

LOK SABHA

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HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, with profound grief, I have to inform the House about the passing away of the former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Bharat Ratna Ms. Lata Mangeshkar. Ms. Lata Mangeshkar, renowned as *Queen of Melody in the country and around the world*, passed away on 6th February, 2022 in Mumbai at the age of 92 years. Renowned as *Nightingale of India* Lata Mangeshkar ji recorded over 25000 songs in almost all the Indian languages. Her extraordinary talent was honoured with several awards throughout her life.

In recognition of her contributions to the nation, Lataji was conferred with India's highest Civilian Award, *Bharat Ratna* in the year 2001. She was awarded *Padma Bhushan* in 1969, Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1989 and Padma Vibhushan also in 1999 in addition to several awards related to the film industry.

She was also awarded with the *National Order of the Legion of Honour*, the highest civilian award of the French Republic by France in the year 2009.

She served as a member of Rajya Sabha from 1999 to 2005. The song "Saarejahan se achchha Hindustan hamara" sung by her in the ceremony held in the historical Central Hall of the Parliament on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of India's independence will be etched in our memory forever.

Lataji was dedicated to the service of people. She founded the 'Lata Mangeshkar Medical Foundation'. Through this public charitable trust, free medical services are

provided to the patients of all sections of the society. She also set up 'Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smriti Pratishthan' in the memory of her father for the help of students and welfare of senior citizens. Her death has caused an irreparable loss to the world of music, art and culture. In this hour of national mourning, I pay my humble tribute to the departed soul and on behalf of the House, I express my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members and her fans.

Hon. Members, with profound grief, I have to inform the House about the passing away of two of our former colleagues.

Shri Gajanan D. Babar was a Member of the 15th Lok Sabha representing the Maval Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra.

He was a member of the Committee on Urban Development. Earlier, Shri Babar was also a Member of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for two terms. **Shri Gajanan D. Babar** passed away on 2nd February 2022 in Pune at the age of 78 years.

Shri C. Janga Reddy was a Member of the 8th Lok Sabha representing the Hanamkonda Parliamentary Constituency of the undivided Andhra Pradesh.

He was a Member of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table. Shri Janga Reddy had also been a member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly for three terms. **Shri C. Janga Reddy** passed away on 5 February 2022 in Hyderabad at the age of 86 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of hon. Lata Mangeshkar Ji and our two former colleagues, **Shri Gajanan D. Babar Ji** and **C. Janga Reddy Ji**. This House conveys our deep condolences to their bereaved families, their followers and admirers.

Then, the House stood in silence for a short while.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Re: Attack on convoy of Shri Asaduddin Owaisi.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF COOPERATION (SHRI AMIT SHAH) : Hon. Speaker Sir, on February 3, 2022 at about 17:20 PM. Shri Asaduddin Owaisi, MP (Lok Sabha) was returning to Delhi after completion of a public contact programme at Kithor, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh. When his convoy was crossing Chhijarasi Toll Plaza, NH-9, Police Station, Pilakhuwa, District Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, two unknown persons fired at his convoy. Shri Owaisi escaped

unhurt in this incident. However, three bullet marks were visible on the lower portion of his vehicle. The said incident was also witnessed by three persons. In this regard an FIR Crime Number 45/22, u/s 307 IPC and u/s 7 of Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1932 has been lodged in Police Station Pilakhuwa, District Hapur and is being investigated.

Shri Owaisi did not have any pre-scheduled programme in the district Hapur and neither did District Control Room have any prior information about his movement. Shri Owaisi reached Delhi safely following the incident. The site of occurrence was inspected by the senior officers of the district. In the course of investigation the local Police promptly arrested two accused and two unauthorized pistols and one Alto car have been recovered from them.

The Forensic team is thoroughly investigating the site of incident as well as the vehicle and evidence is being collected. Both the accused are being interrogated by the U.P. Police. The law and order situation in the district is under control and normal. Strict vigilance is being kept over there. The Union Home Ministry immediately obtained report from the State Government. On several occasions in the past, the Union Government, on the basis of the threat assessment by the Central Security Agencies, issued directions for providing security cover to Shri Owaisi, however, repeated endeavors of the Delhi Police and the Telangana Police to provide him with security cover did not succeed on account of his unwillingness to take it.

A review of threat perception to Shri Owaisi has been undertaken again and based upon the threat inputs, he has been provided with 'Z' category CRPF security cover on all India basis along with bulletproof car in Delhi. With this, I conclude my statement, but Shri Owaisi has verbally conveyed the security branch of the CRPF that he does not want security cover. I would like to urge Shri Owaisi ji, through this House and through you to avail himself of the security cover and that he ought to partake in the political programmes only after being in security cover.

**THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2022**

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA) moved that leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 for inclusion of certain community in the list of Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Tripura.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY *seeking clarification regarding the motion for introduction of the Bill said:* Whenever there is talk of inclusion of a caste in the list of STs, it should be in a comprehensive way. The government has brought one caste from outside for inclusion in the said list, but there is a demand for inclusion in the list of scheduled tribes from many states of India. A comprehensive list should be made. People of Kurmi community of my state should be included in ST. The Kurmi caste is one of the most primitive tribes of the old Chhotanagpur region of India as well as the state of West Bengal particularly in the Jungle Mahals region. Lakhs of Kurmi people in Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha have been demanding this for years that we should be included in the Scheduled Tribes. Instead of doing this kind of work, the government should bring a Bill covering all the demands that have come from many places in India to be included in the list of Schedule Tribes.

