

LOK SABHA

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

Monday, February 11, 2019 / Magha 22, 1940 (Saka)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

HON. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that a function to unveil the portrait of former Prime Minister of India and *Bharat Ratna* Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee will be held tomorrow in the Central Hall, Parliament House at 10:00 AM.

Hon. President will unveil the portrait and will address the distinguished gathering. The leaders of parties have been formally invited to attend the function and a formal invitation has been sent to hon. Members also *vide* Bulletin Part-II.

All hon. Members are requested to attend the function and take their seats in the Central Hall by 9:45 AM.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI VIKRAM USENDI** laid a statement regarding operation of train no. 78818.
- (2) **DR. UDIT RAJ** laid a statement regarding Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme.
- (3) **SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL** laid a statement regarding compensation of farmers of Siddharthnagar district, Uttar Pradesh.
- (4) **SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA** laid a statement regarding need to desilt Barua and Ohan dams in Banda Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.
- (5) **SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR** laid a statement regarding steps to curb road accidents in the country.
- (6) **SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL** laid a statement regarding need to set up CGHS Dispensary in Hapur District, Uttar Pradesh.
- (7) **SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding need to address problem of drinking water in Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand.
- (8) **SHRI OM BIRLA** laid a statement regarding abolition or reduction of GST for coaching centres.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Speaker.

- (9) **SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY** laid a statement regarding need to re-open Kendriya Vidyalaya in Ranchi Parliamentary Constituency, Jharkhand.
- (10) **SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL** laid a statement regarding treatment facilities in Hospitals under Maharajganj Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.
- (11) **SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA** laid a statement regarding appointment on compassionate ground in Central Government Departments.
- (12) **SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA** laid a statement regarding implementation of National Health Protection Scheme in Delhi.
- (13) **SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV** laid a statement regarding non-acceptance of coins by government banks in Sagar Parliamentary Constituency, Madhya Pradesh.
- (14) **SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BAHERIA** laid a statement regarding need to provide financial assistance to eligible entrepreneurs under Amended Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme.
- (15) **SHRI D. K. SURESH** laid a statement regarding need to provide special financial package to horticulture farmers of Karnataka.

- (16) **SHRI B. N. CHANDRAPPA** laid a statement regarding need to provide financial assistance to Karnataka affected by drought.
- (17) **DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA** laid a statement regarding need for withdrawal of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- (18) **SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI** laid a statement regarding need to review the decision of NLC India to acquire additional land in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu.
- (19) **SHRI T. G. VENKATESH BABU** laid a statement regarding need to construct Integrated Storm Water Drain Network in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- (20) **SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR** laid a statement regarding steps for safety and security in Kolkata Metro.
- (21) **SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI** laid a statement regarding Global Hunger Index and Food Security.
- (22) **SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB** laid a statement regarding setting up of Integrated Coach Factory for aluminum-bodied trains in Odisha.
- (23) **SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU** laid a statement regarding need to improve railway services in Srikakulam Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

- (24) **DR. P. K. BIJU** laid a statement regarding need to increase amount for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) by UGC and CSIR.
- (25) **SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE** laid a statement regarding need to include 'Dhangars' in the list of Scheduled Tribes, provide reservation to denotified Pardhi tribe and accord OBC status to Lingayat community.
- (26) **SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV** laid a statement regarding compensation to farmers who suffered damage to their crops caused by stray and wild animals in Uttar Pradesh.
- (27) **SHRI RAJESH RANJAN** laid a statement regarding need to declare Patna-Lalganj-Champaran road as 'Mahatma Gandhi Path'.

THE INTERIM BUDGET-2019-20

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS ON ACCOUNT-2019-20

AND

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS-2018-19 - Contd.

