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

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(1) STATEMENT BY MINISTER

*Re: The Response of Government of India to Novel Corona Virus Outbreak in
China*

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE;
MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND MINISTER OF
EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN):** I would like to brief the
Hon'ble members on the outbreak of novel Corona Virus Disease in China & some
other countries and the actions taken by the Government of India. Corona viruses
are large group of viruses that cause illness in humans and animals. Rarely, animal
corona viruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people such

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as has been seen with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in 2003 and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) in 2014. China reported an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus on 31st December, 2019. The outbreak was initially noticed in a seafood market in Wuhan city in Hubei Province of China in early December, 2019 and in a short span has spread to all the provinces of China. As on 9th February, a total of 37198 confirmed cases and 811 deaths have been reported in China. A total of 354 confirmed cases have been reported outside China from 27 countries (including Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan). The number of cases and deaths reported from China is showing an upward trend.

World Health Organisation has declared this outbreak as a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" (PHEIC) on 30th January 2020. Many of the epidemiological parameters such as incubation period, mode of transmission, subclinical infection, period of virus shedding etc. are still being researched. Once a person is exposed to the infection, it may take about 2 weeks to develop the illness. The main symptoms of novel corona virus disease are fever, cough, difficulty in breathing. There will be radiological evidence indicative of pneumonia. In 10 % to 20 % of cases, disease may become severe enough to require ventilatory support. The case fatality is around 2%. Human to human transmission has been noticed in the cases of Novel Corona virus and it spreads through droplets/aerosols in persons having close contact. Public health

implications of the reports that the virus has been found in fecal samples of infected patients are being worked out. All suspected or probable cases of nCoV must be treated in isolation with barrier nursing and universal precautions to prevent the further spread of disease. In our country, three positive cases have been reported so far from Kerala. All these cases have travel history from Wuhan, China. They have been isolated and are reported to be clinically stable. The ever increasing magnitude of this outbreak calls for a concerted effort by not only health but all sectors of Government. Government of India has initiated a series of action to prevent entry of the disease and to contain it. I am daily reviewing the situation. A Group of Ministers consisting of Minister of External Affairs, Minister of Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Home Affairs, Minister of State for Shipping and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare chaired by me has been constituted to monitor the situation. Cabinet Secretary has taken daily reviews with all related Ministries of Health, Defence, Ministry of External Affairs, Civil Aviation, Home, Textiles, Pharma, Commerce and other officials including with State Chief Secretaries. My own Ministry is constantly reviewing the evolving scenario. Video Conferences are being held with States every other day. Government of India has also taken several other measures to control the risk of novel Corona Virus infection spreading to India. First Advisory was issued on 17th January, 2020 and as situation is evolving, the travel advisories are

accordingly getting revised. Presently, existing visas (including e-Visa already issued) are no longer valid for any foreign national travelling from China. People having compelling reasons to visit India are asked to contact the India embassy in Beijing or consulate in Shanghai or Guangzhou. People have already been advised to refrain from travel to China through an earlier advisory. People travelling to China henceforth will be quarantined on return. Screening of passengers was initiated since 18th January 2020. Initially airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Kochi were covered and subsequently expanded in a total of 21 airports. Universal thermal screening has been made mandatory for all flights from Singapore and Thailand besides Hong Kong and China and these flights will park at earmarked aero-bridges to facilitate screening. Signages have been displayed at prominent places in airports and ports, in-flight announcements are being made and self-declaration forms are being filled up by all passengers. As of today, a total of 1818 flights have been screened covering a total of 1,97,192 passengers. Teams of specialist doctors were sent to all the airports to ensure effective screening and arrangement for isolation in the attached hospitals. Screening of passengers has also been initiated in 12 major seaports and all minor ports in the country to identify passengers & crew coming from China and to isolate them in case they are found symptomatic. In view of a confirmed case in Nepal, Government has initiated screening in all integrated check posts from Nepal

in collaboration with states of UP, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Sikkim and Bihar and Shasstra Seema Bal (SSB) and Land Port Authorities. Gram Sabhas have been conducted in villages adjoining the borders with Nepal to create awareness amongst people about the disease and precautions to be taken in collaboration with Panchayati Raj Ministry.