SHRI ARJUN MUNDA *clarifying said:* The criteria have been set according to the provisions which are laid down for entry in the tribal list. As per these parameters, after doing a research based, comparative study about all the states, it is reviewed at various levels in the light of the recommendation of the state government and it is brought to the Parliament in the same series, after all the reviews. As the research based reports of all the states come, accordingly it is carried forward in a sequential manner. I, would, therefore, appeal to allow the introduction of the Bill.

The Bill, by leave, was introduced.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL** laid a statement regarding need to run railway service between Masrakh Junction and Patna in Bihar.
- (2) **SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHOUHAN** laid a statement regarding need to connect Sri Ganganagar district in Rajasthan with flight services.
- (3) **SHRI RAMDAS TADAS** laid a statement regarding implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Wardha Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.
- (4) **SHRI ARJUNLAL MEENA** laid a statement regarding alleged irregularities in REET Examination in Rajasthan.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Chair.

- (5) **SHRIMATI SHARDA ANIL PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to permit retrofitting of CNG kit in BS6 vehicles.
- (6) **SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR** laid a statement regarding Union Budget (2022-23).
- (7) **SHRI MANOJ KOTAK** laid a statement regarding need to develop Flamingo Bird watching Park and Tourist spot in creek area near Bhandup Pumping Station in Mumbai North East Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.
- (8) **SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI** laid a statement regarding release of water from Madam Silli Dam in Kanker Parliamentary Constituency, Chhattisgarh.
- (9) **SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK** laid a statement regarding need to establish a University in Sidhi district headquarters in Madhya Pradesh.
- (10) **DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding establishment of a Sainik School in Godda/Deoghar, Jharkhand.
- (11) **SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA** laid a statement regarding conversion of tribal people to Christianity in the country.
- (12) **SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE** laid a statement regarding alleged cow smuggling in Assam.
- (13) **SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR** laid a statement regarding need to provide 27% reservation to OBC in local body elections and also enhance the limit of creamy layer for OBCs.
- (14) **SHRI ANTO ANTONY** laid a statement regarding repealing of the Rubber Act, 1947.
- (15) **SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR** laid a statement regarding promotion of tourism in Kuttralam in Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu.
- (16) **SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR** laid a statement regarding Review of Child Adoption Guidelines.
- (17) **SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT** laid a statement regarding release of Performance Grants for Urban Local Bodies in Maharashtra.

- (18) **SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT** laid a statement regarding need to include certain backward castes of Bihar in the list of Scheduled Tribes.
- (19) **SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB** laid a statement regarding enhancement of Rate of Royalty for minerals mined in Odisha.
- (20) **KUNWAR DANISH ALI** laid a statement regarding stray cattle causing damage to agriculture in Amroha Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.
- (21) **SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE** approval of cyclone shelters proposals.
- (22) **SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU** laid a statement regarding financial issues pertaining to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (23) **SHRI MARGANI BHARAT** laid a statement regarding Repealing section 41(C) of SC/ST (prevention of Atrocities) Act.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS-Contd.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI NARENDRA MODI) *replying said:* I rise to place on record my sincere thanks to hon. President for his Address to both Houses of Parliament. Hon. President has incorporated in his Address the details of all the concerted efforts made during the recent past to make India a self-reliant country as well as with regard to an aspirational India. Before I speak on the Motion of Thanks, I would like to say a few words about the bereavement that occurred yesterday. The country lost revered Lata didi yesterday. Her voice mesmerized the country for so long, inspired the countrymen, filled the country with exalted emotions and nurtured and enriched our cultural heritage thereby strengthening our country's unity and integrity. She is an inspiring example for country's unity and integrity. I, today pay my respectful homage to the departed soul. History is testimony to the fact that the world witnessed a paradigm shift after the second world war. After Corona crisis also, the world is again moving towards a new world order with new systems and approaches. We, as a nation, just cannot afford to lose this opportunity. We should never underestimate India for the global leadership role. In this context, Amrit Mahotsava of Independence is an inspiring example. Taking inspiration from it, we should take our country ahead with full strength

and dedication when we will be celebrating hundred years of our independence. This is the time to take resolve. During the past few years, country has acquired tremendous strength in various core areas. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has been operational for a long time. Today, the poorest of the poor people have toilets in their houses and even villages of the country have become free from open defecation. After so many years of our independence, there is light in the homes of poor as well and when their houses lit up, it increases the happiness index in the country manifold. The gas connection has become a symbol of prestige in households and our sisters and mothers have been relieved from the smoky stoves. Today, the poor have got their own bank accounts and money given by Government to poor people is credited to their bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer. Have you people been on the ground with the people, you would have felt and understood these things. But the people of the country have now known you inside out. Some have already known you, some have recognised you with a bit of delay and some will come to know in the times to come. There was a time when you were in power in several states, but given your model of governance, people have not reelected you in many of such states for a long period of time. The issue, in fact, does not relate to merely electoral results, rather it relates to their intent. In such a vast democracy, why are people rejecting them repeatedly. However, after all these losses, the loads of ego do not diminish, neither do your ego-systems allow it to diminish. During the Amrit Mahotsava, it is the most opportune time to remember those who contributed during the fight for independence. It is also an appropriate time to take some resolve to materialize their dreams. Criticism is an integral part of our vibrant democracy, but opposition for the sake of opposition is an insult to our democracy. The whole humanity has been facing the scourge of the Corona pandemic during the last two years. Those who understood India on the basis of its past, had all kind of apprehensions that India would not be able to come out of this crisis. Corona is a pandemic, but that is also being used for partisan politics. During the first Corona wave when the country was undergoing COVID induced lockdown, all health experts including the WHO were advising that people should stay put where they were because if COVID positive people move out to other places, they will take the infection along. At such a time, people from the Congress party, stood at the Mumbai railway station and encouraged the migrant labourers to leave Mumbai by even providing them with free railway tickets. They pushed our labour brothers and sisters into a lot of troubles. In UP, Uttarakhand and Punjab, where pace of Corona spread was not so fast and its intensity was low, but due to this sin, Corona took these states also under its wrap. How long will party politics last even in times of such crisis being faced by the mankind? Not only me, but the entire country is surprised by this conduct of the Congress. Some people were waiting that the Corona virus will dent my image but

