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**WELCOME TO PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FROM AUSTRIA**

**HON. SPEAKER:** I am immensely pleased that at our invitation, an Austrian Parliamentary Delegation accompanied by HE Mr. Wolf Gang Sobotka, President of the National Council of Austria and HE Miss Christine Schwarz-fuchs, President of the Federal Council of Austria, is on visit to India.

On behalf of the Hon. Members of the House and on my behalf, I extend warm welcome to the Austrian Parliamentary Delegation to India. At present, they are sitting in the special box of the House.

Austrian parliamentary delegation reached India on Sunday, March 13, 2022. The same day, they visited Agra. They are also scheduled to visit Hyderabad before their departure from India on Thursday, March 17, 2022. We wish them a pleasant and successful stay in our country. Through them we extend our compliments and best wishes to the National Council of Austria, the Federal Council, the Government and the friendly people of Austria on my behalf and on behalf of the House.

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## **OBITUARY REFERENCES**

**HON. SPEAKER:** Hon. Members, with profound grief, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of three of our former colleagues.

**Shri S. Singaravadivel** was a member of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha representing the Thanjavur Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu. He was a member of the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table. Shri S. Singaravadivel had passed away on 31 January 2022 in Thanjavur at the age of 87 years.

**Shri H. B. Patil** was a member of the 8<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha representing the Bagalkot Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka. Shri Patil was a member of the Committee on Petitions. Shri H. B. Patil passed away on 1 February 2022 in Bagalkot at the age of 82 years.

**Shri Hemanand Biswal** was a member of the 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha representing the Sundargarh Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha. He served as Chairperson of the Committee on Labour and was also a member of the General Purposes Committee and Committee on Public Undertakings. An active social and political worker, Shri Biswal had served as Member of the Odisha Legislative Assembly for 6 terms. He had also served as Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha. Shri Hemanand Biswal passed away on 25 February 2022 in Bhubaneswar at the age of 82 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of our former colleagues. I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to their bereaved families.

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

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**THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

**BUDGET- 2022-23**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS-2021-22**  
**(THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR)**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS - 2021-22**

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## DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS - 2018-19

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### \*MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (1) **SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR** laid a statement regarding participation of Members of Lok Sabha in programmes meant for implementation of various Government schemes.
- (2) **SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI** laid a statement regarding need to address the problem of acute shortage of drinking water in Sikar district, Rajasthan.
- (3) **SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL** laid a statement regarding need to connect villages in Maharajganj Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar with high speed broadband network.
- (4) **SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI** laid a statement regarding paddy procurement in Odisha.
- (5) **DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding completion of development projects in Deoghar, Jharkhand.
- (6) **SHRI SANJAY BHATIA** laid a statement regarding need to re-open the path between village Ujhah and Bapauli Anaj Mandi in Panipat district, Haryana.
- (7) **SHRI JAYANT SINHA** laid a statement regarding need to improve digital platform for online education in Jharkhand.
- (8) **SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL** laid a statement regarding need to enhance the pension under EPS-1995.
- (9) **SHRI RAMDAS TADAS** laid a statement regarding need for restoration of train services affected due to Covid-19 pandemic in Wardha Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.

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

- (10) **SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to provide financial assistance to farmers to promote organic farming.
- (11) **SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN** laid a statement regarding setting up of an AIIMS at Kinalur in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- (12) **SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN** laid a statement regarding plight of Indian students enrolled in various universities in Ukraine.
- (13) **SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND** laid a statement regarding operationalization of Vellore Airport, Tamil Nadu.
- (14) **SHRI SANJAY JADHAV** laid a statement regarding completion of pending railways works in Parbhani Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.
- (15) **SHRI KAUSHLENDRA KUMAR** laid a statement regarding present status of smart cities mission in Bihar.
- (16) **SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB** laid a statement regarding inclusion of Asrukhala Jora, Cuttack district, Odisha in National Wetland Conservation Programme.
- (17) **KUNWAR DANISH ALI** laid a statement regarding ground-water pollution caused by industrial units in Amroha district, Uttar Pradesh.
- (18) **SHRI B.B. PATIL** laid a statement regarding grant of funds for National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) at Zaheerabad in Telangana.
- (19) **SHRI PRINCE RAJ** laid a statement regarding storm water drainage scheme in Samastipur, Bihar.
- (20) **SHRI SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL** laid a statement regarding need to conduct Army recruitment in Satara Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.