In view of the continuing lock down of the Hubei Province in China, the Government of India decided to evacuate the Indian students and other professionals working in Wuhan and neighbouring cities in the Hubei Province. In a coordinated operation with Ministry of Civil Aviation, Air India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, two Special Air India flights were operated between Delhi and Wuhan on 31 January and 1 February, 2020 that brought back a total of 654 passengers that included 647 Indian citizens (including two Indian Embassy officials who were on the ground in Wuhan to coordinate the evacuation operation) and 7 Maldivian nationals. I take this opportunity to thank Air India, its crew and our team of doctors and para medical staff who executed this challenging operation and place on record the appreciation on behalf of this august house for their contribution. After evacuation, the people are presently undergoing quarantine at special facilities created by Indian Army in Manesar and by Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in Chhawla Camp. Ten of the evacuees who were symptomatic have been shifted to isolation. All of them have tested negative for this disease and are

stable. All other evacuees are being medically examined on daily basis and are healthy. The Indian Embassy and Consulates are also in regular contact with the Indian community in other parts of China and is keeping a constant track of their well-being. Regular surveillance has been initiated across the country for all cases having travel history from China and for people having contact with such persons and having fever, cough or breathlessness. Through Integrated Disease Surveillance network all such persons are tracked and presently we are following 9452 passengers across 29 States/UTs in the community. The state surveillance officers, district surveillance officers and rapid response teams of health professionals under the leadership of state Health Secretaries are monitoring all such people on a daily basis. Sufficient isolation beds have been made available in the tertiary facilities across the country to manage any outbreak. In total, 369 symptomatic travellers have been referred to isolation facility and are being monitored. Ministry has issued guidelines to support states on surveillance and contact tracing, surveillance at points of entry, laboratory samples collection, packaging and transport, clinical management protocol and infection prevention and control in health care facilities. To ensure availability of critical items like Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) & N95 masks, the exports of the same was also prohibited by the Director General of Foreign Trade. A buffer stock of personal protective equipments and n-95 masks is maintained by states as well as

Union Government. National Institute of Virology, Pune is the nodal Laboratory. As part of ICMR's preparedness for emerging/re-emerging infectious disease, NIV, Pune has established capacity for molecular diagnosis of nCoV. Next generation sequencing is established. Testing of Clinical samples is also been initiated in 11 more laboratories. As of now 1510 samples have been tested and 1507 samples were found negative, 3 samples have been tested positive and 27 samples are under process. Risk communication material has been prepared and is widely disseminated even in regional languages through states. Required awareness in community is ensured through technical briefings by experts in radio and television. Daily Press briefing is being held by Ministry of Health and information is being shared through social media. A 24X7 Control Room is operational (011-23978046). Government of India is in regular touch with WHO headquarters, regional office and country office to get updates on the evolving scenario. Government of India has also provided support to other countries in tackling the challenge posted by the nCoV disease. ICMR has offered to do testing of samples for other South-East Asian region countries. Testing of Samples from Maldives has already being undertaken. Request from Afghanistan for samples testing has been agreed to. We have agreed to provide technical assistance to Bhutan in managing this infectious disease and screening of passengers also. Government of India is

constantly monitoring the situation and is taking all the necessary steps to avoid the spread of the novel Corona Virus.

(2) STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Re: Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in promotions

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT) : Hon'ble Supreme Court has passed a judgment in Civil Appeal No. 1226 of 2020 Mukesh Kumar & Anr. Versus the State of Uttarakhand & Ors. regarding reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in promotions. Since this is an important subject Government is considering it at the highest level. This is to clarify that neither Government of India was made a party in this matter nor any affidavit was sought from Government of India. The above matter/SLP has arisen out of a decision taken by the Government of Uttarakhand dated 5.9.2012, in which Government of Uttarakhand had decided not to provide reservations in the promotions for SCs and STs. It is appropriate to mention here that there was Congress Party Government in Uttarakhand in 2012. Our Government is dedicated and committed for the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes. After

due discussion and consideration, Government of India will take appropriate steps in this subject.