Corona has also tested their patience. If I say vocal for local, don't they want the country to become self-reliant? They talk about Mahatma Gandhi's ideals but what was the problem in strengthening this campaign or getting connected with it? They do not want to see Mahatma Gandhi's dreams come true. Today, during this Corona crisis, yoga has made a place for itself in the whole world. Is there any Indian any where in the world, who will not be proud of yoga? But, they made fun of even Yoga, they opposed it too. This House is witness to the fact that whatever strategy India has made to deal with the situation created by this global pandemic Corona, they made a fun of it from the day one. Such things were said by many other people of the world through conferences so that India could be defamed all over the world. Their entire eco-system was busy doing this. Wherever dedication is greater than understanding, there is also the willpower to sacrifice for the country and the world and we have done that. Today, India is the fastest growing large economy among the big economies of the world. Our farmers have produced record yields during the Corona crisis. The government's procurement also set records. In many countries of the world, there was a food crisis. But, this country has not allowed anyone to starve to death. We have provided free ration to more than 80 crore countrymen and are still doing it today. Our total exports are at historical levels and have set highest records. And this has happened during the Corona crisis. Agricultural exports are at historically top levels. Software exports are scaling new heights. There has been an unprecedented increase in mobile phone exports. Today, the country is also making its mark in defence exports. Today, there is a record investment in terms of FDI and FPI in India. In the field of renewable energy, India is among the top five countries in the world today. In this time of crisis, if the country was to be saved, then reforms were necessary. The result of the reforms we undertook is that we have achieved this situation today. We simplified the rules and procedures. All these achievements have been achieved by the country in a situation, when a lot of turmoil is still going on in the economic world at the international level. The supply chain has completely collapsed, there have been many crises in logistics support. But India did not force its farmers to bear this pain. The country has carried entire burden on its own shoulders and has not allowed it to get transferred to the farmers. India has also continued to supply fertilizers. During the Corona crisis, India has taken big decisions to take its farming, its small farmers out of the crisis. But, these people have not been able to understand the problems of the small farmers of the country today. I want to ask these people, why do they hate small farmers so much? Do they keep creating hurdles against the welfare of small farmers? If we want to get rid of poverty, we have to strengthen our small farmers. If the rural economy has to be strengthened, our small farmers have to be strengthened. Therefore, for modernization, it is our endeavour to pay attention to the small farmers. The freight corridor scheme was

planned in the year 2006. But, it has been accelerated since 2014. The 'Saryu Canal Project' in Uttar Pradesh began during 70s and its cost increased 100 times. After we formed the Government, we completed that work. U.P.'s 'Arjun Dam Project' was launched in the year 2009. Till the year 2017, only one third of its budget was spent. We completed that project in such a short time. Congress was in power for so many years. They could have converted Chardham into all weather roads, but they did not do it. These are people who are cut off from the ground. For them, files are everything. For us, the lives of 130 crore countrymen are most important. The Prime Minister Gati Shakti Master Plan is a holistic approach. To ensure connectivity, we are emphasizing on this. Rural roads are being constructed at the fastest pace since independence, and they are being constructed at such a pace during this five-year period. National highways are being constructed. Electrification of railway lines is being done. Today, the country is building a network of new airports, heliports and waterdromes. Work is underway for optical fibre network in more than 6 lakh villages of the country. All these works provide employment. Modern infrastructure is the need of the country today. Unprecedented investment is also taking place. The more the economy grows, the more employment opportunities will be created and that is the goal and we have focused on these things for the last seven years. Our production in every sector is increasing. Today, we are becoming a part of the global value chain because of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan. This in itself is a good sign for India. Our major focus is on labour incentive sectors like MSMEs and textiles. The Government has also launched a special scheme with an outlay of Rs. 3 lakh crore for MSMEs in order to protect its small industries in this critical period of Corona and our MSME sector has availed of its benefit. SBI has done a threadbare study of this scheme. SBI's study reveals that 13 and a half lakh MSMEs were saved from getting ruined due to this scheme. SBI's study also reveals that 1.5 crore jobs have been saved and about 14 percent of MSMEs' loans have been saved from becoming NPAs. In the same way, our Mudra scheme has been very successful, due to which millions of people have moved towards self-employment. Street vendors are getting loans from banks, our street vendors are making digital transactions and crores of workers are getting benefits. We have spent more than Rs 2 lakh crore for the poor workers. There is a great need for better infrastructure to provide stimulus to the industry. The PM Gati Shakti Master Plan will tremendously whittle down the logistics cost leading the delivery of goods at cheaper rates even inside the country and at the same time it will enable the exporters to compete with the world. We have opened up new areas for entrepreneurs. We have invited the private sector in Space, Defence, Drones and Mining to become a partner in the development of the country today under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Yojana. Simple tax system has been introduced to create a conducive environment