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## MOTION

*Re: Suspension of Rule 205*

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)** moved that this House do suspend rule 205 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, which provides that

there shall be no discussion on the Budget on the day it is presented to the House, in its application to discussion on the Budget for 2022-23 and Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2021-22 of the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, to enable same day presentation of and discussion on the Budget.

**SHRI MANISH TEWARI** *opposing the Motion, said:* If we look at Rule 206, Rule 205 says that there shall be no discussion on Budget on the day on which it is presented in the House. My submission is that there are certain Rules which form the basic structure of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House. Therefore, these are beyond the amending power of the House. There are certain rules which are sacrosanct. So, I want a ruling from the Chair whether Rule 205 is within the scope of amendment as proposed by Rule 388, or is beyond the amending power because it constitutes the basic structure of these rules. My second submission is that the Budget which the hon. Finance Minister has presented is an important document. So we should be given time to study it. I would like to ask what we are supposed to discuss in the House when we do not even have the papers in front of us? So, under those circumstances my submission is to please allow us time and let us have this discussion tomorrow.

**SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN :** I would like to reiterate Rule 205, which says there shall be no discussion of the Budget on the day on which it is presented to the House. Today, the hon. Finance Minister has presented the budget of Jammu and Kashmir for the year 2022-23. We fully agree with it. But there cannot be a discussion on the same subject matter today. It is because the Constitution of India provides for the scrupulous scrutiny of each and every penny which is being spent out of the Consolidated Fund of India. It has to be approved by the Parliament. This is the right of the Parliament and the right of the Members of this House. We do not have the copy of the Budget. So by no means can this Motion be allowed to go through. Secondly, I have an objection arising out of Rule 215 and 216 and for this I am seeking a ruling from the Chair. Rule 216 is very clear that the original Demands for Grants shall never be discussed with the Supplementary Demands for Grants. However, the Speaker has ample right to suspend the rule to which I agree but there is a specific provision in the rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business by virtue of Rule 216. Hence, my submission is that in no way can this Motion be carried out.

*The Motion was adopted*

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## **SUBMISSION BY THE MEMBER**

*Re: wage ceiling under ESI Scheme*

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)** *responding to the issue raised by an hon. Member, said:* New Social Security Code has been introduced by the Government. We know that through the new labour code that the government has passed under the Social Security Code, the jurisdiction and scope of that ESIC is going to extend further. Also, the steps for framing rules under the Social Security Code is going on in various states. With the introduction of Social Security Code, not only the organized sector, gig workers and platform workers in the unorganized sector will also be widely accepted under the scheme. Various sub-committees have been constituted by the Ministry of Labour for its future capacity building and various decisions have been taken by the Board. We all know that this is one of the best scheme. We are working to expand it under the Social Security Code.

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### **THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

#### **BUDGET- 2022-23**

#### **DEMANDS FOR GRANTS- THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR -2022-23**

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS - THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR- 2021-22**

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS- THIRD AND FINAL BATCH-2021-22**

**And**

#### **DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS --2018-19**

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Hon. Member has raised the point of order under Rule 216. The hon. Member argues that the Supplementary Grants for the year 2021-22 cannot be discussed with the original demands for the year 2022-23 relating to Jammu and Kashmir. In this regard, on behalf of the Speaker, I want to tell the House that the

