transfer wealth to its corporate friends. The farm laws were pushed through without consultation with states or discussion in Parliament. The Government is also robbing the States by reducing its share of funds for Centrally-sponsored schemes. Petrol and diesel prices are still going up. The Budget is lavish on new promises but neglect the real issues the country facing today.

**SHRI S.R. PARTHIBAN:** The Central Government has ignored Tamil Nadu for the past six years. In this Budget, the Finance Minister stated about 3500 kms road projects worth of Rs. 1.03 lakh crore for the State of Tamil Nadu but it is not clearly stated that the funds were allotted for the project. The second announcement was regarding the second phase of Chennai Metro Project for the length of 118.9 kms worth about Rs. 63,426 crore. Tamil Nadu Government requested to the Central Government for 50:50 Central & State Government contribution. It is not clear yet whether the Central Government has accepted 50:50 contributions for this project. The Central Government is keen to implement the Chennai-Salem Greenway 8 lane project which is plundering the lands from the people. It reflects that the Central Government is not in favour of the poor and it stands with the corporate. The LPG subsidy is estimated to decrease to Rs. 14,703 crore and no allocation has been made for the kerosene subsidy. The Centre in its Union Budget allocated Rs. 73,000 crore to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act for the next financial year of 2021-22. The massive underestimation in this year's Budget allocation will severely impact employment generation, especially in the context of the pandemic. This Government is taking steps for disinvestment of many public sectors including Salem Steel Plant. This Government is only interested in selling public sector companies to the corporate instead of establishing new public sector companies. Privatization of LIC will affect millions of its customers and its

employees.. The Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) will affect the tax collection of the State Governments. Tamil Nadu and the other States of South India are the highest tax payers but the Central Government does not give reimbursement of SGST also in time. I request to release the unpaid amount to the State of Tamil Nadu immediately.

**SHRI SANJAY SETH** : It is not only a popular budget but also a budget which ensures all round development of the country and it takes us on the path of self-reliance .While economy of the entire world was crippled during the corona pandemic, India remained the only country of the world which was able to bring its economy back on the track and also provided corona vaccine to the world to fight against the disease in these difficult times .India Vision 2020 visualized by Dr. Kalam has been materialized in the year 2020 in actual sense. This Government turned the crisis in to an opportunity for the development of our country under the leadership of our Hon. Prime Minister. As a result, new aircrafts like Tejas were inducted into our Army. In this budget, all sections of the society have been taken care of and efforts have been made to extend benefits of the govt. schemes to the needy persons. Be it Eklavya Vidyalaya or Ujjwala Yojana or expansion of the Indian Railways or expansion of the National Highways, on all the fronts the government has proved that by taking all together, we can ensure the development of all. The Union Government has announced to set up New 69 New Eklavya Vidyalayas in Jharkhand. This step would definitely help the children of the tribal families to realize their dreams. By allocating Rs. 35 thousand crore for corona vaccine, the Government has made it clear that it is very much concerned about the healthcare of the general public and is committed towards ensuring the safety of its citizens from worldwide corona virus pandemic. Long term projects proposed for the growth of railways in the budget would undoubtedly accelerate the pace of development of the county. Setting up of seven new textile parks in the country would give us worldwide recognition in the field of

textiles. So, we can say that this budget has taken care of all the sections of the society.

**SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:** The present budget has been presented at the time of Corona pandemic and Centre and States have done great work during this period. 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' has been emphasized upon in the budget but there was no need to dub protesting farmers as andolanjeevi, terrorist and khalistanis. I request the Government to invite them for talks. Mumbai city had been textile hub and now it is on the verge of closure. I request the hon'ble Minister of Finance to set up a Textile Park there. There is a big problem of Metro Car Shed in Mumbai and I request to set up the same there. The Government is moving ahead for privatization. Instead of making PSUs secure and efficient it is selling them. While privatizing Airports, LIC and port of Mumbai whether the Government has considered on its social impact. All employees of MTNL who have taken VRS have not got their dues as yet. Air India evacuated Indian citizens from abroad and repatriated them under 'Vande Bharat Mission' during pandemic and now the Government is going to privatise it. A regards fishery is concerned, worth 2000 crores of fish is lying in Mumbai as it was to be exported to China. I can understand the things in view of national interest but what is the solution of it. The school curricula under National Education Policy could be in any language but should maintain uniformity. It has been 60 years since Goa was liberated and the Government has allocated 300 crores to the state but nothing has been given to Maharashtra on 60 years of liberation. The Centre still owes 25 thousand crores of Maharashtra in GST compensation. The farmers have suffered huge losses due to heavy rainfall and cyclones. The State has witnessed drought but no official reached immediately there. Indian billionaires increased their wealth during the lockdown while around 24 per cent of the people in India were earning Rs.3000 a month. Cairen Energy threatens to enforce arbitration award against Indian assets overseas and therefore I request the Government to address the issue at the earliest.

**DR. T. SUMATHY(A)THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:** This budget which is made for the rich. It is a vengeful attack in disguise on our farmers. It has not only reduced the budget allocation for agriculture and allied activities but also slashed allocation for support schemes from Rs. 2,000 crore to Rs. 1,501 crore. With no tax relief, no cut in GST rate and customs duties increased as well as the increase in the cess on petrol and diesel, the Government want to burden the already burdened middle class more. Out of the total budget allocated for SCs, only Rs. 48,397 crore has been allocated towards targeted schemes that accounts 4.5 per cent and for STs, it is Rs. 27,830 crore (2.6 per cent). Thus the SCs & STs are losing out a significant amount due to non-adherence to NITI guidelines. Regarding Post Matric Scholarship for SCs, however it is disappointing to see that only Rs. 3,866 crore has been allocated, and for STs, it is Rs. 2,146 crore.

The entire allocation under the Department of Higher Education both under SCC i.e., Rs. 3,843 crore and STC i.e., Rs. 1963.45 crore is notional and paper allocation. They do not directly benefit the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe students. There are growing cases of violence as registered under the PoA, about 42,000 cases in the year 2018 alone. However, the allocation for the implementation of the PoA Act and implementation of PCR Act is a mere Rs. 600 crore. The total allocations for SC women are Rs. 15,116 crore and ST women are Rs. 7,205 crore which amounts to 1.4 per cent and 0.67 per cent respectively of the total eligible Centrally Sponsored schemes and Central Sector schemes. There is also absolutely no allocation for Trans persons. Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations and prone to health hazards has received no allocation this year as compared to Rs. 25 crore in FY 2020-21.

