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MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Srinivas, said: This no Confidence Motion has been brought by the TDP for four reasons, namely, lack of fairness, lack of trust, lack of priority and lack of an unbiased approach towards Andhra Pradesh. Lack of fairness is about the unscientific and undemocratic bifurcation and its impact on the people of AP. Lack of trust is about where the Modi regime has used mislead, delaying, confusing, and coercion tactics to betray the people of AP. Lack of priority is because AP is getting the least priority and lack of unbiased approach is because funds given to AP are far less than what is being given to project across India. It has been four years since the AP Reorganization Bill had been passed and two new States were formed. All the challenges and burdens to be faced by a new State are being faced by us. We are the ones who have to build the new capital, an industrial base and educational base while Telangana has all of them already.

I am not going back in history but I will certainly go back to 2014 when AP was divided. This becomes clear if you look at the range of issues still languishing for resolution even four years later. When AP was divided, AP was burdened with huge revenue deficit. Power allocation was made on consumption basis and Andhra Pradesh has been the loser. Refund of tax liability was made on the basis of population, at 58 per cent for Andhra Pradesh and at 42 per cent for Telangana. Andhra Pradesh is the loser again. Likewise, Andhra Pradesh has been a loser on all other counts relating to bifurcation of the State. After the asymmetrical bifurcation where Telangana with less population has been given more resource and AP with more population has been given less resources. This has created a situation where the Government of AP and the people of AP do not have the resources to ensure that the quality of life is maintained for its citizens. After bifurcation, AP has been reduced to an agrarian State. 31.77 per cent of its revenue comes from agriculture, compared to 15.3 per cent in Telangana, 11.39 per cent in Tamil Nadu and 11.68 per cent in Karnataka.

When it comes to institutions, about 90 per cent of institutions after bifurcation have gone to Telangana. AP has been left in the lurch. Of course, now, the Government of India has proposed some institutions, but they are also being developed at a snail's pace. The then PM had given six assurances on the 20th of February, 2014 on the floor of Rajya Sabha but there is not much progress on those

counts. Special category status is a burning issue in our State. Major demand of the people of AP is about getting the special category status. But this Government in a press conference on 7th March, 2018 announced that no SCS would be given to Andhra Pradesh. The Finance Minister said that if the demand for SCS of Andhra Pradesh is acceded, other States such as Bihar and Odisha will also demand it. It is baseless, frivolous and trivial argument. Let me remind this august House that the Union Cabinet conferred SCS on Andhra Pradesh in its meeting on 1st March, 2014 subsequent to the assurance made by the then Prime Minister. So, there is no comparison with other States.

The BJP, in its 2014 Manifesto for Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, assured that it will give additional five years of special category status. Why should we have any confidence and trust in this Government? People of Andhra Pradesh are keenly observing and the BJP will be decimated in Andhra Pradesh the way Congress was if the people of Andhra Pradesh are deceived and cheated. The point I am trying to drive at is that the very bifurcation of the State is predicated upon assurance of Special Category Status. And to say that the 14th Finance Commission has not recommended is a conceptual blunder of the Union Government. Two Members of the 14th Finance Commission have refuted the argument of the Finance Minister. Special Category Status to the North-East and to the hilly states is still continuing. NITI Aayog had issued an Office

Memorandum on 17th August, 2016, whereby it was decided to continue Special Category Status benefits to those states. On 15th March, 2018, the Minister of Planning in reply to an Unstarred Question number 2360, in Rajya Sabha has said that the 14th Finance Commission, in its recommendations, has not made any specific reference not to confer Special Category Status to any State.

Hon. Finance Minister, should stop misleading the people by twisting facts because it would not work anymore. You cannot fool all the people all the time. I have given facts and justifications as to why SCS should be conferred on Andhra Pradesh. Assurance was given by none other than the Prime Ministerial candidate, during 2014 election campaign. Ours is not a demand; ours is to implement the Cabinet decision. BJP Manifesto said that it will give SCS for 10 years. NITI Aayog has issued Office Memorandum on 17th August, 2016, wherein it was decided to continue SCS to 11 States. Finance Minister made a statement that Special Package would be given to Special Category States. Since then we have been waiting for Special Package. FM did not give even a single penny under Special Package. The hon. Finance Minister said that industrial incentives given to other SCSs will no longer exist post-GST implementation, which is completely a misleading statement.

This regime has given just Rs.1050 crore for seven districts for three years period. It is not in line with what has been given to KBK and Bundelkhand under

special package. We are even deprived in distribution of assets. This has resulted in Rs.3,820 crore loss to Andhra Pradesh. The BJP is saying that Rs.22,113 crore has been given to AP alone as revenue deficit. It is wrong. The Prime Minister is on record saying that if voted to power, he would build us a capital bigger and better than Delhi itself. How can Amaravati be built with Rs.1500 crore? More than 30,000 farmers have given up their land and they are counting on our Government and the Government of India. We have waited for four long years and five Budgets of the Central Government. No justice has been done to the State of Andhra Pradesh. The 14th Finance Commission is taken as a shield for not giving SCS. The GST is taken as a shield for not giving industrial incentives. Paltry funding will take 20 to 30 years for completing the institutions.

