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## **Hon'ble Speaker and Respected Members!**

1. I feel immense pleasure in addressing the first session of the newly formed fifteenth Haryana Vidhan Sabha. I extend my best wishes to all of you upon becoming members of this August House and warmly welcome you all.

2. The people of the State have enthusiastically participated in the recently concluded election process and have sent you as advocates of their rights to this Assembly, the State's Supreme Panchayat. I am confident that, as legislators, you will fulfill your responsibilities with full dedication and commitment.

3. Among the ninety members of this fifteenth Assembly, there are forty members who have been elected for the first time. I extend a special welcome to all these members. In the fourteenth Assembly, only nine women members ('Navratnas'), were elected. I am pleased that this number has increased by nearly one and half times, reaching thirteen this time.

4. This August House is the flag bearer of the aspirations of Two Crore and Seventy Five Lakh people of the State. Now, it is your utmost responsibility to meet the expectations of the people.

5. For the fair and peaceful elections held in the State, the vigilant voters of the State, the Election Commission of India,

and all officers and employees associated with the election process deserve appreciation.

6. My Government has received a historic and decisive mandate in these elections. This mandate is a strong expression of the people's unwavering trust and faith in the existing policies and programmes of the Government. It indicates that people support a corruption-free, transparent administration and inclusive development. This mandate is a clear testament to the fact that the people of the State have embraced the Government's policies, expressing their trust and support through their votes.

7. This is for the first time in the history of Haryana that people have shown trust in a Government for the third consecutive time.

8. The Two Thousand Twenty Four election has been an election based on trust in 'Neeti, Niyat, Nishtha aur Nirnay' (Policy, Intent, Integrity, and Decisions). My Government has carried forward a mission of service, security, good governance, cooperation, and upliftment of the Antyodaya for the last ten years, and this mandate is an endorsement of that mission. This is a mandate that the work of developing Haryana should continue non-stop and we should continue achieving our goals. The Government will continue to move forward with the spirit of 'Rajya ke vikas se desh ka Vikas'

(Development of the State contributes to the development of the Nation)

9. Today, I feel immense satisfaction in saying that my Government, over the past ten years, has worked beyond the narrow mindset of regionalism and family-based politics. Also, the State Government has focused on 'Shiksha, Swasthya, Suraksha, Swavalamban aur Swabhimaan' (Education, Health, Security, Self-reliance, and Self-respect), giving new energy and momentum to the State's development. The vision of Antyodaya by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya has not only guided my Government but also embodies the core principle of "Haryana Ek-Haryanvi Ek" in all our efforts.

10. My Government envisages Haryana as a vibrant, dynamic and resurgent State of India. A State where farms have abundance of produce; the wheels of industry grind uninterrupted, ample employment opportunities are available for the youth, and sisters and daughters feel safe, empowered and self-reliant. A Haryana where farmers get remunerative prices for their crops, no one is left unemployed, businesses prosper, the needy receive all the benefits of development and no one feels neglected.

11. My Government, following the guiding principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, has provided equal

opportunities for every section to progress in the State. The Prime Minister considers the poor, youth, women, and farmers as the four pillars of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India).

12. My Government has oriented its policies toward strengthening these pillars. The Government's effort is to ensure that every Government scheme benefits them, as this is the path to their upliftment and welfare. When the Government works with the resolve that not a single eligible person should be left out from receiving the benefits of any Government scheme, then every penny spent from the treasury is utilized in public interest.

13. The difference between the Haryana a decade ago and Haryana today is crystal clear. Be it per capita income, the development of industries, social security and welfare or the initiation of innovation in agriculture, today Haryana has a strong presence on the national stage in every aspect. With the synergy of science and technology, our agriculture-dominant State is advancing rapidly on the path of progress.

14. This vision is not just a mere imagination; it is a positive and achievable reality. My Government has devised a proper strategy to achieve this vision at the ground level. For the next five years, working for the betterment of every section and region of the State will be my Government's priority.