Demands for Grants for the coming financial year are presented before the beginning of the financial year and are also passed. Article 115 of the Constitution provides that if the amount authorized by the original demands passed by the House is found to be insufficient for the purposes of the year or on any such new service that cannot be granted in the annual statement for that year and if the government wants money, Supplementary Demands of the previous sessions can be taken for such requirement by the Government. When such Supplementary Demands are brought before the House in a session, Rule-116 prohibits that Members, while speaking on Supplementary Grants, should not discuss substantive demands already passed by the House ordinarily in the Budget session. Therefore, while speaking on the Supplementary Demands, the Members should speak only on those demands from which the supplementary demands have been made, the members should bring to the discussion the original demands already passed. The original demands listed on item no-25 are regarding the provision of funds for the upcoming financial year 2022-23, while the Supplementary Grants listed on item no-26 pertain to the financial year 2021-22. The original demands for the year 2021-22 have already been passed by this House on March 18, 2021. There is no relation between the original Demands for Grants for the next financial year listed on item No.-25 and Supplementary Demands listed at item No.-26 and discussing them together does not violate Rule-216. Therefore, I dismiss point of order. Let me tell you that this is not the first time that the discussion on the Budget of a state is happening on the day of its presentation. In the past also the Budget of the states has been presented on a single day and has also been taken for discussion. Similarly, the day of the presentation of Supplementary Demands for Grants has been taken up for discussion. It is for the House to take a view whether any Rule is to be suspended or not when any such motion for suspension is brought before the House by hon. Minister or any other Member subject to the permission of hon. Speaker. The House functions not only by Rules and Directions, the House functions on precedents also. We have a Rules Committee. If there is some difference during implementation of certain Rules, the Rules Committee will take cognizance of it. In that respect I believe what is being raised by the hon. Member can also be deliberated in the Rules Committee. But the final say is of the hon. Speaker and also of the House. Furthermore, the Budget of Union Territory, I would just like to mention here, without a legislature is included in Demands for Grants of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

**SHRI MANISH TEWARI** *initiating said:* It is said in the Budget Speech that the Budget 2022-23 for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir shall focus on good governance, deepening grassroot democracy, accelerated development and inclusive growth. These are extremely noble sentiments but ground reality is totally different. At

the time of abrogation of Article 370, it was said that it would emotionally integrate Jammu and Kashmir with India and facilitate faster development of Jammu and Kashmir. However, both these objectives are far from achieved in these 33 months. Instances of ceasefire violations have increased. Official figures claim that 70 per cent of the locals who had joined militancy, were neutralized. However, if their involvement in terrorism has increased, this is worrisome. It was said that decision about statehood to Jammu and Kashmir would be taken soon. The Government has not executed this announcement yet. Delimitation process is on in Jammu and Kashmir. Political parties of Jammu and Kashmir are not happy with this process. There is a need to actively involve the local political parties in this process. Some seats in Jammu and Kashmir assembly should be reserved for Sikh minorities. It was claimed that investors would be attracted to Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370, but 99.9 per cent of the applicants for setting up industries in Jammu and Kashmir are the domicile of Jammu and Kashmir. The moot point is that there is negligible interest shown by investors from outside Jammu and Kashmir for investing in that state. Tourism industry has suffered a lot. Jammu and Kashmir has passed through a difficult time during the last three years. In this administrative Budget, 73 per cent allocation is for home department. This itself indicates that circumstances have not improved there.

**SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:** We all know that there was rampant abuse of power in Jammu and Kashmir under the pretext of Article 370. Presently, employment is being given to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir according to their qualification. The funds allocated for a project are spent on that project only. Earlier, Jammu region faced discrimination but now Jammu and Kashmir is on the path of overall development. Three tier Panchayat system has been put in place in Jammu and Kashmir for the first time. The Central Government did commendable work particularly during Covid period. The work on AIIMS, IIM, ring road, national highway and Jammu airport in Jammu and Kashmir has started after abrogation of Article 370. Road network is being developed in the entire Jammu and Kashmir. Works are being undertaken through the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana also. However, I want that some work under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Plus should also be undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir because some people have been left out. There are numerous employees in Jammu and Kashmir who are working on need basis and ad-hoc basis in different departments. I urge the hon. Finance Minister to provide financial assistance to the Union Territory administration so that these employees can be regularized or brought under the ambit of the Minimum Wages Act. The outstanding wages of the MNREGA workers should be cleared. Work on several roads and bridges has been stalled. I urge the Government to take ahead all the stalled works. There was a proposal to raise some battalions of IRP. The candidates



who have cleared the written examination should be given relaxation. Ceasefire at the border is being completely followed. People of Jammu and Kashmir are happy that justice is being done through delimitation.