SHRI RAKESH SINGH: We believe that if maturity of democracy in this country is maintained, the continuity of development and process of reform would progress simultaneously. We proudly say that our spirit for the reconstruction of the country has not diminished, rather it has become more stronger. No-Confidence Motions have been moved in this House on a number of times, but this No-Confidence Motion is entirely different from the earlier ones. There is no concrete reason for moving this No-Confidence Motion. People in this country have not been able to understand whether this No-Confidence Motion has been moved to protect the shrinking popular base in the different states or to

unsuccessfully try to block the victory juggernaut in the country under the leadership of the Prime Minister in 2019 on the basis of the works carried out. Today, we can say that the Congress party has indulged in the politics of scams during the past 48 years, while in only 48 months we have given good governance. Slogans for removing poverty remained much in vague during the past 60-70 years, but poverty could not be removed. During the last 70 years in the history of independent India, for the first time schemes have been brought down on the ground of reality and positive changes are visible in the lives of the people during the present regime. When we talk about schemes of this Government, their outcome is not only echoing in the country but throughout the world. The Prime Minister has given a new direction to development by making the statement that the poor have the first right on the resources of this country. Also, 'Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikash' is the resolve of the Prime Minister of this country. So far more than two crore houses have been built for the poor across the country. The Prime Minister has also announced that every poor household of this country would have a 'pucca' house by the year 2022. We give equal treatment to all the states. The interest of the entire country cannot be sacrificed on the basis of the demand of any one state on political considerations. Our government has brought the Ujjawala Yojana. This has benefited more than 4,78,10,000 women. This was very unfortunate that more than 18 thousand villages did not have access to electricity

even after 70 years of independence of the country. This has happened for the first time that electricity has been provided in all those villages 12 days before the target date. Our government has ensured that every poor would get free treatment upto Rs. 5 lakhs through the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. This is the largest health scheme in the world. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, sanitation - 'Swachta' has been given a new dimension. Approximately four lakh villages in the 415 districts of the country have got rid of open defecation. In my Parliamentary Constituency Jabalpur, the Broad Gauge line project remained pending for 20 year. But with the formation of our Government at the Centre, this project has reached the stage of completion in just four years. Earlier roads were being built just 12 kms. per day, while today 27 kms. roads are being built per day. India is going to become sixth largest economy in the world. Today our soldiers enter the territory of enemy countries and return after teaching them a lesson through surgical strike. The flag of our knowledge is flying high in the entire world in the form of World Yoga Day. Earlier governments did not take steps for increasing the income of the farmers in the country. But within four years of the Prime Minister's leadership the farmers in the country have got 1.5 times the price of their produce. Today, 40 per cent farmers have been brought under the coverage of crop insurance. People in the North-East are for the first time feeling that they are an important part of this country. Steady development is taking place

over there. Development has been touching new highs in three major states - Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh has become the first state to make the law that the criminals committing rape with minors will now get the capital punishment. We rarely see the different political parties coming together on a single platform for the sake of secularism. The only truth behind their coming together is that they have become nervous with the popularity of the Prime Minister and intent to grab the power by just forming a temporary coalition. The people of the country will not let their ambition fulfilled.

SHRI RAHUL GANDHI: They have used the 21st century political weapon called *Jumala* strike and these are as depositing Rs. 15 lakh in bank account of every person and providing employment to 2 crore youths every year. But, only 4 lakhs youth got the employment in the year 2016. Who will create employment. The employment is generated by the small and medium businesses, small traders and construction industry. Today, India has the highest rate of unemployment. The Congress party proposed the GST and intended to have single GST even covering petrol and diesel in it. We proposed single tax for the whole country with minimum disruption. Today, there are 5 GSTs. Now, even the small traders are under the constant vigil of Income Tax Department. Hon'ble Prime Minister talks to only with 15-20 big businessmen. The voice of small traders, or

of the poor does not reach him. The government has grossly disrupted the employment scenario. The Rafel Deal was taken away from the HAL.