## **Agriculture**

### **Hon'ble Members!**

15. Haryana is an agrarian State, so the welfare of farmers is at the core of my Government's policies. In this direction, my Government has recently eradicated the colonial-era "abiyana" (a traditional tax). Haryana has become the first State in the country where Twenty Four crops are purchased at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). Due to the delayed monsoon this year, farmers had to arrange additional resources for the sowing of Kharif crops, which increased the cost of cultivation. To provide relief, my Government has given a bonus of Rs. Two Thousand per acre to every farmer for all Kharif crops. This is the first time in the history of Haryana that such a step has been taken.

16. In the Rabi season of Two Thousand Twenty Three and Two Thousand Twenty Four, over Rs. One Hundred Thirty Three Crore and Seventy Five Lakh have been released as compensation to Forty Nine Thousand farmers for the crop losses due to natural disasters.

17. My Government has transferred Rs. One Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Crores into the bank accounts of Twelve Lakh farmers through the 'e-Kharid' portal, directly benefiting them from MSP-based crop purchases.

18. Considering the current needs of the State, my Government is making changes to the State's agricultural

system. Policies are being designed and several decisions are being taken with the aim of making farmers more self-reliant and increasing their income.

19. Today, fake fertilizers, seeds, and pesticides have become a major challenge for the agricultural sector. My Government will enact strict laws to impose a ban of such practices and will ensure that farmers receive Hundred Percent compensation.

20. In view of the shortage of irrigation water, my Government will promote the cultivation of crops that require less water. Farmers will be given an amount of Rs. Ten Thousand per acre if they sow alternative crops or keep their fields fallow instead of growing paddy.

21. My Government is establishing a vast network of cooperative organizations, such as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and PACS, to empower our farmers and enhance rural prosperity. The Government will establish Five Hundred State-of-the-Art CM-PACS that will serve as One-Stop Centers for training, marketing, and providing financial services for farmers. FPOs and PACS will be provided with interest-free loans up to Rs. One Crore for building warehouses for grain storage.

22. Also, farmers will continue to receive crop purchase payments through DBT within Forty Eight hours.

## **Water Resources and Irrigation**

### **Hon'ble Members!**

23. Water scarcity has emerged as a global challenge today. Therefore, my Government is committed to optimizing the use of every drop of water and preventing wastage in its distribution. Infrastructure improvements in canals will continue. Policies for micro-irrigation, rejuvenation of Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen ponds and treatment and management of wastewater will be continued.

24. My Government is committed to securing its legitimate share of water from the Ravi and Beas rivers and completing the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal. Continuous and firm advocacy is being done in these issues.

## **Women and Child Development**

### **Hon'ble Members!**

25. The honorarium of Anganwadi workers has been increased by Rs. Seven Hundred Fifty and Helpers by Rs. Four Hundred per month. Anganwadi workers with Ten years of experience are now receiving Rs. Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, those with less than Ten Years of experience and mini Anganwadi workers are getting Rs. Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty and Helpers are being paid Rs. Seven Thousand Nine Hundred.



26. The 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' campaign, started by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi in Two Thousand Fifteen from the historic land of Panipat, has played a pivotal role in raising awareness in the State. As a result, the gender ratio in the State has improved from Eight Hundred Seventy One in Two Thousand Fourteen to over Nine Hundred.

27. To offer convenience to female employees, soon a policy will be implemented to give job postings to the Group-C and Group-D female employees in their preferred districts, enabling them to work closer to home. All women working in night shifts will be ensured safe transport facilities.

### **Youth Welfare and Employment**

#### **Hon'ble Members!**

28. My Government is continuously working to create the favourable environment for every youth of the State to dream big and turn those dreams into reality. Over the past ten years, every obstacle that caused youth to struggle or face delays has been eliminated. The Government has abolished interview for recruitment in Group-C and D jobs. In addition, through merit-based recruitment campaigns, the morale of over One Lakh Seventy Thousand youths has been uplifted by providing them with Government jobs without “kharchi-parchi”.

29. Fulfilling its pre-election promise, my Government has provided Government jobs to twenty-six thousand youth.

The Government has also given job security to nearly one Lakh Twenty Thousand contractual employees deployed under HKRN, as well as those employed through Outsourcing Policy, until the retirement date.