THE INSTITUTE OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN AYURVEDA

BILL, 2020

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) *moved that leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of an Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda and to declare it as an Institution of national importance for the promotion of quality and excellence in education, research and training in Ayurveda and allied disciplines and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.*

PROF. SOUGATA RAY *opposing the motion for introduction of the Bill, said:* My objection is related to setting up of the institute at Jamnagar in Gujarat. Kerala, and Bengal have a glorious ayurvedic traditions. So it should be set up

either in New Delhi, or at places which have got glorious traditions in Ayurvedic research and teaching, that is, in Varanasi, Kerala or West Bengal.

DR. SHASHI THAROOR *also opposing said:* The Bill Seeks to conglomerate three institutes as one institution and confer it with the status of an Institute of National importance which treats identically-recognised ayurvedic institutes in India, unequally. Also, the Bill fails to define the term or the criteria for an institution to become an Institution of National importance thereby giving rise to arbitrariness in the exercise of conferring this status. Besides, Bill fails to meet the larger objective of the promotion of quality and excellence in education, research and training in Ayurveda. The Government Ayurveda College in Thiruvananthapuram has been overlooked.

SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK *clarifying said:* This Institution was started in 1952 as a central Institute of Research in Indigenous System of Medicine. In 1956, a Post Graduate Centre was started by the Central Government. In 1962, both these Institutions were merged and one Institution was started called Ayurveda Studies and Research. In 1967, the Post Graduate Centre became an integral part of the University. It has a WHO collaborating centre. This Centre has UG, PG pharmacy in Ayurveda. It is also running a Yoga Institution in collaboration with Meharshi Patanjali Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy. This Institution has published a number of publications in Ayurveda. A maximum

number of publications have been issued by this Institution. These have been published in highly reputed journals. This is being started with your assistance. Whatever all of you have said will be considered by us.

The Bill was introduced.

SUBMISSION BY MEMBERS

Re: Recent Supreme Court judgment on reservation for SCs/STs.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS; MINISTER OF COAL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI) *responding the issue raised by several hon. Members, said:* The Government has nothing to do with it. This is a Supreme Court judgment. It was a Congress government in Uttarakhand in 2012. Still, the hon. Social Welfare Minister will give a statement in the House at 14.15 of the clock today.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL) *also responding said:* It was Congress Government in Uttarakhand in 2012. That Government had taken this decision and

subsequent to that a PIL was filed. The Government of India has nothing to do with this matter and it is committed to reservation.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH) *also responding said:* At the outset of today's proceedings, I had submitted that hon. Minister of Social Justice would give a statement in the House on this matter. I had requested all the Members to wait for that. If the Members would not be satisfied with the statement, we could have a discussion in the House with the permission of the hon. Speaker. This is a sensitive issue which is being politicized. This is very serious matter.

OBSERVATION BY THE SPEAKER

HON. SPEAKER: Let us have a discussion in the House whether it is necessary to bring placards/posters in the House. If all agree, I will request the hon. Members to keep the placards/posters outside the House and whosoever bring them inside the House, action will be taken against them.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

1. **SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA** laid a statement regarding need to review the decision to phase out IASE, CTE and DIET from 1 April, 2020.
2. **SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE** laid a statement regarding need to fix the norms for banana crop under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.
3. **DR. SUBHAS SARKAR** laid a statement regarding economic condition of weavers in Bankura Parliamentary Constituency, West Bengal.
4. **KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL** laid a statement regarding need to set up a committee to review the NCERT history books.
5. **SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to construct a bye-pass road in Dhanbad city, Jharkhand.
6. **SHRI RAJU BISTA** laid a statement regarding need to set up a Central University in Darjeeling, West Bengal.

* Laid on the Table as directed by Chair.

7. **SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI** laid a statement regarding need to correct the land records in Sikar and other districts of Rajasthan.
8. **SHRI S. MUNISWAMY** laid a statement regarding setting up of a Passport Seva Kendra in Kolar, Karnataka.
9. **SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI** laid a statement regarding need to provide money through DBT to school children for Mid-day Meal.
10. **SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL** laid a statement regarding need to provide a rake point near Maharajganj and Chainwa Railway Stations in Maharajganj Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.
11. **SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI** laid a statement regarding need to review the functioning of Cattle Breeding Farm, Andeshnagar, Lakhimpur- Kheri district, Uttar Pradesh.
12. **SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT** laid a statement regarding need to connect Gumla district in Jharkhand with rail services.
13. **SHRIMATI GITABEN V. RATHVA** laid a statement regarding need to improve internet services in Chhota Udaipur Parliamentary Constituency, Gujarat.
14. **SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA** laid a statement regarding need to include Dausa in Rajasthan in Aspirational Districts.