for entrepreneurs in the country. We are continually taking step after step to give a level playing field to the domestic industry. There were 500 start-ups in our country prior to the year 2014 and now during these seven years, 7,000 start-ups have been operating in this country. This is the strength of the youth of my country. In a very short span of time, India's unicorns are moving towards making a century. This is a great achievement. Earlier, a company used to take decades to become an entity of thousands of crores. Today, it is the strength of our youth and the policies of the government which have enabled them to see the emergence of a business worth crores of rupees around themselves within a year or two. Those who used to run the Government earlier, what was their attitude towards Make in India, if we look only at the defence sector, then everything becomes discernible as to what they used to do, how they used to do it, why and for whom they did it? We cannot ensure the security of this country by relying on others. We should have our own system. Being self-reliant in the defence sector is also a great service to the nation and I also call upon the youth of the country to choose their career in this field, we will stand with strength. A provision has also been made in the budget that we will make more and more defence equipments in India itself and procure them from Indian companies only. We have taken steps to close the avenues of procuring defence equipments from abroad. Apart from catering to the needs of our forces, we are pursuing our dream of becoming a major defence exporter. I believe that this resolve will also be fulfilled. Some of our opposition colleagues also raised the issue of inflation here. Inflation is an issue directly related to the common man of the country. Our Government tried to handle this issue meticulously from day one by being alert and sensitive. That is why our Government has made inflation control the primary goal of its fiscal policy. Despite Corona, inflation this year has been 5.2 percent and in that too food inflation has been less than three percent. During their own regime, they used to shrug off their responsibility citing the global situation as its reason. If they had been in power today, they would have shrugged off their responsibilities by holding Corona responsible for the inflation. We are firmly making endeavours to resolve the inflation issue by understanding it with great sensitivity. We are the people who make sincere efforts and responsibly stand with the countrymen. In this House also, big figures were given with regard to eradicating poverty, but one thing was forgotten. The poor of this country are not so treacherous that any Government working for their good could be thrown out of power by them. It is not in the nature of the poor to do so. Congress had been winning elections since 1971 on the slogan of 'Garibi Hatao'. Even after 40 years, poverty did not go away, instead the poor ousted the Congress. And, Congress simply changed the definition of poverty. They changed all the basic norms and said that these 17 crore people will not be counted as poor. This is how they have been indulging in manipulating

these figures. There were issues raised about the nation in the House. This House was also insulted by saying that the word nation does not figure in our Constitution. I would like to state that a nation is not a system of power or government. For us, the nation is a living soul. For thousands of years, the countrymen have been associated with it. A massive effort was made to hurt the Tamil sentiments here. But, today I would like to salute all the residents of Tamil Nadu. When our CDS lost his life in a helicopter crash in the South and when his mortal remains were being taken to the airport in Tamil Nadu, lakhs of my Tamil brothers and Tamil sisters stood in line for hours on the road. Then every Tamilian was raising slogans of Veera Vanakkam proudly by raising hands and with tears in his eyes. This is my country. But the Congress has always hated these things. A divisive mindset is ingrained in their DNA. Many such people have come and gone. Various steps were taken selflessly, but this country is immortal, nothing can destabilize to this country. This country was one and it was the best. This country is one and this country is the best and will remain the best. With this belief, we are moving forward. There has also been an objection to the matter of duties here. Regarding duty, Nehru ji had said that with freedom comes responsibility. That's why let me make you understand that duty is called responsibility in other words. But you forgot that. I would ask Congress party and its allies that you must brainstorm whether you are destroying this important moment of history. The pious occasion of 'Amrit Kaal' of the 75th year of independence is a time to make positive contribution to the development journey of India. I would like to urge upon the Opposition and all the colleagues sitting here and through this House to the countrymen on the pious occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' that let us try, unitedly with new resolutions and with a resolve to make a 'Self-reliant India'. Wherever we have fallen short during the last 75 years, let us make up for it and take forward the resolution of how to make the country great before the centenary year of 2047. We have to work together for the development of the country. Let us rise above the sentiments of party-line and live up with the feelings of the country. I have this one expectation from all of you that we should come forward in the interest of the country. When 100 years of independence will be completed, those who will be sitting in the House will definitely discuss that our country is marching ahead on such a strong foundation. That is why, we should not have any laxity in building our nation a 'Golden India' and we should make sincere efforts to achieve this.

All the amendments moved were negatived.

The Motion was adopted.

THE UNION BUDGET- 2022-2023-GENERAL DISCUSSION

DR. SHASHI THAROOR *initiating said:* India has moved beyond the horrors of the destructive second wave of the COVID and is coping reasonably well with the current Omicron wave. In spite of this, the presentation of the Budget annually cannot merely be seen as a purely routine economic exercise. The Government should have presented a political vision to manage the economy, heal the country and set it on a path to recovery. Our nation is today facing unprecedented levels of unemployment. One-fifth of India's population has plunged below the poverty line. Indian middle-class has been facing inflation, shrinking incomes and the acceleration of household debt. There is distress and anguish in the agrarian economy. The Government should have strengthened existing employment guarantee schemes like MGNREGA, provide life support for the MSME sector and reduce Income-Tax. This Government has not provided support for our Armed Forces to accelerated urgent modernization requirements. The Government has not increased allocations to education. The hon. Finance Minister in her address spoke about how her Government constantly strives to provide the necessary ecosystem for the middle-class. After seeing the contents of the budget, the Indian middle-class would like to know what is in this ecosystem. The disruptive policy of demonetisation caused widespread economic havoc. This Government has repeatedly increased excise duties on fuel, pulses and edible oil. The rapid expansion in income inequality in our country is grave source of concern. Forget developing an urban version of MGNREGA to address rising urban poverty, the current allocations will mean that the Government will at best be able to provide 16 to 20 days of work not 100. This Budget talks about the creation of 60 lakh jobs over five years. But it is not a kind of solution in a country where 5.3 crore are currently unemployed and 47.5 lakh job seekers enter the job market each year. One concrete measure to boost employment generation would have been to support our ailing MSMEs. This Budget has done very little to recognize and support this extraordinary need. Sixty lakh MSMEs went out of business after demonetization. SIDBI says that 67 per cent of the remaining MSMEs that they surveyed closed last year. This Government has failed to provide basic interventions such as the restoration of the Interest Subvention Scheme or a reduction in GST rates. The share of farm allocations has declined from last year. The funding for key schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, subsidies for fertilisers and petroleum has been slashed. The number of beneficiaries of the MSP regime and the quantity procured has fallen. In my Constituency of Thiruvananthapuram, people are struggling with severe shortage of kerosene. The Government is not raising money for the National Health Mission. CAPEX has fallen in each of the last three Quarters along with a decline in new project announcements in the last Quarter. I have many specific requests for allocations new terminal at Nemom, doubling of the