In the Union Budget 2021 senior citizens have been exempted from filling the income tax returns. The announcement does not mean that the senior citizens who are above 75 years age are exempted from paying tax but that they are only exempted from filing an income tax return (ITR), if they are

eligible to certain conditions. Moreover, the Government has decided to reduce the interest on the deposits by senior citizens. Government has announced a new healthcare scheme – the Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana. However, this would be operationalised over six years. The Government this time has presented the healthcare budget in a more intersectional manner. In other words, no new budget-heads of money have been created for healthcare, but already existing ones have been added up, which gives this increased figure of 137%. New data from the first phase of the National Family and Health Survey, 2019-20 in December 2020 showed that nutrition levels in India had fallen. The budget today could have addressed this problem, but fails to show a larger allocation for nutrition services.

Coming to the Mid-Day Meal scheme, the Government has only allotted Rs. 500 crore more for 2021-22 (Rs. 11,500 crore) compared to the current financial year (Rs. 11,000 crore). This is abysmal. The Government is willing to pump Rs. 20,000 crore in the Central Vista Project, with the cost of the new Parliament Building alone at Rs. 971 crore. This Government will turn a blind eye to our country's children but it will prioritise building Central Vista. The Government has announced that Rs. 35,000 crore (\$4.7 billion) would be allocated for COVID-19 vaccines. But, I must ask the question that what is the fate of PM Cares Fund, which according to some reports collected at least Rs. 9,667.9 crore till the end of May 2020?

While the Budget Estimate for 2021-22 sees a 19 per cent rise in allocation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) over 2020-21, that is, from Rs. 61,500 crore (\$8.44 billion) to Rs. 73,000 crore (\$10.02 billion), however, this is a 35 per cent reduction from the 2020-21 Revised Estimates (the amount estimated to have been spent) for MGNREGS, Rs. 1,11,000 crore (\$15.23 billion) – the year that saw immense migrant distress.

Of the 18 million emigrant populations that the country had in 2020, about 4 million were brought back during the COVID-19 crisis. The budget has no provision for returnee emigrants at the central level. It is unfortunate that the 34 per cent rise in capital expenditure promised in the 2021-22 budget –from Rs. 4.12 lakh crore (\$56 billion) in 2020- 21 to Rs. 5.54 lakh crore (\$76 billion) – may not do much to resolve the employment crisis caused by the pandemic-led lockdown. While the allocation for the MSME Ministry in 2021-22 doubled from the current Financial Year’s Budget Estimate of Rs. 7,572 crore to Rs. 15,700 crore, 64 per cent of the allocation is for the Guarantee Emergency Credit Line (GECL) facility, a scheme for providing fully guaranteed and collateral-free credit to MSMEs. Given the acute and widening economic inequalities in India, the budget could have been an opportunity to strengthen MGNREGS and stem distress migration to cities.

The budget announcement to provide social security to gig and platform workers for the ‘first time globally’ is only a reiteration of the Government’s code on social security as no allocation has been announced for the purpose. The border tensions have spurred the need to buy new military hardware to urgently plug gaps. Despite that there is no hike in the Defence budget. Government push for the Chennai-Salem corridor which has already faced immense backlash from farmers, environmentalists and activists is an indication that the Government does not recognise the needs of people. What was needed was stress on farmers’ incomes, effective steps for fixing remunerative prices for agriculture produce, and major irrigation schemes to convert rain-fed farmlands into irrigated ones. But that section has been ignored. There have been no announcements on subsidy for fertilizers and other agricultural inputs. The Government first introduced these grants to ULB’s in the previous Budget with an allocation of Rs. 4,400 crore. The total grant amount has been reduced by nearly half in this year’s budget, without a clear justification. There is no marked increase for NCAP this budget. Allocations for ‘Control of Pollution’ have increased slightly, from Rs. 460

crore last year to Rs. 470 crore this year. Worryingly, against the already modest allocation of Rs. 460 crore for 'Control of Pollution', the Revised Estimates this year are down to Rs. 280 crore, suggesting a significant reduction in the Environment Ministry's spending on NCAP. The Centre has missed an opportunity to revamp LPG subsidies and increase support for poor households. Regarding the Gender Budget women's labour force participation reached its nadir over the last five decades, falling to 23.3 per cent. Despite this, the proposed budget for the Union Women Child Development Ministry was reduced by over 18 per cent as compared to the last fiscal. It is extremely disappointing that out of the Rs. 760 crore allocated between 2017-18 and 2019-20, only Rs. 499 crore were released out of which Rs. 319.5 crore were spent on media advocacy under the campaign. The overall quantum of the Gender Budget continues to remain below 5 percent of the total expenditure laid out in the Union Budget 2021-22 and less than 1 percent of GDP. In Union Budget 2021-22, the total allocation has been cut to Rs. 1,53,326 crore (\$21 billion), 26 per cent lower than 2020-21. It is 4.4 per cent of total budgetary expenditure and 0.7 per cent of GDP. Spending for social protection schemes was increased to 21 per cent of the Gender Budget in 2020-21, largely owing to the financial inclusion programme PM Jan Dhan Yojana and the free cooking gas programme for poor families, PM Ujjwala Yojana, but these find no mention in the 2021-22 Gender Budget. The Jal Jeevan Mission, Smart Cities Mission and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission were missing from the Gender Budget Statement for 2021-22.

**SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:** Considering the situation prevailing due to Covid- 19 epidemic, the hon. Finance Minister, while paying attention towards the poor and upper class people provided economic package. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana and funding for "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" is commendable. The names of cities of Bihar and other states should be included in Jan Jeevan Mission. The flow of river Ganga should be restored. The assistance should be provided to Bihar for damage caused due

to flood occurred in 2020. The funds recommended in the Interim Report of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission should be provided to the state of Bihar. A textile park should be set up in Bihar. All the cities of Bihar should be included in the City Gas Distribution Network. The Government's plan to disinvest Indian Companies should be reconsidered and all sick institutions should be revived. Fertilizer factory located at Barauni, Bihar and railway factory at Dalmia Nagar of Rohtas should be made functional. Instead of assembling engine parts, all parts should be manufactured in Electric rail engine factory located at Madhepura of Bihar. Chhapra's wheel factory should also be commissioned. The plan to transfer Jamalpur loco shed should be discontinued. The railway factories of Mokama, Samastipur and Muzaffarpur should be made functional. All these schemes will help in the development of Bihar. The Government talks about doubling the income of the farmers. Hence it should provide interest free loans to them for purchasing agricultural implements and machinery. The Government should help the farmers in selling their crops at fixed MSP so that they may get fair price. The Government should waive off their earlier loans also. The Government should make an announcement to provide uniform monthly pension of atleast Rs. 3000/- to older persons in the country irrespective of their class. Fisheries centres should be opened in Saharsa, Bihar where farming is not possible due to flood waters of river Kosi. We demand that a Sainik School should be set up at Kosi sub-divisional Headquarter of Saharsa. The number of cancer, heart disease, kidney and liver patients is increasing day by day in Saharsa-Madhepura areas of Bihar. The Government should also find out the reasons for such increase in the number of cases. A new AIIMS should be set up in Saharsa. I demand that sanction may be accorded for setting up Kendriya Vidyalaya in my Madhepura Parliamentary Constituency. Vaishali Express and Humsafar train should be extended upto Madhepura District Headquarter for the facility of the people. I request the Government that MPLAD funds

should not be discontinued. A new railway line should be constructed from Saharsa to Bhagalpur to facilitate the people of those areas.

**SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI :** I am happy that the Union Government has presented the Budget 2021-22 in digital form for the first time. We welcome the step for giving higher priority to health sector and drinking water but reduction in allocation for women and child development, National Education Mission and PMGSY would affect the implementation. We appeal to the Government to increase the allocation. Budget focus on capital investment and MSME sector will help in revival of economy and employment generation. Odisha was the first to establish one of the country's biggest 1,000-bedded dedicated COVID-19 hospital in a record time of just one week. I, appeal to the hon. Prime Minister and hon. Finance Minister to consider our demands to make amendment in Central Sales Tax Act, 1956; provision of Rs. 7,200 crore for Railway Projects; banks at Gram Panchayat level, provision of Rs. 5,650 crore for providing telecom connectivity to rural and interior areas, adequate funds to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways etc.

The rail density in the Odisha State should be increased. Importance should be given to the quality of National Highways in Odisha. To Boost tourism a Jagannath International Airport in Puri should be set up. We need more funds to pay unemployment allowance to workers engaged under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act for the job losses caused by COVID-19 lockdown GST on tendu leaves should be reduced from 18 per cent to five per cent. I urged upon the Government of India to explore the possibility for availing of Local Currency Loan in INR instead of LIBOR- based dollar-denominated loan from the World Bank and the ADB.

**SHRI N. REDDEPPA:** After bifurcation, the state of Andhra Pradesh has been at a disadvantage. So, the Union Government should consider the request of the state government regarding providing special category status to

Andhra Pradesh. Construction of Government complex and other essential infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh is estimated to cost Rs. 4,994 crore. The Government of India announced Rs. 2,500 crore of which only Rs. 1,500 crore have been released. The Government has decreased the expenditure of MGNREGA to Rs. 73,000 crore for the fiscal year 2021-22. I put forward the request for early release of the pending amount of Rs. 3,707.77 crore pending for the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Reorganization Act also promised annual grant of Rs. 350 crore for the development of seven backward districts. For six years, the assistance amounts to Rs. 2,100 crore of which only Rs. 1,400 crore have been released. Over Rs. 1, 18,000 crore as revenue deficit grants were granted to 17 States. However, a sum of Rs. 18,830 crore is still pending release to the State of Andhra Pradesh, which we demand to be released immediately. All further expenses of Polavaram Irrigation Project be borne by the Government of India out of grants-in-aid for national projects. The decision for 100 per cent strategic disinvestment of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited is a big concern. Instead of opting for disinvestment, both the Central Government and the State Government should make the Plant a profitable venture once again. We request the Government of India to support the medical care by setting up of public sector institutions in the state. Nivar cyclone has caused a huge damage to the fisheries and farmers of Andhra Pradesh. I request the Government of India for financial support of Rs. 2,255.70 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund, NDRF. The State of Andhra Pradesh has given consent to the CBI to exercise jurisdiction so as to investigate the scam in Andhra Pradesh State Fiber Net Limited. The CBI must act quickly so that the culprit is not able to take any undue advantage of his position. To equalise the ratio on par with other States, I request the Government to sanction 13 medical colleges to the State. I would like to request the Government, through you, to sanction one Government medical college, one Government engineering

college along with a Kendriya Vidyalala, Navodaya Vidyalaya and a Sainik School at the earliest.

**SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD:** The budget has not provided any special benefit to common people, working class, middle class and house wives. It is my request to the Government to increase health budget and to reduce the price of diesel and petrol. In this budget, the valuable assets of the country such as rail, airport, LIC, roads, electricity, warehouses etc are being sold. The Government has reduced around six thousand crores in the education budget. The allocation for scholarship given to SC, ST and OBC has also been reduced in the Central budget. I request to provide scholarship to SC, ST and OBC as earlier. Thousands of people migrate from my Parliamentary Constituency for employment. The number of people migrating from my parliamentary constituency Lalganj will decrease with the setting up of a industry or factory in Lalganj. I request to construct direct rail line from Banaras to Azamgarh via Lalganj at the earliest. The poor people are still deprived of the benefit of 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana'. It is my request to the Government to implement the said scheme at the earliest.