30. My Government is committed to providing Government jobs to Two Lakh youth. Apart from this, other employment opportunities will be offered to Five Lakh youth and monthly stipend assistance will also be provided through the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme.

31. For all the youth who pass the CET exam but do not get a job in one year, honorarium of Rs. Nine Thousand per month upto next two years will be given.

32. The Government will provide proper guidance and help to the youth wishing to get employment abroad. The problem of donkey route will be completely eliminated.

## **Education and Skill Development**

### **Hon'ble Members!**

33. Swami Vivekananda ji has said that education should meet the present needs of the Nation and State. For this purpose, my Government has set a target to fully implement the new National Education Policy by next year. With this, now the youth will have the option to study engineering in Indian languages.

34. My Government is committed to make Haryana a centre of global education. Training in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and modern skills will be provided in the State. Top Five Government Engineering Colleges of the State will be made Haryana Institutes of Technology.

35. Today, Haryana is poised to become a leader in geospatial intelligence and space technology. This is based on India's remarkable progress in AI, machine learning and generative AI. Through the Haryana Space Applications Center (HARSAC) under the Citizen Resources Information Department, my Government is advancing community-centered initiatives using Geo-AI to enable socially impactful and inclusive governance.

36. The Government, through a strong task force and with the support of industry partners, is working towards an ambitious vision of designing and building its own satellites.

37. With HARSAC's commitment to public participation, Haryana is poised to make sustainable and community-centric decisions that will keep us at the forefront of space technology and innovation.

## **Sports**

### **Hon'ble Members!**

38. Today our youth are getting new opportunities to move forward in sports as well. Our youth are bringing glory to the

Country and State by achieving great milestones in the world of sports.

39. It is the positive result of effective efforts of my Government that young players of the State are winning medals in record numbers at the global level. We are proud that few days ago, out of the total six medals won by the Country in the Paris Olympics-Two Thousand Twenty Four, Four medals were won by our players. Apart from this, three players from Haryana were part of the Bronze Medal winning Hockey Team. Similarly, out of the Twenty Nine medals won by the Country in the Paralympics, Eight were won by players of Haryana. I, on my behalf, and on behalf of Haryana Government congratulate them.

40. To take these achievements further, my Government is continuously working to take sports infrastructure to the village level. Now, nurseries for different Olympic Games will be setup in every district. Sports incentives up to Rs. Twenty Five Lakh will be made available to every Gram Panchayat.

### **Respect for the brave**

#### **Hon'ble Members!**

41. My Government has made concrete efforts for the encouragement and welfare of brave soldiers in the last Ten Years. The Government has increased the pension for families of Freedom Fighters and their widows to Rs. Forty Thousand per month from July, this year. The Government

has increased the ex-gratia amount for families of soldiers martyred in war to Rs. One Crore.

42. Recently, the pension of Emergency Satyagrahis was increased from Rs. Ten Thousand to Rs. Twenty Thousand. Similarly, the pension of Matribhasha Satyagrahis of Hindi Aandolan-Nineteen Fifty Seven has also been raised to Rs. Twenty Thousand.

43. My Government is committed to giving Government jobs to every Haryanvi Agniveer. Ex-servicemen will be given interest free loan up to Rs. Ten Lakh with payment period of up to Five years. Under Veer Udaan Yojana, Ex-servicemen will be given a lump sum of Rs. Fifty Thousand through DBT for getting vocational training and skill certification. Under Jai Jawan Awas Yojana, the work of building houses for Ex-servicemen will be expedited.

### **Priority to upliftment of the poorest**

#### **Hon'ble Members!**

44. Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar believed that the progress of any society depends on the progress of deprived sections. My Government is committed to the welfare and upliftment of all backward and deprived sections of society. Millions of poor people have benefited by virtue of saturation of various Government schemes. This includes families from Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, and people from every society and every region.

45. For the first time, my Government has instilled in the poor the belief that the Government is truly theirs and that they are an integral part of it. In the last ten years, the empowerment of the poor has been the foundation of achievements and development of the State. The focus on last mile delivery has changed the lives of these sections. This resolve to serve the deprived is true social justice.