15. **SHRI V. K.SREEKANDAN** laid a statement regarding disinvestment of Bharat Earth Movers Limited.
16. **SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY** laid a statement regarding East Kolkata Wetland.
17. **SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY** laid a statement regarding need to upgrade state roads in Telangana as National Highways.
18. **DR. D. RAVIKUMAR** laid a statement regarding setting up of an IT park at Villuppuram in Tamil Nadu.
19. **DR.BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI** laid a statement regarding PMGSY in Andhra Pradesh.
20. **PROF. SOUGATA RAY** laid a statement regarding financial condition of Life Insurance Corporation.
21. **SHRI ARVIND SAWANT** laid a statement regarding outstanding dues to be paid to Maharashtra.
22. **SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR** laid a statement regarding need to provide compensation to maize farmers in Purnia Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.
23. **SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY** laid a statement regarding exemption to Defence personnel at Toll Gates.

24. **SHRI MALOOK NAGAR** laid a statement regarding need to expand the capacity of Ganga Kisan Sahkari Chini Mills Limited, Morna in Uttar Pradesh and also ensure its proper maintenance.
25. **DR. G. RANJITH REDDY** laid a statement regarding need to set up the National Police University within the precincts of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad.
26. **SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE** laid a statement regarding 'Merit-cum-Means' Scholarship.
27. **SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU** laid a statement regarding need to provide legal assistance to an Indian national arrested by Egyptian Coast Guard.

THE UNION BUDGET (2020-2021)- Contd.

SHRI RAMPRIT MANDAL: The Government has presented a very good and balanced budget. Now, where has been an announcement of Rs. 150 crore in the budget for gauge conversion of Sakari-Laukaha Bazaar-Nirmali and Saharsa-Farbisganj. An allocation of Rs. 100 crore has been made for Jaynagar-Bardibar-Bijalpura (Nepal). The rail line for Nirmali via Sitamarhi from Sursand had been

sanctioned in the year 2008 but nothing has been done in this regard till date. I would like to request the hon. Minister to take a note on the said issue. I would also demand for construction of a ROB at Ram Chowk in Jhanjharpur and Jaynagar. The Government has paid full attention particularly this year on the Railway projects of Bihar. All incomplete and pending works should be completed expeditiously. There is a need to operate a new AC express train from Delhi to Dharbhanga and Delhi to Patna. Some major stations of Bihar should be developed as model stations. Madhepura rail coach factory, Samastipur rail coach repair factory, Chhapra rail wheel factory etc. are not fully operational. These factories should be expanded and their full capacity should also be utilised. With these words I support this Budget.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB: The Finance Minister presented this Budget amid high expectations of a demand stimulus for the economy. The slowdown in the economy, combined with the existing fiscal stress made this a challenging task. I would like to know from the Government whether any consensus has emerged on defining poverty line in the country. There is focus on agriculture, on infrastructure, a boost to the corporate sector, tax cuts and disinvestment are positive steps. There was a need for a sharp fiscal stimulus. But fiscal space was limited. Yet, several measures and initiatives have been taken to address these challenges. This Budget indicates that the Government is alive to a

new set of environmental challenges confronting us. People say that there is a economic slowdown. Investment is also coming down in a rapid pace. So, the more investment is there in our country, the growth would be faster and quicker. There is a need for financial sector reforms. Wilful defaulters are to be tackled sternly. There is a need to get competition within the banking sectors.

SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA: The proposed budget has hit the common man very hard. The budget of the kitchen has been doubled. No effective steps have been taken in the budget to control the price rise. No efforts have also been made to create job opportunities. There are visible signs of growing economic slowdown. No specific schemes have been announced in the budget for the welfare of women, dalits and the backward communities. The budget has also duped the farming communities. There are no efforts in the budget to tackle the economic crisis. Paltry allocations have been made for the development of SCs and STs in the budget. Therefore, this is an anti-farmer, anti-youth, anti-dalit and anti-poor budget.

***DR. R. K. RANJAN:**

***SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA:**

***SHRIMATI SHARDA ANIL PATEL:**

* Please see supplement.

