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**SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES**  
**(Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)**

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**Thursday, February 3, 2022 / Magha 14, 1943 (Saka)**

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**\*MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI RAJU BISTA** laid a statement regarding early completion and implementation of all AMRUT and Har Ghar Jal Projects in West Bengal.
- (2) **SUSHRI DIYA KUMARI** laid a statement regarding need to ensure refund of money to investors who deposited their money with Aadarsh Cooperative Society.
- (3) **SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE** laid a statement regarding need to include Latur district in Maharashtra in the list of Aspirational districts.
- (4) **SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE** laid a statement regarding need to check the increasing incidents of tiger attack on humans in Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra.
- (5) **SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM** laid a statement regarding need to establish a Medical College in Garhwa district, Jharkhand.
- (6) **SHRI GANESH SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to provide employment to people of Satna Parliamentary Constituency, Madhya Pradesh whose land had been acquired for Lalitpur-Singrauli railway line project.

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

- (7) **SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL** laid a statement regarding need to provide benefits under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in Maharajanj Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.
- (8) **SHRI GOPAL SHETTY** laid a statement regarding need to provide houses to jhuggi-jhopri dwellers residing along railway lines in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- (9) **KUMARI RAMYA HARIDAS** laid a statement regarding non-payment of salaries to temporary employees in Kerala
- (10) **SHRI BENNY BEHANAN** laid a statement regarding restoration of concessional railway fares to senior citizens.
- (11) **DR. T. SUMATHY(A)THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN** laid a statement regarding dropping proposed amendments to IAS Cadre Rules.
- (12) **DR. T. R. PAARIVENDHAR** laid a statement regarding genuine needs of the differently-abled sports persons.
- (13) **SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED** laid a statement regarding expansion of storage capacity of Damodar Valley Corporation dam to prevent annual flood in the adjoining region.
- (14) **SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBAJIRAO MANE** laid a statement regarding need to set up Textile Park in Ichalkaranji in Hatkanangle Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.
- (15) **DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN** laid a statement regarding need to develop Thawe Peeth under PRASAD and Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Gopalganj district, Bihar.
- (16) **SHRI MAHESH SAHOO** laid a statement regarding disinvestment of National Aluminum Company in Odisha.
- (17) **SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV** laid a statement regarding RRB NTPC Result.
- (18) **SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS** laid a statement regarding need to control 'Black Thrips', a pest damaging the chilli crop in Andhra Pradesh.
- (19) **SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN** laid a statement regarding need to establish a Passport Seva Kendra at Punalur, Kollam district, Kerala.
- (20) **SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE** laid a statement regarding need to give grant to farmers of Buldhana district Maharashtra producing Safed Musli, a medicinal plant.
- (21) **SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to complete construction of North Koel Reservoir Project.

- (22) **SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA** laid a statement regarding representation of judges belonging to SC/ST category in higher judiciary.
- (23) **SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY** laid a statement regarding need to declare Ajmer-Chandigarh highway or Kishangarh-Hanumangarh Mega Highway as National Highway.
- (24) **SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL** laid a statement regarding need to establish Kendriya Vidyalayas in Nagaur Parliamentary Constituency, Rajasthan.
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### **MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS - Contd.**

**SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'** : Hon. President's Address is a mirror of the work done by the government and the work to be done in the future, as well as the policies that are made and the intention to implement them. Many works have been praised in hon. President's Address and I associate myself with that. In the President's Address, a worldwide great crisis that had arisen during the Corona-era has been discussed in that context. I feel proud to say that the horrors that were prevailing in the whole world were not seen in our country. Due to the vaccination campaign, we have got less than 10 percent infection rate. Hon. Prime Minister has made endeavours to overcome the catastrophe of Corona with full courage, taking all the states into confidence and with the cooperation of all the state governments. Hon. Prime Minister of this country has done a great job by providing free food grains to 80 crore families during the Corona period. Similarly, through the Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana, arrangements were made for the people living on the street by spending more than Rs.29 thousand crores. Hon. Prime Minister had announced the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission in the year 2019 and Bihar has completed 90 percent of Har Ghar, Nal Jal Yojana. Also, in the direction of women empowerment, this government has provided pucca houses to three crore poor families within the period of 7 years. This year also there is a plan to provide pucca houses to 80 lakh families, for which a provision of Rs.48 thousand crore has been made. In Bihar 50 percent reservation has been provided to women in Panchayati Raj and Municipal bodies for women empowerment. In addition to this, women in Bihar have also been provided 35 percent reservation in state government jobs. Hon. President has also said that due to the continuous efforts of the government, India has once again become one of the fastest growing economies of the world. But, there are many states of this country, which are still lagging behind. That is why there is a demand in our state