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI: This Budget of 2019 is just an interim Budget. But it is the chance to redeem the NDA Government's image before the people of India and undo the damage caused to the economy going through abrupt disruption by the virtue of demonetization and faulty implementation of the GST, and restore

the growth trajectory. Both these decisions adversely impacted the unorganized sectors of the economy and hampered the growth trajectory, thereby disturbing the livelihoods of several small and medium scale enterprises. This Government has already submitted five Budgets. They cannot announce popular programmes in the interim Budget. They have announced all the programmes for elections. They have achieved certain things. The average inflation rate has come down from 10.1 per cent to 4.56 per cent. FDI has also increased up to \$239 billion. But we are facing unemployment not only in Tamil Nadu but in Andhra Pradesh also. The present rate of unemployment at 6.1 per cent is the highest in the last 45 years. Whatever steps the Government has taken up, they have failed to solve the unemployment problem. Around 3 lakh farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and other States have committed suicide between 1995 and 2015. But the Government has not given proper attention to this problem. The NDA Government has increased allocation to MGNREGS to Rs. 60,000 crore. But in the scheme, 60 per cent is the labour component and 40 per cent is the material component. As a result, the labour component has actually reduced. What is happening is that the contractors are taking the work in the name of MGNREGS, taking 40 per cent material concept for constructing buildings etc. Due to the faulty policy of MGNREGS, it is facing failure in the rural areas. The Swachh Bharat Scheme is a good scheme. The Government is saying that they have achieved 98 per cent of their target, but the question is whether the toilets

constructed are in a condition to be utilized. I see it as an utter failure. The Government has to re-think about it. If we take education, there is a drop of 2.75 per cent to 3.45 per cent in 2018-19 from 6.15 per cent. This shows that the budget allocation for education has also gone down. The population of minorities is nearly 21 per cent. But there is only 0.49 per cent allocation for Muslims and other minorities for their welfare programmes. Indian market is filled with Chinese products. We are talking of Make in India but we are not talking of 'Buy Indian products'. The Government should not allow China to dump their products in India. Otherwise, our economy will collapse. Both the Congress and BJP claim that the GST is their brainchild. But, it is a useless measure because the Government has taken away the powers of the State Government. The Interim Budget is an election manifesto of BJP. Everybody is crying. In regard to GST, all the money is with Central Government. They are not releasing the money. The Government has allocated money to TN for several programmes but they are not releasing our money. I am humbly requesting through you to let the Central Government consider this thing and release the money which we require. This august House is well aware that Tamil Nadu has witnessed several cyclones over the last three years. We have brought this to the notice of the hon. Prime Minister in order to ensure that we are provided money for it, but we could not get the same. Now, Cyclone Gaja has affected my Constituency and we have represented to the Central Government, but we could not get any money for it. These are the

grievances that we are having in it. We have the demand to kindly increase the MPLAD Funds. But the present Government is not doing anything to increase it in spite of representations of all MPs who have signed it and given it to the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister. I also demand that nearly Rs. 12,000 crore that TN has to get from the Central Government be released; as also the GST arrears of Rs. 5,000 crore. TN has also requested a sum of Rs. 15,000 crore for various cyclones including Cyclone Gaja. I would request the the Central Government to consider our request and see that the federal system of our country succeeds. I am once again requesting our Central Government to withdraw preparation of DPR for the Mekedatu Project by the Karnataka Government otherwise whole economy of Tamil Nadu will be affected.

SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY: The Interim Budget has been presented by an Interim Finance Minister. One sector which is quite relevant today is the defence sector. There is a paltry increase for defence in the Budget this year. The scandal of Rafale has become a household scandal. Rafale deal has become murkier. As far as fight against corruption is concerned, Shri Anna Hazare now thinks that both the Central Government and also the State Government of Delhi have let him down. We are not against purchase of Rafale but you cannot deprive the public sector like the HAL, which has a 70 year expertise. We find today that the Government of the day waived anti-corruption clauses in Rafale deal. That is why I was just thinking as to why this Government is not implementing the Lokpal