Thiruvananthapuram to Kanyakumari line, introduction of new MEMU trains etc. We have not seen any announcement of new AIIMS for Kerala. There is a lack of consistency in the Government's approach on privatisation.

The discussion was not concluded

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Utpal Kumar Singh
Secretary General

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SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA: The Government of India is providing free ration to 80 crore poor people for about 2 years amid the pandemic. On the other hand, 75 percent of the population has been vaccinated under the free vaccination campaign. Even after spending billions of rupees for both the above campaigns, the Government has not imposed the burden of tax on the people. We haven't faced the shortage of medical facilities during the second wave of Corona. All this is due to the vision of our honorable Prime Minister. At one time, we used to depend on other countries during an epidemic in the country. But the vision and thinking of the Prime Minister gave a new direction to the country. Developed countries were also surprised about how India prepared the corona vaccine first. Today, our country has been recognized globally. The country is progressing in every field. Infrastructure plays an important role in the development of any country. Keeping this in mind, the Government has given full emphasis on the development of infrastructure for the last 8 years. The Government has also constructed tunnels in the inaccessible places which will not only facilitate the traffic but it has also become a convenient way to carry goods from one place to another. For example, the Char Dham road scheme is also a part of this. Its completion will not only give a boost to tourism but it will also provide lot of benefits to our Defense forces.

SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM: This Government has a vision and roadmap for the development of the nation and I am glad that Government's resolve has been underlined and emphasized through President's address. Hon. PM Narendra Modi Ji

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led the Government's fight against Covid-19, especially the vaccination drive. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana- the largest food distribution drive ensured that no one in the country remained hungry during the pandemic. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin, 1 crore 17 lakh houses have been approved and nearly six crore rural households have been provided tap water connection despite the pandemic situation. The Government's sensitive and progressive approach to the well being of farmers is getting recognized in every sphere. Different schemes are being rolled out to help small farmers. In defence sector, the country is becoming increasingly self-reliant. The hon. President rightly pointed out that with Jan Dhan-Aadhar-Mobile or JAM trinity we are taking a giant leap in a very short time. The futuristic vision of our Government is reflected in 21 new Greenfield airports and 11 new metro lines in the country. I represent a Constituency with considerable MSME presence and I understand that the sector is the backbone of the economy. The Government's scheme to ensure adequate availability of credit 'Guaranteed Collateral Free Loans' has given a fresh lease of life to thousands of MSME units. This era of governance is marked by transparency, fairness and holistic approach. National level observance like 'Veer Bal Diwas' on 26th December in the memory of the sacrifice of Sahibzadas and birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on 5th November as 'Jan-Jatiya Gaurav Diwas' is crucial as these heroes deserved respect from the entire nation. The New Education Policy which promotes local languages is also a step in the right direction. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Hon'ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi Ji for taking our country to greater heights in every field of development. I support the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in its entirety.

SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA: Today, when the country is celebrating Amrit Mahotsava on 75 years of its independence, the Hon. President remembered lakhs of freedom fighters of the country. He said that remembering the past and learning lesson from it is very necessary for the safe future of the country. 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas', mantra of the Modi Government has paved the way for the country to become benevolent, robust and self-reliant. The government has drastically reduced the expenditure to be incurred on the treatment by making the medicines available at cheaper rates through more than 8000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras. The Hon. President also mentioned about celebrating 15th November, the birth day of Adivasi Veer Nayak Birsa Munda as "Janjatiya Gaurav Divas". India is running the biggest food distribution programme of the world by spending 2 lakh 60 thousand crore rupees for distributing foodgrains to the 80 crore beneficiaries for the last 19 months. 'Swamitva Yojna' started for giving property documents to the people in rural areas of the country is also an extraordinary effort of the Government. Under this scheme, more than 40 lakh property cards have been distributed in 27 thousand villages so far.

India has joined the club of the fastest growing economies. Influx of foreign investment to the tune of 48 billion dollars in the first seven months of this financial year is a proof of the fact that international investors are fully convinced of the development of India. As heritage and tourism are closely connected with each other, the spiritual heritage of India is being revived.

SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL: India's potential in the fight against COVID became evident through its vaccination programme. More than 90% of the adult population in the country has received the first dose of the COVID vaccine, while more than 70% have received both the doses. The pharma sector has supplied medicines to 180 countries. The 'Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Mission' will not only help in meeting the current health needs but will also prepare the country for the coming crises. Poor people benefited from Ayushman Bharat card. The Government is implementing the 'PM SVANidhi' scheme to benefit the street vendors. More than 40 lakh property cards have been distributed in about 27,000 villages under the 'SVAMITVA scheme'. India is implementing the largest food distribution programme in the world. The scheme (PM Garib Kalyan Yojana) has been extended till March, 2022. Twenty three crore employees are connected through e-Shram portal. Keeping in view the record production, the Government has also made record procurements. The Government is building an 'self-reliant agriculture' ecosystem through the schemes like 'Samman Nidhi Yojana, Crop Insurance Scheme, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. An amount of Around Rs 1 lakh crore has been sanctioned for 1,000 schemes to boost the agriculture sector and to improve the agriculture infrastructure. The Government has procured more than 433 lakh metric tonnes of wheat, benefiting more than 50 lakh farmers. More than 11 crore farmer families have received Rs 1.80 lakh crore through 'PM-KISAN'.

SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA: The people of our country are yet again moving towards self-reliance by being 'Karma Pradhan'. Today we have emerged with new capabilities in comparison to other countries of the world. Apart from taking care of the migrant labourers, workers and the people working away from their homes, the Government provided foodgrains to them by arranging 'one country one ration card'. We are saving human lives by providing life saving doses of Corona vaccine to the entire world including our neighbouring countries. We set up a network of laboratories. We showcased our self-reliance on world platform by strengthening our research capability, scientific and technical efficiency by manufacturing PPE kits, test kits, ventilators, today we are heading towards Digital India by connecting lakhs of villages with optical fibre, the Government bestowed new rights upon the people of Jammu and Kashmir by abrogating the provisions of Article 370, passed the Citizenship Amendment Bill, ensured the participation of women in Armed Forces, started the construction of Ram

Mandir after the decision of the Supreme Court, crores of rupees were directly credited to the accounts of the beneficiaries through DBT, under Vande Bharat Mission 50 lakh Indians were brought back to the country from various parts of the world. We were elected to the Security Council for the eighth times getting historic global support.

SHRI RAVI KISHAN : I support the motion. This Government is moving towards building an empowered, secured, prosperous and all inclusive India by meeting basic needs of the citizens. The country is celebrating ‘Amrit Mahotsav’ on 75th Anniversary of its independence. Our Government is working fast for strong base with the slogan 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'. It was decided to celebrate the 26 December as ‘Veer Baal Divas’ in the memory of martyrdom of son of Shri Guru Gobind Singh, 14 August as Vibhaajan Vibhishika Smriti Divas and 15 November, the birthday of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, as ‘Janjatiya Gaurav Divas’. We set a record of vaccination of more than 150 crore people. This is a world record. This Government also implemented pension scheme for farmers. The largest food distribution programme of the world was run during Corona. The Government is also running Pradhan Mantri – Swanidhi Scheme. The Government is committed for the security of the country. We raised the scholarship amount under National Defense Fund to the children of valiant soldiers. More than 2800 defence equipments will be manufactured in the country. Jal Jeevan Mission has brought a big change in the lives of the people. 6 crore rural households have been provided drinking water connections. Steps have been taken for the welfare of agriculture and farmers. The Government is working for the poor, downtrodden and weaker sections. ‘Ujjwala Yojana’, ‘Mudra Yojana’, ‘Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao’ initiatives have empowered women. About 1.5 lakh post offices of the country are being prepared for banking services through India Post Payment Bank. Under Ayushman Bharat, a pledge has been taken to provide treatments to everyone. A 10,000-word Indian Sign Language Dictionary has also been created for the future of differently-abled youths. Work is being done at a fast pace to make India a global manufacturing hub. The multi-modal-transport is ushering in a new era in the country. This Minimum Government Maximum Governance is the focus of the Government. It is our resolve to eradicate black money and economic offence completely. Work is being done to save Ganga and make rivers clean. Efforts are also being made to make the rivers of the south region pollution free.

SHRI P.C. MOHAN: Speaker Sir, I stand here to speak in favour of the motion of thanks on Hon. President’s speech. Nation is celebrating Amrit Mahotsav, 400th Prakash Parv of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji , the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, the 150th birth anniversary of V.O. Chidambaram Pillai and the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose with grandeur. I would like to thank our respected Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji of steering the country out of this once-in-a century pandemic. Within a span of two years of the outbreak of pandemic India has administered more than 168 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccine. More than 80,000 health and wellness centres and crores of Ayushman Bharat cards have helped the poor immensely. The Union Government has procured 433 lakh metric tonnes of wheat, about 900 lakh metric tonnes of paddy benefiting 1 crore 30 lakh farmers. The Modi Government has already sanctioned more than 1.14 crore houses, completed and handed over more than 54 lakh houses. Even new metro routes have commenced, benefitting lakhs of people in 8 states every day. Speaker Sir, we are witnessing unprecedented development in every sphere. If each one of us keeps one step ahead, the country moves a billion steps ahead.

SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA KARADI : I would like to bring to the notice of the Lok Sabha about various developmental activities undertaken during the pandemic COVID -19 situation. Government has protected the citizens of the country from the pandemic. In the midst of this pandemic, the country also celebrated the 75th year of Indian independence. The Government has provided shelter to poor citizens of the country under the Prime Minister Awaas Yojana and also made available basic necessities and free provisions/food materials to poor people during the pandemic and lockdown periods. The Government procured the agricultural products directly from the farmers and provided facilities through agriculture department giving equipments for carrying out modern cultivation. To avoid middlemen and to directly get the amount to their account, 44 crores of bank accounts opened by the farmers and the beneficiaries. The hon. Prime Minister ji has given importance to sports activities in the country and has provided boost and support to the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) giving loans at lower rate of interest and extended concessions. The old age people are benefitted with the pensions. The Government also provided the medical facilities at reasonable rates for patients and medicines at affordable rates under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK : India's ranking in many international index related to trade, manufacture and innovation has been remarkably well. Many major schemes of N.D.A. Government like PM-KISAN , PM Kisan Pension Yojana and many other schemes are running smoothly . The country is celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav on the occasion of 75th year of its independence . India's capability in the fight against COVID-19 is evident in the ongoing COVID vaccination programme. More than 90 percent adult citizens of the country have received the first dose of the vaccine, whereas more than seventy percent have been given both the doses. The Government is reaching out to the rest of the population through ' Har Ghar dastak' campaign. Ayushman Bharat cards have helped the poor immensely in getting treatment.

SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA : Today, India is celebrating Amrit Mahotsav on 75 years of its independence and the Government is giving priority to the mantra of *sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas* and *sabka prayas* and the development of every region and every section of the country. At the time of COVID-19, the World Health Organization (WHO) has approved the use of 8 vaccines in an emergency, out of which 3 vaccinations have been made by India. Adolescent girls and boys between the ages of 15 and 18 have also been included in the vaccination program in 2021. More than 90 per cent of the people in the country have received one dose and more than 70 per cent have received the second dose. More than 80,000 health and wellness centres and issuance of crores of Ayushman Bharat Cards in the country have helped a lot in providing free treatment to 5 lakh poor people under the Prime Minister Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission. The cost of treatment has been reduced by providing medicines at a lower price through more than 8000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras. In both the districts of my parliamentary constituency, 2 medical colleges have been sanctioned. All poor families are being given free ration every month by the Modi government. 29111 families have got houses in Tonk district and 19753 in Sawai Madhopur district of my parliamentary constituency under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. 1.80 lakh crore rupees have been given to more than 11 crore farmer households through Kisan Samman Nidhi. More than 1900 Kisan Rail has been run on more than 150 routes in the country and about 6 lakh metric tonnes of agricultural produce has been transported. In spite of the global pandemic, in 2021, farmers produced more than 30 crore tonnes of foodgrains and over 33 crore tonnes of horticulture products. Women have been given free gas connections Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, out of which 1.75 lakh connections have been given in Tonk and one lakh 60 thousand in Sawai Madhopur so far. In the year 2020-21, 36 thousand 500 kilometers of roads have been constructed in the rural areas at a speed of more than 100 kilometers per day. In the last 7 years, 24,000 km of railway route has been electrified, out of which electrification of railway line from Sawai Madhopur to Jaipur, in my parliamentary constituency, has been completed. About 6 crore villages of the country were connected with drinking water connection under the *Har Ghar Jal Yojana*. 800 crores in Tonk and 600 crores in Sawai Madhopur districts of my parliamentary constituency have so far been spent under *The Jal Jeevan Mission*. An amount of more than Rs.2900 crore has been released so far to the street vendors under Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana. Today, the Modi government is setting up several Khelo India centres in the country through *Khelo India Khelo*. India set a new record by winning seven medals at the Olympics. Para athletes have set a new record by winning 19 medals.

SHRI RAHUL KASWAN: I thank our doctors, nurses and health workers, who served the people with all their hard work and dedication in this hour of crisis and provided them with treatment without caring for their own lives. We have achieved the record of administering more than 150 crore vaccine doses in a year. The Government of India provided free foodgrains to more than 80 crore citizens of the country through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana during the Covid crisis. Jal Jeevan Mission has been launched with the objective of providing water to every household in the country by the year 2024. There are more than 80 per cent small and medium farmers in the country, whose interests have always been kept at the fore by the Government of India. One lakh 80 thousand crore rupees have been given to more than 11 crore farmer households through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi and more than one lakh crore rupees have been given as compensation to more than 8 crore farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. The Government of India has approved the New Education Policy by innovating in the field of education. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), many rural areas of the country are being connected by the Government today. In the area of National Highways also, the work is being done expeditiously by the Government. I thank the Hon'ble President for his kind address.

SHRI C.P. JOSHI: Our Government is bridging the gap between urban and rural India. Our government has made the system transparent. We have integrated India by abrogating Article 370 and ushered in a new era of development in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, and at the same time we are committed to the sustainable development of all the North-Eastern States. India is one of the leading country in the world to provide highest number of vaccine doses to the people. The vaccine being developed in India is playing an important role in making the entire world insulated from the pandemic and saving lives. We believe in "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam". Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, launched for accessible health services is also a big step forward. The government has also launched e-Shram portal to protect the interests of the workers. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Har Ghar Nal Jal Yojana, Swamitva Yojna has benefited crores of people and the economic condition of small farmers of the country is improving through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. In a rapidly emerging global environment, India has further strengthened its position by further strengthening its diplomatic relations. In the Afghan crisis, the government has successfully airlifted many of our citizens as well as Afghan nationals. India has also set a target of net zero-emission economy by the 2070 and we have also taken the initiative of the "Green Grid Initiative" One Sun- One World-One Grid" with the world community. Our excellent works on the environment related issues have also been appreciated by the United Nations. Besides, our country is rapidly heading towards achieving the Sustainable

Development Goals. We have also made several changes in the UGC rules to link skill development with higher education and the talent of the youth is being nurtured under the Khelo India programme. More than 40 unicorn-start ups came into existence in to India during the Corona period in 2021. Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan to give further boost to infrastructure development works. The Government is also rapidly modernizing the Indian Railways. With the policies of the Government, the country's self-reliance in defence sector, particularly in defence production is continuously increasing. Bringing back the invaluable artifacts to the country is also the priority of the government. The spiritual heritage of India is being revived. On the basis of the resolution of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', new chapters of development with democratic values are being written today. Today the country is making special efforts for development of such states and areas that were underprivileged and neglected.