***SHRI KAUSHLENDRA KUMAR:**

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE: Actually the Budget has exposed the failings of this Government when it comes to fiscal health. To achieve five trillion dollar economy, what is the growth rate that is required? It is absolutely worrisome for the commitments that they are giving. The Government want to ply bullet train. As regards land acquisition, nothing has happened. The Government says that all the sectors are doing well. This Government is living in a make-believe world because I do not see any of them really happening in reality. I come from a producer State of Maharashtra. All the core sectors, be it the telecom sector, auto sector, realty sector, coal sector are in the negative. There is an urgent need for helping the poor depositors of the PMC Bank in Maharashtra who are really under distress. I would urge and take this opportunity to ask the Government to give us some help. The disinvestment target is very important. But the Government has not reached more than 60 per cent of the target. What has been done in the FRMB Act? This Government always maintained that the fiscal deficit has to always stay less than 3.2 per cent. Now it has reached 3.8 per cent and will also reach 4 per cent. The Government has talked about doubling the income of farmers. There are only wishes and intentions. The Government talks about solar energy. There is a tax of 20 per cent on PV module part of the solar and the Government has also capped imports. The Government has disrupted the whole

thing. I would say that so much cess is collected. How come we do not get cess for education in our State? When it comes to Centrally-sponsored schemes, there is five per cent less for Mid-Day Meal Programme. There is a cut of 13 per cent due to the recommendation of the Finance Commission. My State is suffering because of the issues concerning the Finance Commission. The Government needs to accelerate growth, look into the fiscal deficit and promote private investments. I am sure the sense of this House is that in the larger interest of the nation, we do not want a defunct economy.

***SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

***SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: The Government is discouraging people from saving. The Government has reduced the interest rate on savings to 7-8 per cent. The Finance Minister is not only selling various PSUs; she is selling the national highways too on the sly. You are making fast tags compulsory and now you want to sell it. Now, a middle-class man who invested in good shares has to pay 25 per cent to 30 per cent as dividend tax. So, the Government has not reduced the tax. It has conveniently, again on the sly, increased the tax. Rs. 12,000 crore of public money was spent on implementation of Aadhaar. Why does the Government want to spend another Rs. 4,800 crore on NPR when you have the

* Please see supplement.

dynamic data with you under which every detail is captured? Tamil Nadu gave the first call against NRC and NPR. We are going to send 2.5 crore signatures to the President. I think 35,758 farmers have committed suicide in India. Yet you say you are going to double their income. You want to launch Kisan Udan, Kisan Rail, cold storage facilities and all that. Where is the infrastructure in the villages for all this? Without developing the basic infrastructure in the villages, how are you going to do all this? Of all the approved AIIMS, not a single AIIMS has come up yet. None of them has started any work. You have allocated Rs. 8,000 crores for the next five years for quantum computing through which you are going to snoop on us. That is the reason you are going to do that because it helps you snooping. The Government has not done a single thing for Tamil language.

***SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:**

***SHRIMATI GITABEN V. RATHVA:**

SHRI GOPAL SHETTY: This Budget shows that it is a 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' budget. I would like to thank hon. Prime Minister for providing LPG gas connections to eight crore households. I would request the Union Government to provide funds to the farmers through direct benefit transfer system. Housing industry was the most prominent industry in Mumbai. But, these days this industry

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is facing total shutdown. When housing industry shuts down then lakhs of people lose their jobs. Therefore, if we want to make economic progress then we need to pay urgent attention to this industry. Work on metro rail should be speeded up so that the people of Mumbai get a big relief. These days, people in corporate sector register lot of cases against others just to harass them because they know that these cases will not be decided for 5-10 years. It is also a medium to slowdown the economy. All these problems will finish with the opening of fast track courts and people will not file false case because it will get immediately decided by going to a fast track court.