**SHRI NAYAB SINGH SAINI:** The Budget of 2021-22 is budget for village, poor, farmers, women, youth, elders and traders. I extends my heartiest congratulation to Hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting the paperless budget for the first time in the history of India. This Budget is digital budget. A number of significant steps has been taken during destructive Corona pandemic. The largest vaccination campaign of the world has been rapidly started in the country. Decisive victory of India in the war against Covid-19 is expected. The Government has increased the health budget by 137 per cent as compared to previous year to strengthen health infrastructure which is unprecedented. The Government has proposed to introduce 'Pradhanmantri Aatmnibhar Swasth Bharat Scheme' with Rs. 64180 crore under health budget in the budget. Aatmnibhar package of Rs. 20 lakh crore was announced to improve the economy of the country affected due to

Corona Pandemic which has been increased to Rs. 24 lakh crore. Funds has been released to promote MSME sector during this period. While extending Ujjawal Yojana, a proposal to add one crore women beneficiary to this scheme is proposed. A provision of Rs. 1000 crore made for the women tea workers of Assam and Bengal and their children. The Government is dedicated and committed towards giving priority to agriculture reforms and farmers', the Government has made provision to increase MSP by 1.5 times of farmers' produce. Provision has been made to connect 1000 Mandis to national e-bazaar. The scope of operation Green Yojana value addition in agriculture and related produce and their export. Thirteen lakh twenty seven thousand farmers have subscribed for crop insurance and paid more than Rs. 812 crore as premium in Haryana under Pradhanmantri Fasal Beema Yojana. Haryana is the only State are done at MSP than which procure highest quantity of agricultural produce of MSP than any other State. Three agriculture laws have been enacted during Corona period. Procurement at MSP has also increased after the enactment of these laws. To strengthen the economy of the country, Government has proposed the investment of Rs. 20000 crore in Public Sector Banks, increasing the FDI threshold by 74 per cent and to simplify the process of Startup in 2021-22 Budget. Provision of making public transport more accessible to people has been made in the budget. This budget is very balanced and budget of public interest.

**DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:** Telangana is a revenue-surplus State and last year, our GDP was 8.2 per cent and it was 9.5 per cent the year before that. I request the hon. Finance Minister to show some magnanimity to Telangana and also give us due share in the Budget and the Finance Commission because this is a newly formed State of Mother India. Telangana Chief Minister KCR garu had invested over Rs. 80,500 crore on the Kaleswaram project to cater to an ayacut of 45 lakh hectares in 21 Districts and it also meets the requirement of drinking water in both Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Kaleswaram project should be accorded national status on

the lines of Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh. The Finance Minister announced that Telangana would get Rs. 16,726 crore but we have got only Rs. 11,721 crore which is a deficit of Rs. 5,000 crore. I request the Finance Minister to give us the exact figures so that we can plan the programmes. My constituency Chevella which is a part of Rangareddy district and Hyderabad, the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission pointed out that 52 per cent of the total revenue in the State comes from four districts that is Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Mancherial and Sangareddy whereas funds were not allocated as we requested for extension of MMTS. I request the Finance Minister to consider one freight corridor in Telangana. Telangana has a huge potential in producing cotton and we have a very big section of weaver community. The Government of Telangana has proposed a textile park in Warangal district on 1200 hectares of land and it has allocated Rs. 1552 crore. I request the Finance Minister to please consider this facility and convert into a mega textile park so that it can give employment opportunities to about 1.5 lakh people. Vikarabad-Raichur Krishna is the dream of the people of my district of Rangareddy. I request the Finance Minister to please consider this project and also to extend the MMTS from Falaknuma to Shamshabad and to Miyapur. Telangana is a hub for pharma sector. I request the Government to consider establishing this virology lab there. Also, I request the Finance Minister to consider the Kazipet coach factory and the Bayyaram steel plant.

**SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE** : Sir, I stand here to speak on the Budget. COVID really added to all the bad policies which were taken by this Government. I would like to just highlight, and just take two minutes about the U-turns of this Government. GST, Right to Education, NREGA, Aadhar, were initiated by the previous government. During the COVID time, everybody who lost their jobs in the city went back to their villages and the only saviour there was MGNREGA and that is how thousands and thousands of families have survived. The hon. Prime Minister talked about 'intent versus content'. Everybody has a good intent. Why is the Government running away

from Committees? Committees are very good institutions. A good feedback is taken. The Government should open his arms, call the farmers and resolve the issue. If the Government really wants to work around the farmers, let us stop this conflict because any aberration like this is not helping any of us. There are two points that I need to bring to the notice of this Government. The Government is talking about the GST compensation. The GST compensation that the Central Government owes us, is Rs.26,597 crore. If you give us that money, we will be happy to give free vaccine. The Finance Minister of India has taken twelve crores from every MP without even asking us. On the other hand, the Finance Minister of Maharashtra has made sure that every MLA, from all the four Parties, including from the Opposition, gets Rs. 5 crore every year without cut. The other thing is with regard to the FRBM Act. Now, the FRBM Act is something of really a concern for us. You have to very urgently bring this Act because we cannot borrow. Another u-turn of this Government is the PMC Bank issue. Now, I come to the non-performing assets and jobs. Now, I come to MUDRA loans. There is so much of mixed reactions. I really do not know what truth the Government is saying. Non-utilisation of cess revenue is another way to ill-treat the States. You collect all the cess. Nothing comes to us. Now, there is a new agriculture cess. The CAG Report said that whatever monies have come - have either not fully been transferred to the dedicated fund or remains unutilized. So, I think you owe it to the States. In your Government, New Education Policy emphasises on doubling the Government's expenditure for education. You have reduced it. One last point, I want to bring to the notice of this Government is about the NBFCs. There is no regulation for this NBFCs. I do understand the Finance Minister has had her own challenges with COVID. On the ground, it is exceptionally grim – be it the farmers issue or be it the unemployment issue.

**SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY:** This year's budget has been brought after the pandemic. This budget will not only be a panacea for the economy but with this general budget, world will get to see the new economically strong

India. This year, the Minister of Finance presented a paperless General Budget. We are about to complete 75 years of freedom for this purpose, an amount of Rs. 34 lacs 80 thousand crore has been provided in this budget. The budget of this new India is themed as 'Aspiration India'. We have become the fifth largest economy of the world. The work has been done for the realization of the dream of Antyodaya of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay along with it, the dream of Gram Swaraj of Mahatma Gandhi, the dream of social justice of Baba Saheb Ambedkar, dream of Ek Bharat–Shreshth Bharat of Sardar Patel and 'Samata Samaj' of Lohia. Modi Government has focused on three major points that is aspiration India, economic growth and caring society. In the year 2020-2021, the Government has set the target to achieve ten percent development rate (GDP) our Government is committed to double the income of farmers by year 2022. In this budget, special emphasis has been laid on villages and poor. Five new agricultural hubs will be created in country. More than one thousand 'Mandi' would be connected online. 17,788 rural and 11,024 urban health wellness centres would be opened. 100 more Sainik Schools will be established to boost and expand the level of education. Target has been set to establish 750 Eklavya Model Residential Schools. The Central Government has allocated Rs. 99,300 crore for education budget. An announcement has been made in the budget to start apprenticeship courses in 150 higher educational institutions. Facility of Ind & SAT would be provided in Asia and Africa under Study India Programme with the aim to make India a hub of higher education. In the year 2018-19, a transaction of Rs. 7 lakh crore has been done through direct benefit transfer. Modi Government has increased the coverage of social security for the welfare of more than 50 crore labourers and workers. Efforts are being made by the Government to promote manufacturing industry through new schemes for mobile, electronic manufacturing. The Government has formulated National Rail Scheme, 2030. Electric trains will run on 46 thousand kilometer railway line. For the first time, digital census would be conducted in the history of India for this purpose, Rs.