**PROF. SOUGATA RAY:** This Budget of Jammu and Kashmir is a Budget for bureaucratic expenditure. The expenditure is mainly on Home Department and Police. Abrogation of Article 370 was a wrong step for which the country will have to pay in future. This is deprivation of the rights of people of Jammu and Kashmir to not have their own Government. This Budget is basically a revenue budget; only 37 per cent is capital outlay, 63 per cent is revenue expenditure. With this, the situation of Jammu and Kashmir will not change. The Budget has nothing significant for trade and industry; one Opposition Party in Jammu and Kashmir has said that this Budget does not address the rising unemployment and unprecedented prices of all essential items of regular use. The people of Jammu and Kashmir remain poor. It is because there is not so much scope for employment. Land is limited. Even after land reforms people have not received land. The problems of unemployment and under-development are the biggest problems in Jammu and Kashmir. This Government had significantly failed in providing employment and jobs to the people. What happened to your promise of rehabilitating Kashmiri Pandits in the valley? You have not re-established one single pandit family in the Kashmir valley.

**SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:** We have to promote budget tourism in Jammu and Kashmir. Due to COVID, for almost one and a half years, tourists could not go to that place. But now, slowly, tourism is growing. There is a shortage of power. There is unemployment problem. There is no doubt about that. Industrial development is required there. The pashmina shawls are very famous but there is no support to the weavers from the Central Government or the State Government. That is very much required. Then only, the local people will get employment and earn revenue. Efforts to improve the crowd management at the famous Vaishno Devi temple should be prioritized. New trekking routes in various wildlife protected areas is a good move. The initiative of making the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway an express highway is a good move.

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH) *intervening said:*** The most

amusing part of this discussion is that we are virtually discussing everything but the Budget. On the lines of the Wagah Border we have also started something at the Suchetgarh Border, where we have similar exchange of salute in the evening. Can the Congress Party say today on the Floor of this House that it will restore Article 370 on returning to power? You do not say that because you know what the public sentiment is. Hon. Home Minister has said, that at the appropriate time the statehood would be restored. But, that will not take 70 years. They are searching where Patel, Gandhi, Ambedkar and Subhash are. But it had to happen because Modiji has introduced a new political culture in this land. You have been seeking votes to come here. All of us are here with votes but we are not using votes as vote bank. We are using it where is required and to reach out, not for appeasement. We have redeemed Kashmir. We have done what Congress should have done. We have done what Congress promised to have done. Before 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August and before this area became a Union Territory, the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was not implemented in Jammu and Kashmir under the alibi of 370. So, the article 370 was actually being used for guarding their own interests. But in Jammu and Kashmir, this law was introduced only about one and a half year back. Now, this has nothing to do with the special status or identity or autonomy or all those tall claims. There are a large number of such laws like the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, the Dowry Prohibition Act, the Prevention of Corruption Act that were not implemented in Jammu and Kashmir under the alibi of 370. National Conference and congress were ruling the State and still not implementing what they cherished as Rajiv Gandhi's hallmark. Now, Rs. 10,000 crore is directly going to the kitty of the local bodies. One of the hon'ble Members was saying that no investment has come from outside. But, Officially more than Rs. 50,000 crore has already been invested in Jammu and Kashmir. Like rest of the country, there have been issues of employment. But no Government in the world can give a salaried Government job to each and every individual. But, I agree that for a responsible Government the duty is to prepare means of livelihood. Now, the question is why these means of livelihood were not made available in Jammu and Kashmir even in spite of the fact that they were available in rest of the country, especially after 2016 when Stand-up India and Start-up India movements started in a big way. It is because the atmosphere was created in such a way that they lived in a cocoon and they are not given exposure from outside world. Whenever we come in conflict with Pakistan, a wise politician comes forward and says to stop water flowing to Pakistan. Maybe, he is not aware of the fact that our share of water is also flowing into Pakistan. With the Indus Water Treaty, the major share of our water was from Ravi river. There was dam called Shahpurkandi. During Sheikh Abdullah's regime, it was conceived and also stalled. Maybe, there was some consideration about the region. As a result of which, the entire

share of India's water through river Ravi was flowing into Pakistan. It was only with the personal intervention of the Prime Minister, a few years back, a fresh draft was prepared and the project is going to be completed by this year-end.

**SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:** Today, I am on my legs to speak in favour of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Budget, 2022-23. Grants and loans of Rs 35,581.44 crore are being given in this budget, which is Rs. 876.88 crore more than that of the last year. In this budget, an amount of Rs 5,958 crore has been allocated separately for Ladakh. After the abrogation of Article 370, the people of Jammu and Kashmir are being brought in the mainstream of development. For the first time, it has happened that now the budgetary allocation is spent on the development of Jammu and Kashmir. The funding of all the separatists was stopped. When I went to Jammu and Kashmir as a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, there was a belief in the people that the Government of India was doing something for us and the Committee of the House came to listen and would take care of our happiness and sorrow and our matters of concern. I would like to urge upon the hon. Finance Minister that a special package needs to be given to promote tourism in Jammu and Kashmir. For the first time, a separate provision has been made for Ladakh in this budget. As far as investment in Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, not only the people of the country are investing there, but foreigners are also coming to invest there. Through this House, I would like to request the hon. Finance Minister to make the recently released film, the Kashmir Files tax-free all across India. What is of paramount importance is the thing that we need to maintain the peace and tranquility that is there today.

**KUNWAR DANISH ALI :** The budget and supplementary demands of Jammu and Kashmir which we are discussing here comes under the rightful domain of the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir. This House has taken away this right from them. That's why, I would ask the government that elections should be held in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest. The election should not be postponed there on the pretext of delimitation. The condition of Jammu and Kashmir is not hidden from anyone. Thousands of people died there in the last three decades. Kashmiri Pandits were expelled from there. Half Widow's figure is above 10 thousand. I want to ask how many Kashmiri Pandits were rehabilitated by the Government during the last two years. I would also like to ask how many people of Uttar Pradesh or Gujarat buy plots inside Kashmir? How much has been invested there? I want that there should be investment, the youth of that region should get employment and there should be peace and harmony there. The people to whom injustice has been meted out should get justice and employment as well. The assembly of Jammu and Kashmir should be restored. Jammu and Kashmir should be given full statehood. This government should introspect about how much has been gained

by bifurcating Jammu and Kashmir, what has been done and what is the situation on the border today?

**SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE:** I would have appreciated if we had been given a little more time so that we can have a more extensive debate on the Demands for Grants for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. A school named Delhi Public School is run there by a Kashmiri Pandit family. This Government wants to do so much for Kashmiri Pandits. Even through the challenging times, one family who did not leave Kashmir and who had fought, survived and ran a school there, was the Dhar Family. Now that family is being asked a lot of questions by the government agencies. This is one school which accommodates children with special needs. Is this how the Government wants to treat Kashmiri Pandits? The most worrisome number in this entire document is the debt at percentage of GDP is 53 per cent. It has been the highest ever. The words used in this document are 'likely investment in the projects. What does 'likely investments' mean? It does not assure anything. It says that the government is importing around 1200 sheep/goat units to be established in creation of employment opportunities for 2400 people. It makes no sense. All the industrialists in Jammu and Kashmir are very upset because of the Internet connections being stopped erratically. Business gets affected and so a lot of money, over a period of time, has been lost because of this. Electricity is still a problem. As this Government constantly talks about improvement, I would like to know as to what are the kinds of improvements that have taken place? The Government keeps talking about jobs. I would like to ask have they really created those many jobs. But in this entire big document, there is no mention of Kashmiri pandits or any specific intervention done for refugees who left Kashmir during the insurgency or who have come back. Please include them in documents and make it a reality for their life.