that Bihar should be given special status. Only then can we imagine a developed nation. That is why we are placing this demand in front of the respected Prime Minister.

**SHRI PINAKI MISHRA:** The most formidable problem of this country is unemployment and jobless growth. But, it has not been mentioned in the President's Address. For the first time in 75 years, unemployment related riots are happening in this country. Everyone must have been pained by the incidents occurred in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. In this regard, I would like to say that 1 crore 25 lakh people have applied for 35 thousand 281 non-technical posts. So the government has to understand the prevailing situation. Secondly, there is a situation of inflation rise in this country. Today oil prices are causing cascading impact. Women are able to run their kitchen with great difficulty due to inflation. The youth who use two wheelers are also very disappointed due to the rising prices of petrol. The people of this country may have to face a lot of trouble for not being able to control the runaway inflation. The President has talked about teledensity that the cost of internet connectivity and smart phones in India is among the cheapest in the whole world. I would like to say that government should consider increasing the teledensity uniformly in all the states. Even today 6278 villages in our Odisha state do not have mobile connectivity. Similarly, a very important issue is related to the amendment in the IAS Cadre Rules which is a matter of concern for all the states. As far as Indian federal polity is concerned, this is going to lead to a very dire situation. Therefore, the government should reconsider it immediately and listen to the Chief Ministers who protest it. Again, the hon. President has praised the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. This is a very good scheme, but some states are being treated discriminately which is unfair. Hon. President has also mentioned farmers many times in his Address. Last year, FCI had procured 4 lakh metric tonnes of rice from Odisha. But, this year only 12 thousand tonnes have been procured. So the government should look into this. Apart from this, I would also like to mention that Odisha is the first state in the country to sponsor a national sports team and that team has also won a bronze medal.

**SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:** Many issues have not been mentioned in hon. President's Address. Furthermore, no mention has been made about unemployment and rising prices of petrol and diesel. We find no mention of MSP therein either. There is no mention of Centre-State relations whereas our country is a union of states. That is why I would also like to say that when all the states are developed, then only this country will be called a developed nation. Before the creation of Telangana, there was a serious problem of drinking water in our state. That's why our leader had formulated a program to provide water to every house. In this regard, NITI Aayog had also recommended to the Center to provide Rs 24 thousand crore to Telangana in the year 2016. But, no money

was provided to our state. Similarly, I would also like to say that there should be a national policy for the procurement of paddy also. Also, the government will have to take steps for the welfare of the farmers. Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao has also been mentioned in the President's address. In this regard, I would also like to mention that a program named Kalyan Lakshmi Saadi Mubarak has been started for the marriage of daughters in our state. I would like to say that this type of program should be launched across the country. The scheme relating to save the girl child and solemnize her marriage should be implemented throughout the country. The 'Har Ghar Nal Yojana' should also be executed in the entire country. Telangana State must get a textile park because our state has not been given the same. This august House had passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 but no provision of this Act has been implemented. Our State has also not got the steel plant. Kazipet coach factory has also not been granted to us. Telangana has also not been granted any medical college. When States are developed then only the country will progress. The Center and the states need to work together.

**SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:** The first President of India Dr. Rajendra Prasad had in its first speech after its independence said that our fortunes are calling us and it is our duty to encash the opportunity. I understand that our good fortunes have given us the hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and we, as a nation, are progressing at a large scale. There is a mute question as to what is the objective of the BJP? Our ideologue and guide is Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay who ushered in the political philosophy of '*antyodaya*'. Our motto is to empower the poor, ensure the well being of farmers and taking ahead the youths thereby multiplying the progress of the country. Today, the poor, the farmers and the labourers have access to insurance. Our government strongly believes in inclusiveness and has therefore, formulated as many as 312 inclusive schemes. Under the PMGSY, 6 lakh 80 thousand km length of roads have been constructed in India. As far as the road density is concerned, India's road network is the second largest after the US in the world. Our hon. Prime Minister conceived the smart city scheme thinking that sometime or other it has to be started in the country. The smart cities should have public transport, metro, forebanking, commercial hub, educational facilities, entertainment and hospitality services. It should also have tourism and healthcare infrastructure. When structure of a city is built then only the welfare of the people of that city can be ensured and then State also progresses. Now we have to turn Chapra, Arra, Bhojpur, Aurangabad and Patna into a smart cities. Bharatnet facility is being provided throughout the villages in the country and the country has also decided to launch the 5G services soon. In our State, the power is supplied from Maharashtra and I am proud of Maharashtra that today 42 thousand megawatt power is generated there. Now I would like to touch upon the issue of climate change. Our country needs to carry

out mitigation at a large scale by planting trees, sinking carbon and by bringing down the green house effect. Bihar does not have any airport based on greenfield project. Uttar Pradesh have five such airports. I am quite concerned for the development and the progress of Bihar.

**SUSHRI MAHUA MOITRA :** I stand today to respond to the hon. President's Address on behalf of my Party, the All India Trinamool Congress. The President's Address is the Government's assessment of the state of the Union today. I stand before you to vehemently disagree with that assessment. Ours is a living Constitution. An elected Government should uphold the Constitution both in letter and spirit. If the Government fails, we all fail. This Government wants to alter history. They are fearful of the future and they mistrust the present. The President's Address refers to Netaji on multiple occasions. I will remind this Republic that this is the same Netaji that said that the Government of India should have an absolutely neutral and impartial attitude towards all religions. The INA's motto was unity, trust and sacrifice. The President's address also lauds our great personalities for fighting for our rights. According to the World Press Freedom Index, India maintains 146<sup>th</sup> rank among 180 countries and remains one of the most dangerous places globally for journalists today. This government fear a future in which the bureaucrats cannot be bullied by the Centre. So, it amends the IAS Cadre's rule. This Government mistrusts the very soul of our Republic. They mistrust our annadatas who repeatedly told you not to bring in the farm laws. Even when they rolled it back, I think it was more of their fear of losing 70 seats in Western UP than any remorse they felt for 700 plus farmers who passed away. They have still not guaranteed MSP in writing. The Government stands accused of having spent tax payers' money to buy technology to spy on its own citizens. They have little respect for the most fundamental aspect of India that it is a Union of States with a federal structure. Muslims today are denied houses on rent, they are accused of being spreaders of COVID in India, they are economically boycotted. According to the United Christian Forum, there have been 460 attacks on Christians in 2021 alone. But today we, as Indians, need to realise one thing. If we have to save this Republic, the onus lies on us. I use my parliamentary privilege to request the Judiciary that these are ultimate measures and solution this country can choose to take resort to.

**SHRI KRISHANPAL SINGH YADAV:** President's Address is important from many points of view. This Government has benefited the people through various schemes, such as the Jan DhanYojana, in which crores of new Bank accounts were opened, which gave impetus to economic inclusiveness and the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, which provided financial assistance to the poor families for their treatment.