3768 crore has been allocated. I would like to draw the attention of the House to the necessity of establishing Central Dry land Agriculture University in Western Rajasthan for the development of agriculture in the State of Rajasthan and would like to state that despite of the adverse conditions in dry land the native people are actively engaged in agriculture and they can bring about second green revolution if they are provided education related to agriculture. For this purpose, keeping in view the need of special research on the geographical and climatic conditions of this region, it is necessary to set up a separate Central Dryland Agriculture University. I would like to draw the attention of the House towards my constituency area Pali in western Rajasthan and would like to state that due to acute shortage of better medical facilities in rural area, people have to face many health related problems. It is my request to establish a centre for rural health on Jodhpur-Nagaur Road in my constituency area Pali. Most of the area of Pali and Jodhpur districts in my Parliamentary Constituency falls in rural and tribal region. There has been a long pending demand for establishing stadium and sports infrastructure in this area. National Highway No. 89 (Ajmer-Nagaur) is situated in my constituency and the surrounding area of this highway is very backward. Development of this Road will facilitate connectivity and economic development in the State. I urge the Government to declare the important State Highway No. 58 (Medta to Khepara via Gotan-Aasop-Palari) passing through my Parliamentary Constituency as National Highway. I urge the Government to clear the following district-wise proposals namely (a) Pali - Strengthening and Widening -21 km (Sardar Samandar-Pali-Ramsiya-Nadaur-Desuri) (b) Jodhpur-Strengthening and renovation – 20 km (Dantiwara to Medhtacity) (c) Jodhpur- strengthening, widening and renovation- 12.50 km (Bilara-Jaitivas-Tharasani-Sojut City-Marwar Junction Road, (d) Jodhpur-Strengthening and Renovation- 16 km – (Sattin to Gotan via Khangta Palri Siddha, Talanpur Road) (e) Jodhpur- Strengthening and Renovation – 9 km- (Sardar Samand to Khepada via Champra, Lenara,

Hungaon, Olvi Road – (f) Pali Karyalya and Mokalsar Road – (M.D.R. 203) 9/0 10 kms to 19/0- Renovation of a dilapidated road. I request the Government to approve these proposals under CRF Scheme for Pali constituency area. I urge the Government to establish Rake point in my Pali constituency area at Jawai Bandh Station. In my Parliamentary Constituency, there are 20 to 25 railway station of Ajmer & Jodhpur rail division, there is a need to provide halt for maximum number of trains passing through the constituency. I urge the Government to finalise one Eklavya School for tribal students in my Parliamentary Constituency Pali. I urge the Government to consider linking of Gagghar-Yamuna-Jojari-Luni-Sabarmati Rivers and finalise this project. The additional water from Sabarmati Basin may be diverted to Jawai River to solve the drinking water problem of Pali, Jalaur, Sirohi and surrounding areas. I urge the Government to accord sanction to Jawai Dam Replenishment project to tackle the acute problem of drinking water and irrigation in Western Rajasthan. This is a revolutionary budget, the economy of the country would be strengthened. This budget will provide large scale opportunities to rural farmers, workers, backward classes, minorities and women. I fully support this budget.

**SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:** This Budget makes the highest allocation for infrastructure development and capital asset creation. By virtue of the Indian model of handling COVID-19, the lowest fatality rate of 1.4 per cent in the country has been possible. India is one of the few countries that have indigenously developed and manufactured COVID-19 vaccine. We have distributed and supplied vaccines to 15 countries. The Government has positively transformed every aspect of India's life. This is the most reformist Government in the history of India. FDI in Defence, FDI in insurance, GST are the biggest reforms of Independent India. India has improved in its Ease of Doing Business ranking by 79 positions. India is no longer the country having the greatest number of poor people. We issued 22.41 crore soil health cards to our farmers. We built 10.75 crore toilets for the poor. We ensured

100 per cent electrification of India's villages. We opened bank accounts of 41.75 crore poorest of the poor Indians through the PM Jan Dhan Yojana. We have sanctioned 2.11 lakh kilometers of road connectivity for villages under the Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana since 2014. We gave assistance of Rs. 6,000 crore to 11.58 crore farmers under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. We gave insurance under the Fasal Bima Yojana to 8.85 crore farmers of this country. The Budget focuses on agricultural infrastructure. The Government has built one-third of all National Highways in India in just the last six years. By 2024, all of Indian Railways will be 100 per cent electrified, leading to fuel savings of about Rs. 14,500 crore per annum. I thank the Finance Minister for sanctioning Rs. 15,000 crore to Bengaluru Metro Airport Line. The Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme brings together 318 schemes of the Government from 53 ministries. We have also saved close to Rs. 1.78 lakh crore by preventing leakages. Rs. 1,500 crore has been earmarked in this Budget for further encouraging digital payments. The National Language Translation Mission will make governance and policy related knowledge available on the internet in major Indian languages. SWAMITVA Project aims at digitizing rural land records. Abolishing and resolving the issue of angel tax, enabling direct listing of Indian companies on Foreign Exchange have supported Indian start-ups. The National Research Foundation has been allocated Rs. 50,000 crore. We have taken the leadership in the world today by starting International Solar Alliance. The Budget also promises a Hydrogen Mission. It is good for the country's energy security. One Nation-One Ration Card or the amendments made to the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act show that the Government is more sensitive and caring. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and my State, Karnataka have got the highest allocation of budget compared to any of the previous budgets.