THE UNION BUDGET- 2022-2023-GENERAL DISCUSSION – Contd.

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DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY: I support the budget ,in favour of village, poor, farmer, women, dalit, backward, tribal presented by the Finance Minister under the leadership of Hon. Prime Minister. Provision has been made in this budget for interlinking of rivers. The climatic condition of our country is such that somewhere it is dry, and somewhere it rains a lot. By making a provision for interlinking of rivers in this budget, Ken-Betwa, Daman Ganga-Pinjal, Godavari - Krishna, Krishna-Pennar, Pennar - Kaveri rivers will be interlinked and lakhs of hectares of land will be irrigated in such states, which will benefit the farmers. In this budget ,the government has committed to organic farming. The government's effort is on one hand to encourage farmers for organic farming and on the other hand, due to chemical fertilizers, due to flood water, due to rain, there was damage to the fields within a radius of five kilometers,due to water logging of river Ganga .If there will be organic farming, the use of chemical fertilizers will be less and all the farmers will be benefited. Even today there are such remote areas where there is no rail connectivity. My area is an aspirational district. Where there was no infrastructure. PM Gati Shakti will bring multi-modal connectivity. Under this, a multi-modal port is being built at Chapra. Work has started on a bridge over river Ganga in Jharkhand and in two years a bridge will be built on river Ganga. There is a discussion about drones in this budget. Drones are needed in defence and civil aviation. Farmers should also be encouraged for drone technology, so that they can protect their crops, can

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spray fertilizers and pesticides on their crops . In this budget, hon. Finance Minister has mentioned that use of kisan drones will be promoted for crop assessment along with digitization of land records, spraying of insecticides and nutrients. Quality education is also mentioned in the budget. Education in villages has come to a standstill for two years because physical classes are not going on during Corona period. Universalization of quality education and the manners to provide education in the regional language through digital university and TV has also been kept in mind for the first time in the Budget. The manner by which a person can move ahead by studying in the regional language, it has been mentioned in this budget. This budget is for poor children. I am proud of the fact that the Gyanodaya app, which was used by the Jharkhand government for two years during the Corona period, due to which the children of the whole of Jharkhand are studying. The said app was developed in my Lok Sabha constituency Godda. Godda can also give the direction to the country alongwith Jharkhand. We are celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav .75 years have passed and the Hon. Prime Minister has visioned the condition of villages, poor and backward classes after 100 years. In this Budget, the government has tried to give relief to everyone whether it is a matter of tax, start-up, MNREGA and PM Gati Shakti .

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: At the outset, let me term this Budget as an anti-federal and anti-people Budget and this Government has completely ignored the welfare of the people. The middle classes were expecting a lot. For the last two years, it has been very bad for the middle classes. The Economic Survey and the Budget have failed to address the elephant in the room; they have failed to address agriculture. In this Budget, the allocation for rural development as percentage of GDP has declined from 0.62 per cent to 0.54 per cent this year. The allocation for food subsidy has been slashed. We have been voicing our opinion that Chennai has been facing the worst climate change. We have been getting unseasonal rains. There is no data available and there are no funds available. There is no fund allocation for any project proposed by the Tamil Nadu Government, especially for new railway schemes in Tamil Nadu. The Union Government has not made any effort regarding fiscal deficit of the States. The States should be allowed a fiscal deficit of 5 per cent of GSDP without any condition. This is the need of the hour. The Finance Minister has said that India's economic growth in the current year, is estimated at 9.2 per cent, the highest among all the large economies. Indian billionaires increased their wealth by 35 per cent during the lockdown, whereas the middle-class India is estimated to have shrunk by 3.2 crore people, and 12 crore people were pushed back into poverty. The Government propose to divest stake in many profitable PSUs like BPCL, Shipping Corporation of India, Concor, BEML, Project & Development India Limited, Engineering Project (India) Limited, and Container

Corporation of India Limited. The Rafale deal has cost us Rs. 58,891 crore. The IT golden triangle in South India is Bengaluru-Hyderabad-Chennai. This is the golden IT Triangle which creates a lot of money. I would like to say that States make India. Prosperous States make a prosperous India. I would urge the Central Government not to be biased against the States.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY: This year's Budget is of Rs. 39.45 lakh crore and the total receipt is of Rs. 22.84 lakh crore. So, it is a deficit Budget overall. I want to draw the attention of the House to what has happened to the previous year's Budget as well. Air India is sold. The name of Neelanchal Ispat Nigam Limited, NINL has been mentioned in the Budget speech. It would also be sold. LIC's public issue is going to come. So, it is also proposed to be sold. What is happening so far as the public sector undertakings are concerned? In our country, there are navratna type of public sector undertakings, maharatna type of public sector undertakings, ratna type of public sector undertakings, mini-ratna type of public sector undertakings, but this Government is in a mood to sell out all the public sector undertakings. We totally oppose the idea of this Government to disinvest the public sector undertakings. Unemployment is at a skyrocketed high. MSMEs are to be given more financial support. MSMEs can generate employment. The Government should give priority to this sector. There are seven engines in Prime Minister Gati Shakti Scheme. There are – roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways, and logistics infra. There is a type of godowns which are going to be established in this country. It is known as silo godowns. These will be steel structure bodies with 50,000 MT to 5,00,000 MT capacity for protection of food grains in a better way. The prices of fuel are going up. We, from the Benches of the Opposition, make a demand that price rise which has happened up till now should be rolled back.

The discussion was not concluded.

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