Through Jan Aushadhi Kendra, medicines are being made available at affordable rates all over the country and through 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao', scheme, the importance of education of the daughters of the country and awareness on this sensitive issue has increased. Through the Ujjwala Scheme, crores of women were given gas cylinders, which empowered them. Houses for the poor were built under the PradhanMantriAwasYojana. The PradhanMantri Mudra Yojana created opportunities for self-employment. With the implementation of GST, the dream of one nation, one tax has come true. I also reverently remember all the dignitaries who have contributed to the country's development journey in these 75 years of independence. Our Government has worked to celebrate their birth anniversaries like a festival to pay homage to all those great men of history. The evidence of India's capability in the fight against COVID-19 has been witnessed in the Covid vaccination programme. We have set a record of administering more than 150 crore vaccine doses in less than a year. Due to the sensitive policies of our Government, the health services in the country are now within easy reach of the common man. The government has reduced the cost of treatment by providing medicines at a lower price through over 8,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras. More than 80 thousand health and wellness centres have been opened through the 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana'. Many new AIIMS have been set up at many places in the country. Many district hospitals across the country have been upgraded to medical colleges to meet the shortage of doctors. The government has set up the National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation in Madhya Pradesh. Under the PradhanMantriKrishiSinchayeeYojana, 64 lakh hectares of irrigation potential has been developed in the country with the help of various projects and Atal Ground Water Scheme. The inter-linking of rivers has been done. In Madhya Pradesh, all the railway stations were renovated. Smart Cities were upgraded. Under the UDAN scheme, airports were built in many cities. Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, the government is giving free ration to all the poor every month. Through Pradhan Mantri Garib KalyanYojana, 80 crore beneficiaries were provided free food grains. Our government thought about the inconvenience caused to the citizens living in the village and formulated such schemes, which would lead to the development of the rural area.

**SHRI E. T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:** The first sentence of paragraph-4 of the President's Address reads as follows:- "My government believes that remembering the past and learning from it are equally important for a secure future of the country." The words are really beautiful. On the other hand, it is contrary to the facts. Analysing India's past and present, there is a very authentic document. It is National Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index. This report will give you shocking figures of how far the deprivation level is there at the national and at the State level. As far as poverty is concerned, this country

is going from bad to worse. Most of the poverty eradication programmes are remaining in dead letters. There is no emphasis on MNREGA. Allotment for PMAY has not been increased. Non-availability of clean drinking water, especially in the village side, is alarming. We have 2.68 crore disabled persons, that is, 2.21 per cent of the Indian population. Their employment, their living and their welfare facilities – all are in deplorable condition. All kinds of atrocities are inflicted on minorities. The people of SC and ST communities are in a very bad situation in the country. Moreover, media is the fourth pillar of democracy. If you attack on that, it is not a good sign in democracy. Towards the end, I would like to add one more thing about Calicut airport. The Government is crippling the wings of the Calicut airport. Instead of increasing the length of runway on the airport, they are shortening it to forever stop the operation of wide-bodied aircrafts. The governance by the Governor is injustice in democracy. As far as Government is concerned, you should not adopt these kinds of wrong methods. Democracy should be preserved. Hence, I request the Government not to do such kinds of things with ulterior motives.

**ADV. A. M. ARIFF** :I rise to oppose the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. A major part of the President's Address was focused on the achievements of this Government in tackling the COVID-19 menace. But the entire world has seen how this Government has been a total failure in its response to COVID-19. How can we forget the sights of thousands of our brothers and sisters who lost their lives without getting food and even water while fleeing from cities during the unplanned and sudden lockdown announced on March 24<sup>th</sup> of 2020 by the Prime Minister without any consultations? Every time people face a crisis, the Prime Minister will appear before them with a new slogan and people will look forward that they would get something to cheer off. First, he came with the slogan that *ache din aane wale hain* and people would not have thought that they were going to face *bure din* that they had never faced before in their lives. Then, he came with 'Make in India' campaign, but what people saw was 'Selling India' campaign in which our precious gems in the public sector are lost day-by-day. Global Hunger Index 2021 and World Inequality Report 2022 have exposed the claims of this Government and its ground realities. While we stand at 101<sup>st</sup> position among 116 countries in terms of hunger, India is one of the most unequal countries in the world. In fact, the hon. President was making an attempt to hide the failures of this Government.

**SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI** : The President has referred to Jammu and Kashmir in para 71 of his address. He has talked about QazigundBanihal tunnel and some industrial development in Jammu and Kashmir. But, it is a matter of great sadness that it has not been mentioned that for four years 1.5 crore people are without any



representation and any assembly. It has not been mentioned when their rights will be given back, which were taken away from them unconstitutionally on or after August 5, 2019. It was also not mentioned when democracy would be restored there, which has not been there for four-and-a-half years. We claim that this is the biggest democracy. The most important thing in democracy is the right of people of a state to choose their own government. That right is being denied in Jammu and Kashmir for the last four and a half years. At present, unemployment is around 20% in Jammu and Kashmir, which is not mentioned in this Address. It is a union of all the states. Which law empowers you to reduce the status of a state? You are attacking everything in Jammu and Kashmir. Now you are attacking the fruit. You are bringing customs duty free fruits from outside so that you can challenge the fruits of Jammu and Kashmir and destroy its market. You have only one goal in everything that we should change the demographics, so that your future plans can be fulfilled. But I want to tell you that you will never be able to succeed in that.

**SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE :** This Government believes in discrimination in all respects. The discrimination towards the States is also a present thing in every state. Take the example of Tamil Nadu. All political parties in the Tamil Nadu Assembly passed a resolution as well as a Bill seeking exemption for Tamil Nadu from the NEET examinations. Today, the Governor of Tamil Nadu has returned the Bill to the Government, which shows the arrogance and insensitivity of the BJP's act from the beginning itself. We do not have any problem with business people getting businesses, but we are against giving priority to only two business groups. Why is there this discrimination towards other business groups who are honest and from South India? The Mumbai airport has been handed to the Adani Group illegally by this Government. The Telangana chilli farmers were protesting and the present Defence Minister went to Nizamabad and promised that a Chilli Board will be formed before elections. Now, three years have passed and no Chilli Board has been formed and the Central Government is discriminating towards Telangana. I have a question for the hon. Prime Minister. Did he buy Pegasus from Israel or not? How much price was paid for Pegasus? Did he misuse it with the opposition Leaders, journalists and Judges?

**DR. SUJAY VIKHE PATIL :** To understand a constitution, it is necessary to understand its preamble, in the same way, to understand the policy or intentions of any government, as outlined in the Hon'ble President's address, it is necessary to understand the development made by the government. In the last seven years, the work that has been done under the leadership of the hon. Prime Minister in NDA-1 and NDA-2, the development is not visible to the friends of our opposition or they do not want to see that development. During this period, respected Gadkariji gave funds for the construction of

ten thousand kilometer long roads in my Lok Sabha constituency. We are trying to speed up the development of my Ahmednagar Lok Sabha constituency, which was backward, by giving such a huge fund. The biggest decision taken in the last one year under the leadership of the hon. Prime Minister is that the Ministry of Cooperatives was set up at the Center, which was never done after independence. UPA-I and UPA-II governments had all cooperative sugar factories closed. Our government has revolutionalised the sugar industry. Ethanol blending program is a unique program of the government. We are trying to make farmers self-reliant through Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. Rashtriya Vayoshree Yojana has been implemented to make available the essential items to the senior citizens in the country. The Central Government reduced the excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs. 5 and Rs. 10 respectively but the Maharashtra government did not reduce the VAT even by a rupee. However, they reduced excise duty on liquor. This is not clear where the funds provided by the Government to the Maharashtra Government under the Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana - Urban are being utilized. The Government has implemented several schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Digital India, Swachh Bharat and Ujjwala Yojana.

**SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:** There are no concrete plans in the Address to correct the administrative failures of the Government. COVID-19 pandemic has rendered millions of people jobless. More than five lakh people have died because of this pandemic. This Address does not find any mention about that. It has been mentioned in the Address that the Government is upholding the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar like liberty, equality and fraternity but in practice, the Government has failed in upholding those ideals. The demand of the farmers to implement MSP through legislation is still pending. The rubber growers are not happy with the Government's policy. The Government is not taking care of the bee-keepers in Kerala. Under the PM-KISAN Scheme, the farmers in India are being provided Rs. 6,000 per year. It is not sufficient. Every marginal and small farmers should be paid at least Rs. 10,000 per month so that they can survive under the difficult circumstances. The President's Address mentions that the collection of GST is very high and more than Rs. 1,46,000 crore has been collected but the demand of the States to pay compensation is not being heard by the Centre. I would demand that the Centre should take steps to pay GST compensation to the States and also the compensation period should be extended to a further period of five years.

**SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE :** There is a mention in the President's Address about doctors and others who fought against the Covid. We support the Government on these programmes. Government has extended help to Maharashtra through PDS. The biggest problem facing the country is that of unemployment.

Maharashtra has done the best under start-up India. Atmosphere in the country is not good at present. The Government is quoting Baba Saheb Ambedkar but their deeds do not conform to his ideals.

**\*SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:**

**SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV :**Ours is an agrarian country. But today not thousands but millions of farmers of our country are forced to commit suicide every year. I am sorry to say that in our President's Address, we did not get to hear any sentence or any scheme to stop farmers' suicides, to give a good life to the farmers. The income of farmers has not doubled, but the prices of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds have certainly doubled. The MSP is not increased. Farmers have to sell their crops in the market at a rate lower than the MSP. Farmers' products are not taken on time. Nor are the farmers given compensation on time. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is not in the interest of farmers but for the interest of insurance companies. We made a lot of suggestions on how to improve it. But so far, none of those suggestions have been accepted. By the year 2022, the government promised to provide pucca houses to all the poor people having kutcha houses. So far, even 25-30 per cent of the people have not got pucca houses. The products of self-help groups are very good, but there is no system of marketing of those products anywhere. The 'Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Yojana' is very good, but till date how many poor people have received help up to five lakh rupees for medicine or for treatment through this scheme? Thousands of our Pandits were forced to leave Kashmir. Even after removal of Article 370 in two years have you ever resettled a single Pandit in Kashmir? Our Maharashtra is the state with the highest revenue to the Central Government. Out of one rupee, 38 paise of revenue comes from the state of Maharashtra. Today, the Central Government is yet to give thirty thousand crores of rupees to Maharashtra.

**SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA :** The Government of India and its able leadership is exploring the honour and the progress of this country. The brothers and sisters of our country have received 150 crore vaccine doses in this corona epidemic. While running the Dausa kitchen in my parliamentary constituency, we arranged food for one and a half lakh labourers, the disabled and the hungry. Even today, in the State of Rajasthan, atrocities are being committed against women and daughters. I am a Scheduled Tribe woman. I know that for 60 years, the Government tried only to get the votes of SCs and STs. If any work has been done for us, it has happened during the last six to seven years. The word 'prayas' has been added to "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,

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\* Please see supplement.

Sabka Prayas” so that all the people work together in their respective provinces, regions with the policies of the Government, then undoubtedly this country will again become a golden sparrow. In the 60-year rule, three crore seventy five lakh people had accounts in banks. Today, there are forty-eight crore accounts in banks. Today, the entire money goes to the beneficiary's accounts. In Rajasthan, 66 lakh farmers received the 12th instalment of two thousand rupees each on January 1. I have connected the farmers of about 40 villages in the vicinity with hi-tech agriculture, organic agriculture and horticulture, because we have acute shortage of water and I myself train and explain which crops need less water. Procurement at four times higher MSP has taken place this year. The 15th Finance Commission's money was kept in its account by the Rajasthan government for 11 months. They didn't give the sarpanches even a single rupee. When I raised the issue in Parliament during zero hour, after 11 months, they got money. In the name of women empowerment, if we look at the women farmers, 80 per cent of the labour is done by women. These women are so capable that they are undoubtedly moving forward by taking advantage of the policies of the government.

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**UTPAL KUMAR SINGH**  
*Secretary General*

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