**ADV. A. M. ARIFF** : I thank hon. Chairperson for giving me the opportunity to speak. This budget is an advertisement for disinvestment. The

Left Government in Kerala has shown how the Public Sector Undertakings could be revived and utilized to serve the people. I want to know whether this Government has brought in any single progressive legislation like RTI Act and MGNREGA. Petrol prices are going to touch Rs. 100 a litre and gas prices are reaching near Rs. 1000. The Government is trying to fool by using the words like 'AatmaNirbhar'. The Government wants to sell the prime property that belongs to NH-66 to private parties at cheaper rates. Situation is not different in the case of the thermal power plant owned by NTPC in Kayamkulam. This is also in my constituency. A Kendriya Vidyalaya attached with the NTPC plant is going to be closed down. This will affect the future of thousands of students studying in this Kendriya Vidyalaya. I request the Government that this project may be converted into a general sector. By writing off everything to the corporate, nothing will remain to be governed by the Government. Every year the Government is cutting down the allocation for MGNREGA. Without paying heed to the decade-old demands like railway zone, an Ayurveda research institute, AIIMS etc. in the state of Kerala, the Government says that it has earmarked Rs. 65,000 crore for the national highway development. But even a substantial portion of this is a repetition of the already sanctioned projects. The Union Budget, 2021 hides the grim realities on the ground.

**SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:** I welcome the innovative works which are shown in this year's Budget. I would like to draw the attention of our Water Resources Minister towards the fact that CW Research centre is located at Pune. If you grant sufficient funds for further development and research at this institute, it would be beneficial for the drinking water projects in our country. Pune is an emerging and fast expanding city. A Metro project is underway, kindly make further necessary provision to support this Pune Metro Rail Project. I thank Hon. Railway Minister Shri Piyush Goyal ji for sanctioning all the rail connectivity projects whether it is airport line extension or other rail projects in Pune. During this Corona pandemic, Central

Government has sanctioned Rs. 6310 crore for my State Maharashtra. Through the development of more infrastructure projects, this Government is focusing on employment generation. The Government is providing loans and aids to jobless youth to start small businesses. This Government is focusing on the empowerment of women through various welfare schemes regarding education and research. In this budget, Rs. 38,000 crore has been sanctioned for the welfare of tribals. Hon. Modi ji has announced the Nal Se Jal scheme to ensure the supply of drinking water to every household.

**SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA :** Every important point has been taken into consideration in this budget. Gas pipeline connectivity is being given in the urban areas and 100 new cities will be connected to this gas pipeline. There is a large tribal area in my Lok Sabha constituency, where more than seven lakh tribal students and people live. Amravati is our divisional headquarters. Two public health units, two public emergency operation centers and a mobile hospital should be established here. A hospital should be opened exclusively for women in my area. My district Vidarbha comes under severe drought zone. Therefore, I request to provide a fund of 100 crore rupees under Jal Jeevan Mission to provide water connection in every house. Cotton production is very high in Vidarbha region. Therefore, a textile park should be set up in Amravati to help cotton growing farmers. There are 24 tribal areas in my district where there is no light facility. Light should be arranged here. The metropolitan municipality Amravati should be connected to the city gas distribution network to facilitate women. Two Eklavya schools should be set up in Anjangaon and Surji in our area. One of the 100 Sainik Schools declared in the budget should be given in our Amravati district. Attention should be paid to Bharat Dynamics Limited project. Approval has been received for conversion of Akola, Akot, Telai, Dhulghat, Dhabka, Khandwa railway line to broad gauge. This line should be made operational as soon as possible. MPLAD Fund should also be made available to all Members of Parliament this year.

**SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI** : Atmanirbhar Bharat Budget is a confident, bold, ambitious and self-reliant budget of a transformed India. I congratulate the Finance Minister for presenting a dynamic and visionary budget. For the first time in the history of India, the budgetary allocation for public health spending has been proposed to be increased by 137 percent. This was very much needed. India's frontline health workers need to be praised and adequately compensated. In this budget, additional revenue of 30000 crore rupees will be collected by cess on petrol, diesel, which will go only in the interest of farmers. The budget of Ministry of Women and Child Development has been raised by 16.31 percent which has never happened before. The government has not only worked to bring the derailed economy back on track due to the Covid crisis, but now the economy is running at a fast pace. GST's record collection is proof of this. India has developed in the last six and a half years so much which was never seen during the 6 to 7 decades since independence. India is becoming more powerful today and the value of Indians is increasing in the whole world.

**SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH** : This Budget is being presented during the times of Corona pandemic. It has gone through many pressures and pulls. It is difficult to present a Budget that can satisfy a vast country like ours. There is a need to strengthen our States. There is a need to provide industrial incentives to create employment. In my parliamentary constituency, Kakinada 10,000 acres were given by farmers at nominal rates, to set up a SEZ. Even now industries have not been set up. Funds for Polavaram Project are still pending. I request the Government to take special interest to connect Kakinada to main line through Sarpavaram. MPLAD funds also may be continued at the earliest. The Government should reconsider privatization of the steel plant in Visakhapatnam. Regarding LIC also, we have received so many representations. I request that IIFT may be set up at the earliest. Kindly also sanction a building for the Kendriya Vidyalaya in my

constituency. Finally I would like to request ENCORE project in my constituency.

**DR. SANGHAMITRA MAURYA:** This budget is unprecedented because in this budget the huge financial provisions have been made to save the country from Corona pandemic by increasing the employment opportunities indirectly. The Government has paid special attention towards agriculture and farmers. Prices of crops has been fixed 1.5 times of the Minimum Support Price (MSP). A budget of Rs. 15,700 crore has been provided to small and medium enterprises (MSME). MSME sector will definitely benefitted by technical and financial facilities provided by the Government. Our Government has not compromised with Defence budget. Even during Corona crisis. Hon'ble Finance Minister has helped in taking the goal of 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' to a new dimension. A comprehensive approach can be seen in this Budget for making the country self-reliant. Hon'ble Finance Minister has made extensive improvement in health sector and increased the health budget by 137%. Education sector has been promoted in the budget and emphasis has been given on implementation of new education policy, skill development, research and innovation. This Budget gives thrust to strengthen the agricultural sector of the country, and to boost the income of farmers. For further strengthening of APMC, provision of assistance from Agriculture Infrastructure Fund has been made. This budget is completely up to the expectations of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas.