Bill. That is why there is no JPC also. Even the Defence capital allocation is running flat today. It is going down day by day. The Defence Modernization Budget is zero. So, this Government do not even bother about the integrity of the country. Similarly, according to the latest NSSO estimates, which have not been made public yet, the country's unemployment rate stood at a 45 year high of 6.1 per cent during 2017-18. There is a job crisis which this Government is not prepared to admit. As far as economy of this country is concerned, November 2018 fiscal deficit has already hit Rs.7.17 trillion which is far higher than this year's projection of Rs.6.34 trillion. This Government also denied the legitimate legislative support given for giving a special status to Andhra Pradesh, which is incorporated in the State Reorganization Act passed by this Parliament. So, this Government has scant regard for the Parliament and the Constitution of India. As far as demonetization is concerned, about 2 per cent of our GDP, that is about Rs.2 lakh crore is lost. Industrial output and the MSMEs, they all suffered a loss. People have been thrown out of jobs. During the period 2014-17, the average rate of growth of agriculture declined. Similarly, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Rs.75,000 crore have been allocated for 2019-20. This amounts to Rs.3.33 per person per day for an average household of five. Provision for the MGNREGA is also reduced. Agricultural growth and productivity have been declining without any alternate source of income for farmers. A windfall gain of Rs.3,000 crore for private insurance companies was paid. As far as rural development is concerned,

funding for employment guarantee scheme saw a decrease of 1.7 per cent. It should have increased. As far as Karnataka is concerned, not even a single payment towards labour has been made by the Government. Karnataka's itself is about Rs.7,000 crore. However, we are facing severe drought. Out of 176 talukas, 162 talukas have been declared as drought-affected. Similarly, on the women and children welfare, only 1.04 per cent of the total Union Budget has been spent in 2019-20. The Government has even reduced the allocation under the Nirbhaya Scheme. The fund for women's helpline has been reduced by 38 per cent. Support for training and employment programme for women has also seen a reduction. This means that there has been nearly 99 per cent cut on all the women programmes. As regards allocation for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, most of the funds are diverted towards advertisement. As regards social justice and empowerment, the Post Matric Scholarship for SCs are at a three-year low. The participation of under-privileged, SCs, STs and OBCs of the society in the PMMY Programme is 50 per cent. As regards health and Ayushman Bharat, the State of Karnataka has been allocated merely a sum of Rs.200 crore. This Government announced setting up of 11 AIIMS but none of these have become functional. Similarly, most of the funds out of Mudra Yojana have already become NPAs. As reported by Public Sector Banks, total Non-Performing Assets has increased from Rs.2 lakh crore to Rs.12 lakh crore during the last five years. Similarly, as far as investment is concerned, the record of this Government is dismal. As far as refineries are

concerned, we raised the capacity from 150 MMTPA to 250 MMTPA, almost double. But the present Government has no record of creating even a single MMTPA capacity in the refineries. We had constructed, during UPA regime, 33,000 kilometres of gas pipelines. Even the Kochi LNG Terminal was created by UPA. Expanding of refining capacity and setting up of downstream projects were started and completed by the Congress Government.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikash' has been the sheet anchor of our Government and its essence has been reflected in our every budget. We have adopted in toto the guiding principles given by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay ji. The second important aspect of the budget [is the person who has been benefitted by our budgets. Today, I would like to talk about those beneficiaries. My Parliamentary Constituency is Hazaribagh in Jharkhand. We have made efforts to bring the benefits to the last person in the social hierarchy. We have implemented the schemes at the ground level. We have a policy in Jharkhand under which we will bring every person having ration card under the ambit of the Ayushman Bharat. This is the policy which enabled us to assure a girl that her treatment is possible. Thus, the villages from far flung areas have also been covered under the Ayushman Bharat. The scheme implemented in September 2018 has so far benefitted 11 lakh persons. The Konar dam, the foundation stone of which was laid by the then Prime Minister Pt. Nehru on 15th October 1955, is