46. To benefit the deprived, the Government has implemented the classification of reservation of Scheduled Castes into two categories. Under the Happy Card Scheme, Eighty Four Lakh people in the State are provided free travel facilities up to One Thousand kilometers annually.

47. Under the Ghar-Ghar Grihini Yojana, poor families are being provided domestic gas cylinders for just Rs. Five hundred per month. A registration portal has been launched for this scheme, and so far, Twelve Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand families have done their registration on this portal. Out of this, One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand consumers refilled their gas cylinders in the August month, thereby receiving a subsidy of Rs. Four Crore Seventy Six Lakh.

48. The annual income limit for the creamy layer of backward classes has been raised from Rs. Six Lakh to Rs. Eight Lakh. Additionally, Five percent reservation has been given to the OBC (B) category in Panchayati Raj Institutions and Civic Bodies.

49. Under the Mukhya Mantri Shehri Awas Yojana, Fifteen Thousand poor families have been allotted plots of Thirty Square Yards each in the cities.

50. The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has been implemented to give relief to One Lakh poor families in the State from paying electricity bills and to encourage them to use solar energy.

51. To provide relief to domestic electricity consumers, the Minimum Monthly Charge has been discontinued. Because of this, Nine Lakh Fifty Thousand poor families are being given relief of Two percent to Ninety One percent on their domestic electricity bills.

52. My Government will increase the amount of all social security pensions based on a scientific formula linking Dearness Allowance (DA) and pensions.

53. Separate Welfare Boards with adequate budgets will be setup for the welfare of backward communities (Thirty Six Castes). Additionally, Five Lakh houses will be constructed for the poor in both urban and rural areas.

54. Students of Haryana belonging to Scheduled Castes pursuing engineering from any Government College of the Country will be given full scholarship and Backward Classes' students will be given scholarship upto Rs. Twenty Thousand (Rs. Ten Thousand as Tuition Fee + Rs. Ten Thousand Development Fee).

## **Health and AYUSH**

### **Hon'ble Members!**

55. The progress of any society depends on the health of its members. Therefore, my Government is working to provide healthcare to every person. The State of Haryana is providing free treatment facility of upto Rs Five Lakhs annually to all citizens with annual family income upto Rs. One Lakh Eighty Thousand under 'Chirayu Ayushman Bharat Yojana'. Also under Chirayu extension scheme, this benefit is being provided to families with annual income above Rs. One Lakh Eighty Thousand upto Rs. Three Lakh on annual contribution of Rs. One Thousand Five Hundred only. Now, the amount for free of cost treatment under Chirayu Scheme will be increased to Rs. Ten Lakh annually.

56. Free treatment facility of up to Rs. Five Lakhs is also being provided to senior citizens above Seventy years of age in the State. It is a matter of great pride that my Government has started providing free dialysis services to all kidney disease patients in the State from October Eighteen, Two Thousand and Twenty Four. Presently, dialysis facilities are available in Twenty District Hospitals and the Medical Colleges in Karnal, Nuh, and Rohtak.

57. My Government will increase the number of seats in Medical Colleges to Three Thousand Five Hundred, while ICU will be setup in the Civil Hospital of every District.



58. A Trauma Centre will be established every Sixty kilometers on all National and State Highways. Hundred -Bed Civil Hospitals will be upgraded to Two Hundred Beds and Two Hundred -Bed Civil Hospitals will be upgraded to Three Hundred -Bed Hospitals.

## **Industry and Commerce**

### **Hon'ble Members!**

59. Industry is the basic foundation of our economy. My Government has created an ecosystem of "Ease of doing Business" to accelerate the industrial development of Haryana. The Government has abolished many rules and procedures that created obstacles in granting certificates, licences and permissions. As a result, Haryana has become the preferred destination for investors both nationally and internationally.

60. Along with the traditional Sectors, Sunrise Sectors are also being promoted on mission mode. The NCR region of the State is being developed as a logistics hub. My Government is also making continuous efforts to reduce the logistics cost. Now, the construction work of Integrated Multi modal Logistics Hub in Mahendragarh will be expedited.

61. My Government, in the coming five years, will establish ten Ultra-Modern Industrial Townships in the entire State on the lines of IMT Kharkhoda. In each such Township, special incentives will be given to entrepreneurs for giving employment to Fifty Thousand youth from nearby villages.