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:** It is always gratifying to discuss about Jammu and Kashmir. There was a historic transformation in August, 2019 which should have happened much, much earlier. Today, the concept of One Nation, One Constitution, One Flag is being implemented in this country. We should take pride in that. One good thing that has happened is that the grass-root democracy is being strengthened. Around a thousand crore of rupees as grant has been provided to 4,290 gram panchayats. Earlier the fund that was being provided or that was being generated as revenue from Jammu and Kashmir State or that was being provided from the Union Government was getting itself absorbed in Srinagar or Jammu only. It never percolated to the gram panchayats. It never percolated to the rural areas of the state. I would also like to draw the attention of the Minister of Finance that this Direct Benefit Transfer should reach every beneficiary. There are so many things to do there in agriculture, horticulture, sericulture and sheep husbandry and fisheries sector. I would like to know as to how much money has been

provided to keep Srinagar free from flooding? A huge flood had occurred some years ago which devastated the whole city. The Ministry of Jal Shakti has provided some funding to prevent flooding. Has this money been utilised there? What major steps have been taken to keep these two big cities of the Union Territory free from flooding and how much money has been provided for this? I understand that a medical college is being setup there. Instead of putting up 5-star hotels at some specific places, there is actually a need to develop the villages. It is the village life of Jammu and Kashmir which needs to be developed as a tourist attraction. In order to upgrade the skills of textile workers, specific employment was also generated and centres were also created throughout the State. But since last one year, all those centres have been totally closed down and no money is being provided to those people who were imparting trainings. I would urge upon the Finance Minister to please look into this aspect.

**SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:** It is being stated by the opposition and I was astonished to learn that it is being questioned as to why the Budget of Jammu and Kashmir is being discussed and debated in this House of the Indian Parliament. However, I would like to know as to whether the Budget of Jammu and Kashmir should be discussed in Indian Parliament or Pakistani Parliament. I would like to say that not only the Budget of Jammu and Kashmir, the Budget of Pakistani Occupied Kashmir, Aksai Chin and Shaksgam Valley which are integral part of India, should be presented here in this House symbolically. After the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, a new era has begun there. As many as 300 hon. MPs of this House visited Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. I would like to put on record this fact that our hon. Members could visit the Lal Chowk of Jammu and Kashmir as late as 9 O' Clock at night without any security. This is testimony to the fact that the conditions are improving in the state. After repeal of the Article 370, as a measure of social upliftment, people living in hills have been given 4 per cent and those belonging to economically weaker sections have been given 10 per cent reservation in jobs. It is for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir that political reservation has been given to people belonging to Scheduled Castes. The election of the District Development Councils have been held under this reservation. So far, 41.5 lakh people have been given domicile certificates. The Panchayati Raj Act has been amended and 3-tier Panchayats have been set up for the first time in the State. 278 DDC Members were elected in 20 districts along with 20 Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons. When I was the Chairman of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, its annual budget was only of Rs. 55 crore which has been increased to Rs. 264 crore now. The hon. Prime Minister has ensured that the benefits of the Union Budget reach the last person in the State. As many as 50 thousand families of Jammu & Kashmir have been covered under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. 50 new

colleges have been set up in the State. The books of first to fifth class are being translated in Dogri, Hindi and Kashmiri languages. Many works have been undertaken under various social security schemes.

**SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:** I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to certain works which have been left out. As much as 73 per cent of Budget has been earmarked for law and order, yet our school teachers and people are being killed in the broad day light. Tourism is the mainstay of Jammu & Kashmir. We will have to develop Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh as a tourist circuit as it will provide jobs, growth and tax to the Government. There are many places in Jammu & Kashmir which are of great religious and historic significance. Nara-Nag Shiv temple, an ancient temple is about 1200 years old. Today, no upkeep of this temple is being done now. The Government should indentify such places, provide adequate funds for their upkeep and put in place a good management. Punjabi was one of the official languages of the State till one year back but I am sorry to state that Punjabi language has been excluded. This is injustice to our mother tongue and I request the Government to again include it as official language of the State.

**SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI:** Jammu & Kashmir has a population of about 1.5 crore and this population has been without any representation for the last four and a half years. Why is no Assembly there? On 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, the Special Status of Jammu & Kashmir was withdrawn. The Supreme Court has held that our argument is solid and this has been admitted and referred to the Constitution Bench. Here, many of you will agree with me that if some matter is under judicial scrutiny, then we should wait for the Supreme Court. The Government is not only usurping our rights but is also trampling down the Constitution. Rule 205 provides that there will be no debate on the Budget on the day the Budget is presented and the Members of Parliament will be given the opportunity to go through the Budget papers and then form their opinions. They brought a resolution here today that we are suspending Rule 205. We were handed over all these papers at two o'clock and asked to participate in the debate. In a way, we were practically denied the opportunity to discuss it. Various aspects of this Budget may be very good, we will appreciate it, but we were also deprived of that. The decisions of August 5 were marketed and said that Sections 370, 35A are a hindrance. But, now there have been close to 500 encounters. Hundreds of people are still in jails. Three sarpanches were killed this week. They have put more troubles in front of Jammu and Kashmir. Any person who loses his life has the right to be buried in his area, but the Government denied it too. Today, unemployment is close to 20 per cent. A cement factory in Jammu and Kashmir was closed in the year 2019. Even today, its employees are deprived of their salaries.