**SHRI GANESH SINGH :** Budget 2021-22 will fully strengthen the self-sufficient India emerging on the global stage in the new decade. In this budget, all including villagers, poor people, farmers, women, youths, old people and businessmen have been taken care of. Budget 2021-22 presented now is of 34.83 lakh crores which is double the budget for the year 2013-14. How this budget could made possible without any developmental works? Earlier, there were 3.31 crores taxpayers in the country. Today, this number has reached up to six crores and fifty lakhs. This is the biggest example of

growing economy. The decision to set up 'Bad Banks' to strengthen the banking sector mentioned in the budget is a commendable step. The industries that couldn't operate at the time of lockdown whether it is heavy industries, MSME industries, street vendors and others were given liquidity. The budget made elaborate arrangements for the development of basic infrastructure, Swasth Bharat Mission, Jal-Jeevan Mission, agricultural reforms and farmer welfare, security of the country and new education policy. After the recommendation of 15th finance commission, States will get 41.8 percent share from central taxes. The outcome of the 20 lakh crore economic package given for 'Atma nirbhar Bharat' during the Corona period is being visible now. P.L.I scheme has been made to cover 13 sectors to make manufacturing global champions. For this, a provision of 1.92 lakh crores has been made. Target has been fixed to set up critical care hospital blocks in 602 districts and 12 central institutions in the country. During the last six years, the Government has set up 175 new medical colleges and 22 new AIIMS hospitals. Through Ayushman Bharat Yojana, more than one and a half crores of poor people got free treatment. 3600 crores worth medicines have been provided to poor people at cheap price through Jan-Aushadhi Kendras. The second focus of budget is given to agricultural reforms and farmer's welfare. Ten thousand FPOs are being constituted. This will be important especially for poor farmers. The benefit of three important agriculture amendment laws is going to be received immediately by more than ten crores small farmers in the country. Based on the recommendation of Swaminathan Committee, MSP has been kept at more than one and a half times of the cost of production. The budget for Micro irrigation scheme has been doubled from its earlier budget of 5,000 crores. Earlier, there were only three items in operation green – tomato, onion and potato, now, 22 green vegetables have been included in this. This is remarkable. I request to set up a green park in the Maihar area of my Parliamentary Constituency, Satna. The Government has implemented Swamitva Yojana benefitting crores of people so far. During the Corona

period, 80 crores people have been given 5 kg food grains for eight months free of cost. 2 lakh crores has been directly transferred through Jan-Dhan, Aadhar and mobile. 14 crores free gas cylinders have been distributed. 8 crore women were given free cooking gas. Hon.Finance Minister has announced to provide 1 crore new gas connections through Ujjwala Yojana. 2 crores poor people were provided houses. 10 crores toilets have been built protecting the honor of sisters and daughters. 'Har Ghar Jal' is a big scheme for which a provision of 2.87 lakh crore has been made. The length of national highways has increased from 51,287 km to 1,36,155 kms. N.H.74 in my Parliamentary Constituency connects Naugaon, Bamitha, Khajuraho, Satna and Sidhi. Please complete the unfinished work in this route. The D.P.R of Ayodhya-Chitrakoot national highway is ready. Please sanction it. Kindly provide budget provision for the national highway sanctioned from Satna to Simariya via Allahabad. Lord Rama stayed at Chitrakoot for 11 years. Please set up a museum there. I request to set up a Sainik School in Satna Parliamentary Constituency now among the 100 new Sainik schools that are going to be set up in the country.

**SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:** This Budget has full impact of COVID. The GDP of the country is in minus. Banking sector is also in distress due to COVID, the number of the unemployed has increased and as a result inflation has also gone up. Maharashtra pays highest tax to the Central Government. About Rs. 25,000 crore of GST is still due to Maharashtra. MPLADS has been discontinued for two years. In this Budget, it has been announced that persons above the age of 75 years are not required to file ITR. But those who want to take refund, will have to file ITR. Hon'ble Minister please clarify. The sooner the Government decides about all the chitfund Banks banned by ED, people will get relief. The rate of diesel and petrol certainly affects the common man. The government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal of three thousand eight hundred crore rupees for river improvement. Not a single rupee has been allocated till date for the cleaning

of two rivers from your side. Less than 50 per cent work has been carried out under MNREGA and Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana. There is need to pay attention towards it.

**SUSHRI DIYA KUMARI:** The Budget fulfils the Government's commitment to make the country truly Aatmanirbhar and a Vishwaguru. During the pandemic, our Government distributed foodgrains, free cooking gas or direct cash transfers to cater to our farmers, women, elderly, the poor and the needy. Realizing the importance of health institutions, this Government has increased the health expenditure by 137 per cent. With the production of two COVID-19 vaccines in our country, we are extremely proud of our scientists and medical fraternity for achieving this. Rolling out of the Pradhan Mantri Aatmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana will help in developing capacities of public healthcare systems. Jal Jeevan Mission is a huge boon for the State of Rajasthan as there is a huge water scarcity in our State. Mission POSHAN 2.0 is a concentrated effort to eradicate malnutrition and nurture our children and pregnant women. Setting up of Mega Investment Textile Parks will strengthen the textile sector and MSMEs. Additional 11,000 kilometres of national highways, introduction of 'MetroLite' and 'MetroNeo', Dedicated Western and Eastern Freight Corridors will help to create infrastructure, employment opportunities and uplift the Tier-2 cities. I am deeply grateful to our hon. Prime Minister for bringing legal reforms, political reforms and social reforms. The Budget focuses on qualitative strengthening of 15,000 schools, which is a big step towards implementation of the National Education Policy. I welcome the decision of opening Sainik and Eklavya Model Schools. Regarding farmers, our Government is steadily increasing procurement at an MSP 1.5 times higher than the cost of production. With the changing times, the increasing use of AI and modern technology has helped in identifying tax evasion. I express my sincere gratitude for an all-embracing and prudently curative Union Budget.

**SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:** Farmers are not only the food providers but protect the nation also. Mostly children of the farmers are deployed at the borders, whom you have left in bad state in such a shivering cold condition. There is nothing for farmers, officers and labourers in the budget. You have given nothing to. You have given nothing to anyone in this budget. In this tough time you are spending thousand crores on construction of the New Parliament. You have deducted salaries of officials and those of ours. You have deducted arrears of officials. Had you given time of a week or ten days to the labourers trapped in different parts of the country when trains and buses were operating, they would have reached home. You have not come up with the law on minimum support price. You are going to sell BPCL, Shipping Corporation, Containers Corporation, IDBI Bank, Pawanhans, Neelanchal Ispaat and BEML. You are also going to sell Air India, though it is a different thing that there are no buyers for them. Operation of several trains in my area has been stopped. I would like to request hon'ble Minister of Railways to start their operation. The work of flyovers and medical College in Jaunpur may be completed. A Central School and a sugar mill may be established in Jaunpur district. The number of Yadav and Ahir in the cadre of officers and soldiers in Force is very high in India. So, the formation of Ahir Regiment is necessary.

**SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:** This budget has the perception of reality as well as the trust of development. It has also the vision of self-reliance and all-round development. Villages and farmers are in the centre of this budget. It is aimed at generating employment opportunity. It has the target of opening one hundred new Sainik schools in education sector. Crores of families have availed the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. The amount of Rs. 500 has been credited regularly in bank accounts to each of the poor women for three months. The hon'ble Prime Minister of our country has provided the facility of toilet to crores of the families in the country. This is for the first time when the hon'ble Prime Minister has expressed his concern to increase the income of the farmers. The Union Government will send the amount of Rs.

65000 crore in farmers' accounts. Hon'ble Modi ji has expressed concern over the pension to the farmers. The provision of Rs. 350000 crore has been made for Covid vaccine. Aatma Nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana has been announced in this budget. Crores of such families have been provided houses in India. For my constituency I would like to make a demand of road providing connectivity to the districts of three Lok Sabha constituencies- Gwalior, Bhind and Etawah. This road is required to be upgraded by making it six-lane road. Bhind is a district falling under my parliamentary constituency. This is the most backward district. I have a demand of opening a medical college over there.

**SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI :** The Prime Minister has provided electricity to every household of the country under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Yojana so that the children of the poor can also study well under electric light. Under the Ujjwala Yojana, free gas connections were given to more than eight crore women. He has provided the treatment facility of upto Rupees five lakh to more than 50 crore poor people of India through Ayushman Bharat Yojana. The Health budget has been increased by 137 percent. Our government has connected one thousand *mandis* with the e-market. Our Government has made a provision of 100 Sainik schools by making a new education policy. I would like to highlight the achievement of India in terms of Defence. We also do air strikes and surgical strikes. At the time of Corona, there was chaos in the whole country. Everyone was worried about what would happen to India, as it has a population of 130 crore. India is the country which has taken the lead in making a vaccine and providing it to the world. Our country is often used to demand for things. Today you have seen that the world is asking us to provide a vaccine. People from 90 countries have asked us to provide them the vaccine of Covid. We have given Covid vaccine to all the friendly countries free of cost. No country can ignore the significance of India. I demand from my Government that a SEZ zone be set up in Purvanchal. That zone should be tax free so that industries and businesses may get a boost and

employment is created. My Constituency Basti, is adjoining Ayodhya. Holy river Manohar flows along with sacred Makhoda Dham. The river Manohar should be cleaned and developed by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

**SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHOUHAN** : Today, not only India but the entire world is facing economic slow down and corona has been the main reason for the same. But despite the same Hon. Minister of Finance has presented a good budget for making country's infrastructure robust to enable a concrete foundation and clean India. Before our Government came to power the entire world used to laugh at India but during the last six years, the entire world has seen India rising , its image has improved , and our Honourable Prime Minister has done the work for the same by focusing on strengthening every village of the country and thereby empowering every farmer of the country. The Union Government provides for Rupees 35 thousand 219 crore under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. There are around 7,000 mandis in the country. Mandi Committee never dissolves. Mandis are still functioning . The Congress Party has not waived off even a single penny after collecting votes under the pretext and sloganeering of false promises to waive off entire loans. My Parliamentary Constituency is Sri Ganganagar and it is a border area . Rupees 10 per litre increase in diesel has taken place in Punjab and Haryana adjacent to my Parliamentary Constituency. I urge upon you to rectify the said rate after consultation with State Governments . Diesel and Petrol are the most expensive in my constituency Sri Ganganagar compared to the entire country. If there is highest production of Kinnow in Asian continent, it is in Sri Ganganagar. Through you, I urge the Government to fix MSP on Kinnow and carrot on the lines of coconut. There is always a shortage of canal water in Rajasthan. Rajasthan is still not getting full supply of water. Kindly ensure that Rajasthan gets its fair share of water.

**SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:** If Government would have introduced agriculture Bills with consent of farmers' Union and farmers it would have brought cheers throughout the country and the agitation that is going on presently, would not have started. Government must think about these agitating farmers. During Corona period , their crops and milk all were spoiled. After conducting the survey of their loss, Government should give monetary assistance to the farmer so that they could feel a sense of belongingness with the Government. There are three Commissionerates in my constituency i.e. Meerut ,Muzaffarnagar and Bijnor. I want that a Central School should be opened in Bijnor, Sainik School should be opened in Muzaffarnagar and a training centre should be set up in the capital of Western Uttar Pradesh i.e. Meerut and farmers should be trained there for doubling of their income. Gujjar community is also a brave community and have always sacrificed their lives for the nation. There are a number of languages spoken on Jammu and Kashmir border like Dogari,Punjabi and Urdu so, I request that Gurjari should also be included in the list of states languages.

**DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR :** The message of this budget is to make India self reliant. Corona virus unleashed crisis during last year. At that time the government provided free foodgrains free Ujjawala gas cylinder, cash amount in Jan Dhan account and P.M Kissan Samman Nidhi. Sound health is necessary for the people of the country. Investment in this sector has been made to the maximum extend. Corona vaccine and pneumococcal vaccine are being provided throughout the country. Foodgrains were given to migrant workers on 'one nation one ration card'. Concessional credit boost, animal husbandry development and agriculture marketing reform will be very beneficial. Swamitva Yojana will be implemented in entire country. 750 Eklavya Residential Schools are under construction in tribal area. A provision of Rs. 2092 crores has been made for Nasik Metro. More than 100 Kisan Rails are running in the country presently maize and paddy were purchase at MSP

on a large scale in Maharashtra during last year. A special attention was paid to smooth transportation of agriculture produce during lockdown. All these decisions are benefitting our farmers. An announcement has been made for construction of Surat-Chennai National Highway that will increase connectivity. Budget allocation for MSME sector has been made double in comparison to last year. Attention has been paid to agriculture irrigation, rural development, education, health, water, sanitation and skill development, in the budget support this budget.

*The Discussion was not concluded.*

**UTPAL KUMAR SINGH**  
**Secretary General**

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