***SHRI AKSHAIBAR LAL:**

***SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:**

***SHRI SANJAY SETH:**

***SHRI H. VASANTHAKUMAR:**

SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR: There is little denying the fact that distress in rural areas is growing. It is really surprising that allocation for MGNREGS for the next year has been reduced below the Revised Estimates of the current year at a time when there is a need to boost rural economy. Steps to convert fertilizer subsidy into DBT must be taken with due caution lest our farmers

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are put to undue harassment. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Bima Yojana deserves to be reviewed and re-oriented as it does not suit the interests of Punjab's farmers. This scheme should be farm/plot based instead of being area based. Punjab is facing a ground water crisis. The budget does not offer anything for the State in this regard and sadly it has been omitted from the list of seven States selected under the Atal Bhujal Yojana. CACP has unfortunately given some recommendations of ending MSP based open-end procurement of paddy and wheat. I strongly urge the Government to put aside any such plan in case it truly believes in the welfare of farmers. I hope that the Government will equip the country with the right economic policies to help catalyze our economic growth and development.

SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI: Our hon. Prime Minister has rightly said that this Budget has both vision and action and it focuses on boosting economic growth which would strengthen the foundations of Indian economy in this current decade. Against the backdrop of the current economic scenario, this particular Budget will definitely facilitate investment, spur consumption growth, give a push to infrastructure projects, give a fillip to rural and agricultural development and strengthen social sector interventions which would go a long way in bringing relief to the poor, the needy and the vulnerable sections of the country. This is an age of technology and we are all aware of the fact that emerging technologies like block chain, 3D printing, artificial intelligence,

quantum computing, etc. encompassed all aspects of our life. Hence a provision of Rs.8000 crore has been made for National Mission for quantum applications and technologies. There is also a provisioning of about Rs.6000 crore for Bharatnet Programme. The allegation of less allocation for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is baseless as the Budget Estimate for 2019 for MGNREGS was Rs.61,115 crore and this time, the BE says that it is Rs.61,500 crore. Last year, RE for MGNREGS went upto Rs.71,000 crore. The MGNREGS is a demand driven Programme, and whenever there has been a need for money or wages, the Government has provided a lot of funds for actually meeting the wages. The proposed 'Kisan Rail' and the 'Krishi Udan' will facilitate the farmers to take their fresh fruits and vegetables to national and international destinations. PM-KUSUM is a wonderful idea which will immensely benefit the farmers. Furthermore, the milk processing capacity is planned to be enhanced from 53.5 million tones to 108 million tones. The agricultural credit is planned to go up hugely from Rs.11.5 lakh crore to Rs.15 lakh crore. As far as social sector interventions are concerned, in the health sector, there is an increase of 15.4 per cent. I would definitely say that we have moved from a regime of policy paralysis to a regime of policy action, we have moved from policy of scams to a regime of policy action where the Government is trying to provide a transparent Government.

SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI: Budget is not a mere Statement of Revenue and Expenditure. It reflects the ambitions and aspirations of the masses, an effort to address the failures, rectify the mistakes, and help realize the dreams. But there is an agreement between all of us that it is not to the satisfaction of the people and to the satisfaction of the decision makers. All the universally accepted indices, all the indicators of fiscal health point to a downslide in the economy including the sluggish growth of GDP. One of the major challenges before the Government was also resource mobilization and giving a fillip to agriculture but a closer look at the Budget points to a mere patch work. The agriculture does not get the due attention. Eleven per cent decrease in subsidy on fertilizers is to hit hard the farmers. Though PM-KISAN Scheme has shown an increased allocation of 37.9 per cent, but the benefit has not reached the beneficiaries. Jammu and Kashmir has recently experienced a massive assault on its autonomy, territorial integrity and identity. It is true that Rs.20,000 crore has been earmarked for Jammu and Kashmir in the current Budget, but there can be no trades-off between political aspirations and budgetary allocations. Hence, we will continue to demand that the decisions of 5th August should be revoked and the status before 5th August should be restored in Jammu and Kashmir to fulfill the political aspirations of the people.

***SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:**

* Please see supplement.

***SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

***SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:**

***SHRI S.R. PARTHIBAN:**

***SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:**

DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN: The Budget presented for the country clearly shows that the Government is working for the development of all. The target of doubling the income of farmers by the year 2022 is highly appreciable. In the Budget 20 lakh more farmers are proposed to be covered under the KUSUM Yojana and 15 lakh additional farmers will be helped to run their pumps by solar energy instead of electricity. This is an important step taken towards the rural development. Milk processing capacity will be doubled from 53.5 million metric tonne to 108 million metric tonne by the year 2025 which stands to be an appreciable move. Today, 'Jal Jivan evam Haryali' programme is being implemented in full swing with the initiatives taken by our hon. Chief Minister of the state of Bihar and the same is likely to be completed in the next 3 years. No train is operated from my Parliamentary Constituency, Gopalganj to long destinations or Metropolitan cities. I, through this august House, would like to urge that certain trains may please be started for different Metropolitan cities from Golpalgaj so that the people of my Constituency may avail of the railway facilities. With these words, I would like to support the multi-dimensional Budget.

***DR. SUJAY VIKHE PATIL:**

SUSHRI SUNITA DUGGAL: The first Union Budget of this decade presented by our hon. Finance Minister is meant for the common men, the poor, the farmers, the Scheduled Tribes and for everybody. This Budget is an endeavour towards making the lives of common people as much easy as possible. Hon. Prime Minister has targeted to achieve the goal of five trillion dollar economy but it seems to me that the onus to achieve this goal lies with all of us. Earlier, Rs.27,000 crore used to be allocated for the agriculture sector before 2014 but now Rs. 2.83 lakh crore has been allocated for this sector which shows how much committed is our Government towards agriculture and to the welfare of the farmers. Rs.45,000 crores has directly been transferred to the accounts of the farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Nidhi Yojana. The Government has been helping the farmers by providing them grid connected solar pumps. The Government has identified 100 water-stressed districts where micro irrigation schemes are being promoted. The Government has also paid due attention towards health, water, sanitation, education, infrastructure etc. I would urge upon the Government to make income upto Rs.5 lakh tax-free.

* Please see supplement.

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR: This Budget has completely ignored the interests of the State of Maharashtra. The Union Government should immediately sanction and release funds for the extension of harbour line from Goregaon to Boriwalli, for laying down 5th and 6th line from Boriwalli to Virar and for the implementation of the 3rd phase of the Mumbai Urban Transport Project. The Central Government should allocate funds for the conservation of mangroves in Maharashtra. The International Finance Centre should be set up in Mumbai, the financial capital of India. It is a matter of regret that there is not a single tribal museum in Maharashtra. The Union Government should urgently release funds required to help flood victims in different parts of Maharashtra. The Central Government should enhance the subsidy being given for the construction of houses for the fishermen and also provide insurance cover to them. The Government should undertake measures to promote tourism in Maharashtra and also release funds for all round development of the Mumbai office of the Sports Authority of India. It should also sanction funds to help undertake the literacy programmes in Maharashtra. The Central Government should also take decision on urgent basis with regard to the proposals sent by the State Government to revive the 21 rivers in the State. The vacant Government posts should be filled up and the Government should not privatize Air India and the Railways.

***SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:**

***DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:**

ADV. A. M. ARIFF: I am proud of the Kerala Chief Minister for the firm stand taken by him against the implementation of NRC and CAA. It is very sad to note that whenever Kerala has asked for help, the Central Government has turned its face and portrayed our State as if it is an enemy country. The Government has been creating new criteria when it comes to the implementation of the centrally sponsored developmental schemes in Kerala. The GST share of the State is being denied. The Government has always been adopting a reluctant approach towards the demands of Kerala such as semi-high speed corridor, Angamali-Sabari rail project, separate AIIMS for the State, Central Ayurvedic Research Centre etc. The rank of our country in many global indices such as Poverty Index, Human Development Index, Happiness Index, Security Index of Women is abysmally low.

***SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY:**

***DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:**

SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: If we try to understand the national politics of India, we find that the year 2014 was the year of momentous change because in this year the Indian people voted a full majority Government into power. Earlier, a full majority Government was elected 30 years ago in 1984.

* Please see supplement.

Our Government took on the challenges which our country had been facing and launched a number of historic schemes like Ayushman Yojana, Kisan Sammannidhi Yojana, Direct Benefit Transfer, Ujjwala Yojana, Matritva Vandan Yojana etc. Our Government abrogated Article 370 and 35A and also successfully resolved the long pending problem of Ram Janam Bhumi. Our Government provided justice to the victims of triple Talaq. Now-a-days, the Opposition has been asking questions on the unemployment issue and our hon. Prime Minister has given assurance that our Government will also solve this problem.

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