still lying incomplete due to the non-allocation of adequate funds by his successive governments. But our government provided an amount of Rs. 40,000 crore from long term irrigation fund for the construction of the said dam and much headway has been made towards its completion. Senior leaders from the opposition has been saying that an amount of Rs. 6000 earmarked for the poor is inadequate. With this amount they can pay interest incurred on their Kisaan Credit Cards and the premium of Fasal Bima Yojana. Now, the residents of Pota Panchayat, Hazaribagh Sadar are also getting the benefits from Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. There were only two or three flights from Ranchi during UPA regime but today there are 11 flights daily for Ranchi from Delhi and that's too at affordable fare. This is the achievement which we have made in the aviation sector. We constructed 103 airports during a short span of two and half to three years. We have increased the number of aeroplanes from 400 to 600 and in addition to it we are going to invest Rs. 1 lakh crore in airports. On demonetization, I would like to assert that it is not the case of macro economics. This is behavioural economics as there has been a change in compliance behavior which can be ascribed to the closure of a good number of shell companies and proper audit of tax. Those who were earlier plagued with the misplaced idea of tax evasion have now become vigilant leading to increase in tax compliance. This is the major premium outcome of by demonetization. As many as 44 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened. The DBT leakage has been brought down to the minimal level which has resulted in the

savings of more than one lakh crore rupee. Tax to GDP ratio has also gone up which has added to tax revenue running into lakhs and crores. The Government has allocated Rs.35 thousand crore to the Defence Forces in actualizing the concept of 'one rank, one pension'. This way the Defence Forces have been substantially strengthened. Because of the ceaseless and untiring efforts of the Hon. Finance Minister and the Hon. Prime Minister, we have the best performing large economy in the world. Our GDP growth rate is at 7.5 per cent. Inflation is at 3 to 3.4 per cent. The Current Account Deficit is between 2 and 2.5 per cent. The fiscal deficit is 3.4 per cent. We have actually reduced the net market borrowing from Rs.4.5 lakh crore in 2014 to Rs.4.2 lakh crore. Our economy is number one because we have formalized it. The investments we have made for the future are going to take this economy forward in a way that will usher in a new India. National Centre for Artificial Intelligence will generate a lot of jobs. The gross capital formation has gone up to 32 per cent. On the Ease of Doing Business front, there is an unprecedented achievement. We have gone from 142nd to 77th position in the world and we are going to be in the top 50 soon.

***SHRI HARISHCHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI**

***SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE**

***DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN**

***SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR**

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***SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT**

***SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA**

***SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI**

***SHRIMATI ANJU BALA**

PROF. SAUGATA ROY: This year unemployment is at an all-time 45 years high, at 6.1 per cent. National Sample Survey Organization data has not been published. The Government is not allowing them to publish the data on unemployment which is at a very bad state. Total Non-Performing Assets of the banks have crossed rupees 11 and a half crore, an all-time high. The Government has not been able to bring back the people who fled with bank's money. The Interim Finance Minister has presented an 'Account for Votes'. This is only a vote-oriented Budget. The Government has tried to apply 'betadine' to the wounds created by demonetization. Ultimately, the Government has not been able to bring back black money into the system. The Government has gone on changing the tax rates as a result of which the GST collection this year is Rs. one lakh crore which is less than the previous budget. The Andhra people have a justified demand for a special category status, but that is not being listened to. I would urge the Government to announce something about it. The Government has announced Rs.6000 per year per family which comes to Rs.500 per month and Rs.17 per family per day. It is too little and too late. Provident Fund-linked Pension Scheme too does not sound promising at all. The Government has presented an

expansionary Budget and prioritized populism over fiscal prudence. This Budget is not showing any direction to the country. The Government is not capable of delivering a good economic system. I oppose this Budget.

*** DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI**

***SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM**

***SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL**

***SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN**

***SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA**

***SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR**

***SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA**

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR: I welcome this Interim Budget from the bottom of my heart. The changes brought about in the CRZ rules by the Central Government way back in 2011 is far from being complete leading to constraints in giving a final shape to the reconstruction of settlements not to talk of the sad plight of the fishermen along the seashore as no amount has been allocated for it. Due to the accumulation of garbage along Versova, Andheri West seashore, the fishermen are faced with huge hardships. Under Sagarmala scheme, a corpus of Rs.80 thousand crore had been sanctioned for clearing garbage piled over here. I place my demand for the remaining amount in this Budget. At the same time, I would like to thank the hon. Minister for making Andheri to Goregaon harbour line

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operational. Funds should be sanctioned for the expansion of Goregaon to Borivali Harbour line. The METP should be given financial assistance by the Railways. The encroachments made on the Central Government's land should be removed. The number of pipes of the Mahanagar Gas Nigam should be increased. A Dak Bhawan at Lokandwala in Andheri West, Mumbai should be constructed. The exemption in the personal income tax should be given upto Rs.8 lakh per annum. All types of necessary facilities should be made available for the handicapped persons at all the railway stations in Mumbai. The allocation of funds for Kaushal Vikas Yojana should be enhanced. At least one government school should be opened at the localities inhabited by the Government employees in my parliamentary constituency. The sportspersons who play the games like Kho-kho and Kabaddi should be incentivised under the Khelo India Scheme. Relief should be given to 100 employees of MIDC in my parliamentary constituency. The services of 130 employees engaged with the Central Fisheries Training Institute, Varsova in Mumbai should be regularised. The fishermen should be provided succour in the event of natural calamities and they should be given facilities in the export of their produce. All the pending irrigation projects in Maharashtra should be completed. Attention should be paid towards mobile and internet network. Recruitment should be made for the post-offices. There is an airport at Juhu in my parliamentary constituency. Slums have come up on the land of Airport Authority around that airport. If these slum dwellers are rehabilitated, this airport can be

used for the launch of private flights. The Government should rehabilitate around 18000 slum dwellers who have been displaced because of the expansion of Chhatarpati Shivaji Terminus International Airport. The cities like Kolhapur, Ratnagiri, Solapur and Satara in Maharashtra should be connected with Mumbai, Pune and Delhi under the Udaan Scheme.

SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY: There is no mention about the future of the youth in this Budget. There has been no mention about the filling of the vacancies. Under Mudra scheme, no loan is being given without any collateral. The recommendation made by the Swaminathan Commission have not been implemented. This Government has offered Rs.6000 to the farmers. It is an insult to them. There is nothing about how the tenant farmers, sharecroppers, landless people, beneficiaries of the Forest Right Act and agricultural labourer would get this benefit. As regard MGNREGA, the allocation has been decreased. For the Backward classes, the post matric scholarship has been reduced. The allocation to Self-Employment scheme for Safai Karamcharis, National Fellowship for SC, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathana, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, IGNOU have been reduced. The Budget allocation for the people belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes has been reduced. Under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padao Scheme, 56 per cent of the money allocation has been spent for only advertisement. Under the Nirbhaya Scheme, less than 30 per cent of the last year's

allocation has been utilised. A paltry sum has been allocated for the unorganised sector.

*** SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA**

DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA: The Government under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi has given free LPG connections to 6 crore families. Now, it has been announced in the Budget that 2 crore more families will be given free LPG connections. A pension scheme has been announced for 10 crore labourers working in the unorganised sector. The Government will deposit Rs.2000 in the accounts of farmers directly before 31st March. I wish to extend my thanks to the hon. Finance Minister for all these things. Senior citizens were paying TDS on bank interest. In this budget that interest of Rs.10,000 has been enhanced upto Rs.40,000. Reserve Bank has reduced .25 BPS interest rate. It means that lakhs of home buyers have been benefited. In the end, I would like to say that this is the only Government which fights for the poor.

*** PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA**

***SHRI P.K. BIJU**

***SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN**

***SHRI P. KUMAR**

***SHRI M.B. RAJESH**

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SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY: The highlight of the Interim Budget is the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi which marks a victory for our Party. We have pioneered farm investment support schemes in India. The Telangana Government spends Rs.15,000 crore per year on the Rythu Bandhu Scheme. From the allocated Rs.75,000 crore, my State of Telangana stands to receive only Rs.2800 crore which is further highly deplorable. Our State has addressed farmers major issue of water supply through irrigation projects. Our Government has spent Rs.99,643 crore in irrigation till date. Kaleswaram Project is the biggest irrigation project of its kind in the country. It will bring 18 lakh acres of land in 13 Districts under irrigation. Therefore, we expected the Government to sanction a special grant for its completion. I am grateful to the Centre for allocating Rs.1905 crores to the doubling work for the South-Central Railway Zone. I would request the Finance Minister to further allocate some funds so that these projects are completed in time. It has been the sustained demand of the Telangana Government that a Tribal University be set up in Warangal. The Government has reduced the Budgetary allocation by 60 per cent for the Tribal University in coming Financial Year. The Budget did not reflect our demands that an IIIT be established in Karimnagar, an IIM be set up at Hyderabad and an IISER be sanctioned for the Telangana State. We expect the Government to support the establishment of 21 Jawahar Novodaya Vidyalayas in new districts.

*** SHRI R. DHRUVANARAYANA**

***SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN**

***SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI**

***SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY**

SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Our hon. Prime Minister always, either in public meeting or in Parliament, says that the coalition Governments cannot fulfil the dreams of the people. The coalition era was started first by Vajpayee ji. He had taken several decisions to improve the economy, to reduce poverty and to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was the person who had initiated the economic reforms. As a Prime Minister of a 13 Party Coalition Government, supported by Congress had set up a Committee about the Right to Information Act and a report was also submitted thereon. What has happened to the Women's Reservation Bill? So many people wanted the Women's Reservation Bill to be brought. In Karnataka, when I was the Chief Minister, I gave 35 per cent reservation in almost all the local body elections, except the Parliament and Assembly elections. During my regime, even for the police constables and police sub-inspectors and for all these categories of officers, there was 35 per cent reservation given for women in 1994-95. You are talking so much like 'women empowerment is my first consideration'. Where is that consideration? Till today, even in the Union Public Service Commission, not a

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single job is given to women under reservation. We were giving Rs.10 crore for the Women Development Corporation. This is what little we, the 13-Party coalition, have done. In 1995, a new scheme was set up called 'Accelerated Irrigation Programme'. I held a meeting of all the four Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh about Narmada Dam. I took the decision on the basis of my experience. The same was accepted and the height of the dam was fixed. I would like to bring the issue related to Tehri Dam to the notice of the House. We solved the problems and the dam was completed. We have done work on Kudankulam Nuclear Reactor. Then, sharing of Ganga water with Bangladesh was another achievement. We signed an agreement for confidence building measures among the military personnel along the Line of Actual Control between India and China. The agreement was a virtual No War Pact, which involved withdrawal of troops from the border area and we pledged not to use military power against each other. This was the first such agreement after 1962 War. In another breakthrough, Russia agreed to help India in developing the state of the art integrated air defence system and we developed Akash. When I was Prime Minister, so many works of national and international importance were done by the Government of India and farmers' problems were solved. We had given so many facilities to the farmers as a result of which there was a growth of 7.8 per cent in agriculture which had not happened earlier and it is not happening even today. The Government should pay pension to old farmers

who are 70 years old. As regards the Government of Karnataka, there is no threat to it. Government of Karnataka has promised to waive Rs.44000 crore loan to the farmers. If the hon. Prime Minister really want to help the farmers, the scheduled banks should also cooperate.

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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