About 61,000 of our daily wagers, casual workers are sitting on the streets. No arrangements are being made for their regularization. Nearly, 73 per cent of the Budget is being eaten up by the Home Department on security purposes. Less than 30 per cent of the population has access to tap water. All these things which are being denied to Jammu and Kashmir, are being given in the North-Eastern States. The Jammu and Kashmir National Highway, NH-44 remained closed for about a month and a half as there was no traffic. We are part of the country, not out of the country. They have increased the agricultural allocation by Rs.310 crores, that is a very good thing. There should have been more allotment for animal husbandry, fisheries. As far as health and wellness is concerned, there is only one 'PET scan' centre in the whole of Kashmir at the moment. My request is that the government should build a 500-bed special hospital in Dayalgam for South Kashmir, where about 25 lakh people are living. MBBS classes should be started in AIIMS, Avantipura. Regarding tourism and culture, my request is that tourism is our backbone and the allocation in tourism is Rs.604 crores. I think there's a need to increase that further. We are going backwards in the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme, both Urban and Rural. 48,000 houses were to be built, of which only 13,000 houses have been built. There is less allocation in social security and tribal welfare sector. We have about 7-8 cement factories, whose emissions are far above the 'emission level'. Around 2,457 crore rupees has been allocated for power sector. It should also be increased. I think the basic principle is that whatever matter is before the Supreme Court, please don't implement it. A lot of the budget proposals, in which they have made good allocations, deserve appreciation, but their hands are tied. Capital expenditure in tourism is needed because the required capital expansion is not taking place. They are saying that a record number of tourists visited this year. But, these tourists also need infrastructure. Please strengthen that infrastructure. The disabled people are getting a disability pension of Rs 5,000 across the country, but they are getting only one thousand rupees in Kashmir. I request the Government to pay attention to all these things. They have increased allocations for agriculture, water and power sector. There is also a good increase in the housing and urban development sector, but the rest of the sectors need to be looked at. The biggest problem is healthcare. We have to strengthen the diagnostic sector. We produce 10 per cent of saffron. There is a plan for sprinkler irrigation, but there is no order for it. Its caretakers are not getting salaries for three years. Those who gave land for tubewells were promised that they would be given jobs, but that did not happen. They're still waiting. The Government is creating this fake narrative of normalcy. Whatever things we have pointed out, please pay attention to them.

**SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER** : The peculiar situation prevailing in Jammu & Kashmir calls for a critical analysis in this august House. They themselves

admit that normalcy is not prevailing there. How can it be corrected? Everybody knows that the day-to-day life of the people of Kashmir has remained in grief. Three former Chief Ministers were under house arrest for months together. It is to be condemned. They are muzzling the press. It is not only in Kashmir; it is everywhere. Many cases have been filed against journalists. Internet was suspended for months together. Communication was cut off. This kind of a thing should not be allowed to continue. The Right to Information Act was brought by the UPA Government at that time. But if an ordinary man in Kashmir asks for a reply from a department, he is denied. I would humbly request the Government to put an end to these kinds of things.

**ADV. A.M. ARIFF :** We have no doubt that Kashmir is an integral part of our country. But The Government has destroyed everything against the will of the Kashmiri people and against the values of the Constitution. What purpose has the Government achieved by withdrawing the special status and converting it into two Union Territories other than breaching the trust of the people? For the past two-and-a-half years the Government has been saying that the statehood would be restored at an appropriate time, and when normalcy is back. By delaying the restoration of statehood, this Government is betraying the people of Jammu and Kashmir and is acting against their wishes and aspirations.

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