62. In this series, EV Park in Rohtak, IT park and Data Centre in Panchkula and Faridabad, world-class logistics hub in Sonipat, Industrial Model Park in Palwal, Footwear Park in Jhajjar, Industrial Cluster in Hisar, Modern Sunflower Oil Mill in Kurukshetra and the Country's largest Mustard Oil Cooperative Mill will be established in Rewari.

63. Apart from Mudra Yojana, the State Government will bear the guarantee of a loan upto Rs. Twenty Five Lakhs for all entrepreneurs of Other Backward Classes.

### **Our Commitment to Labour Welfare**

#### **Hon'ble Members!**

64. Our Country believes in the principle of 'Shramev Jayate'. Indian culture has always valued and respected artisans and workers. The hard-working labourers have made a significant contribution in making Haryana one of the leading States in the Country in terms of development.

65. Financial assistance is provided for the marriage of the daughters of workers and Rs. One Lakh One Thousand is provided to them under the Kanyadan Yojana. Now, a new initiative has been taken to give an amount of Rs. Seventy Five Thousand, three days before the marriage of the daughter. The remaining amount of Rs. Twenty Six Thousand is released after submitting the marriage certificate.

66. My Government will build One Lakh new houses to provide accommodations to workers near their workplace.

### **World- Class Infrastructure**

#### **Hon'ble Members!**

67. Notably, infrastructure is the key indicator of the physical and economic development of any State. Not only this, strong infrastructure is also the first condition for raising the living standard of the people residing there, attracting industry and investment and strengthening State's economy.

68. Affordable Heli-Taxi service will be started for air transport. To make the State self- reliant in the energy sector, new Eight Hundred MW Thermal Power Stations will be established at Yamunanagar and Hisar.

### **Mhari Dharohar, Mhari Virasat**

#### **Hon'ble Members!**

69. Along with physical development, my Government is working to preserve the State's rich cultural heritage. In this direction, to gain inspiration from and learn about the lives of great personalities, their birth anniversaries are celebrated at the State level under the 'Sant-Mahapurush Samman Evam Vichar Prasar Yojana'.

70. My Government will continue to commemorate the birth anniversaries of the Saints and Great Personalities under this

scheme. The Government has also published a list of special days of birth anniversaries of Saints and Great Personalities in its calendar so that the future generations remember their birth anniversaries and celebrate them.

71. For the last several years, the 'International Gita Mahotsav' is being organised not only in Dharmakshetra - Kurukshetra, but also at international level. My Government will soon form an International Gita Jayanti Mela Authority to spread the message of the Gita to whole of mankind. Efforts will be accelerated to develop Kurukshetra, especially Jyotisar, into a major spiritual centre through Mahabharata-themed projects. My Government will revive the Saraswati River by restoring its water flow.

72. In Indian culture, pilgrimages are the source of life energy. Therefore, my Government, under the 'Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra Yojana', facilitates free visits for senior citizens to Ayodhya to pay obeisance to Lord Shri Ram 'Lalla Ji' at Government expense. Now expanding this, other pilgrimage sites like 'Mata Vaishno Devi' and 'Shirdi' will also be included under this scheme.

### **Hon'ble Members!**

73. You must affirm that no obstacle should stand in the way of fulfilling the resolution for 'Viksit Haryana – Viksit Bharat.' Therefore, I am confident that you will make the most of every moment in this August House to prioritise public welfare.

74. You are aware that the present environment is highly conducive for the development of non-stop Haryana in every way. The entire State is keeping an eye on the decisions and policies formulated by this Assembly in the coming time. It is also the responsibility of every honourable member sitting here to ensure that the State and its people get the maximum benefit of this favourable time.

75. My advice to all Honourable members is to always remember the 'moolmantra' of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, who emphasized that every decision we make should be evaluated by its impact on the poorest and weakest person in society.

76. I am confident that this Assembly will usher in a new chapter of decisions focused on public welfare. Let us all unite with full dedication to achieve the resolution of Viksit Haryana – Viksit Bharat.

Jai Hind!