With regard to foreign policy, when our hon. Prime Minister had met the Chinese President in Gujarat, exactly at the same time thousands of Chinese soldiers had entered into Indian territory. Thereafter, Chinese President went back and sent its army to Doklam. Our soldiers had put up a brave front and engaged with the Chinese Army. But shortly thereafter, our hon. Prime Minister on his China visit made a statement during the Buhan Summit that he is ready to talk without any agenda and will not raise the Doklam issue. On the other hand, the farmer of our country allege that the Government has waived the loans to the tune of Rs.2.5 lakh crores of 20-25 the richest corporate houses. They have been demanding to waive off their loans also but the Government has said that it is not in favour of farm loan waiver. Again, I would like to apprise that the Government has provided only Rs.10000 crore to the farmers of the whole country whereas the Government of Karnataka has provided Rs.34000 crore to its farmers. Now, I would like to speak about the condition of women in our country. Incidents of gangrape are taking place and they are being subjected to harassment. Similarly, scheduled castes and minorities are also facing harassment across the country. The Government should clarify the position in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): On the Secrecy Clause, I would like to show you an Agreement, which was signed during the previous Government on 25 January 2008. This Agreement clearly states that the classified information and materials exchanged under the IGA shall be governed by the provisions of Security Agreement. It is that which we are following. The hon. Member also referred to a conversation with him and the President of the Republic of France. We don't know what transpired between the two, but in one of his interviews, when the French President was asked, if commercial details about Rafael could be revealed, he had said that, you have these commercial agreements and obviously you have competitors, and we can't let them know the details of the deal.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL: India's GDP is dependent mainly on five to six States which contribute in a big way. Maharashtra is leading with 14 per cent of the share to the GDP followed by Tamil Nadu, U.P., Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. Each one is contributing 8 per cent to the GDP followed by West Bengal and Karnataka with 7 per cent and 6 per cent respectively. That being so, what are we getting in return? There are long-pending requests of the State of Tamil Nadu to get the due amount released by various Union Ministers under several Centrally Sponsored Schemes. There is a total unpaid claim of Rs. 6,066.5 crore which is adversely affecting the resources of the State Government. Since the Centre has

revised the guidelines for the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme since April 2018, several students belonging to the SC and ST communities have been severely affected. I request the Centre to immediately release the Central Assistance to Tamil Nadu. I also request the Government to immediately release the second installment of Basic Grant of Rs. 1,390 crore and Performance Grant of Rs. 560 crore to the urban and rural local bodies for the year 2017-18 and also the first installment of Basic Grant of Rs. 1,608 crore for the year 2018-19. In the case of grants-in-aid for implementing various Centrally-sponsored schemes, Tamil Nadu had a shortfall of Rs. 570 crore this year. The 14th Finance Commission had announced an unfair and unscientific formula which singles out the welfare State Tamil Nadu. The Government of Tamil Nadu request the Centre to provide an annual special grant of Rs. 2,000 crore each year for the remaining period of 14th Finance Commission. I request the Government to kindly consider and accede to this demand. We have requested a change in the Terms of Reference of the 15th Finance Commission so that due weightage is given to performing States like Tamil Nadu. There is going to be a significant shortfall in settlement amounts due to Tamil Nadu under the new GST regime. I request the Government to consider and rectify the aberrations. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has proposed a draft bill for setting up a higher education commission replacing the age-old University Grants Commission. We opposed the proposed Bill and plead

that the present framework should be allowed to continue. We also hear from the Government that it proposes to bring Dam Safety Bill. I request the Government not to bring this Bill. Firstly, the Centre must resolve all the Inter-State river water disputes before bringing this Dam Safety Bill. The Centre should seal the international borders so that drugs are not smuggled in. Mob lynching needs to be paid sufficient attention so that it does not take place in any part of the country. Women's Reservation Bill should be taken up for consideration and passing with consensus. We are thankful to the Government of India for having constituted the Cauvery Management Board. I request the Government to see that the monthly release of water from Karnataka is properly monitored.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY: The fact that TDP has brought a No-Confidence Motion is a sign of no confidence because TDP was an ally of BJP in 2014. Shiv Sena which is still an ally of the BJP and got a Minister in the Central Government has boycotted the House today. 'No Confidence' is not a matter of number crunching rather it is a matter of principles. Wherever there has been a bye-election, the BJP has been decimated. Be it the case of Uluberia in West Bengal, Gorakhpur, Phulpur and Kairana in Uttar Pradesh, Araria in Bihar, Bhandara and Gondia in Maharashtra or Ajmer and Alwar in Rajasthan. The debacle in Karnataka Assembly Election is no exception for that matter. In the year 2009 the Opposition shall contest election on one to one basis and I am sure the BJP will

lose the election. The Hon. Prime Minister did not praise the State Government of West Bengal for its success in Kanyashree Scheme for looking after the girl child or even 12 per cent growth rate, that is higher than any other State in the country. Instead he tried to polarize the State. He chose to talk at length about the alleged Trinamool syndicate. The Hon. Prime Minister has made 41 trips to 52 countries, taking 165 days. The total cost of the trips is Rs.355 crore; not only this, Rs.1,088 crore is the cost of maintenance of aircraft; and Rs.387 crore is the cost for chartering flights. The Hon. Prime Minister has lowered the level of discourse beyond measure. Rather than talking of peripheral issues, he is supposed to focus on the affairs of the entire nation touching upon the lives of the masses at large who happen to harbour high hopes in their hearts expecting the Government to bring about a noticeable difference in the patterns of their living. But sadly, the ground reality is quite otherwise. Rather than staying focused on the vision of the nation or even the foreign policy, he is trying hard to spread rumours about Trinamool syndicate. Where on one hand, 'Kisan Sankalp' rallies are being organized, on the other hand, the farmers are being subjected to police firing in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh. Not just that, the reports of farmers' suicide have become a common affair rather than being an occasional episode in the general drama of those belonging to the poor strata of society. The issue of MSP for kharif has of late, been much hyped and the announcement of increase in MSP for kharif

by 150 per cent over production cost has been given a wide publicity. This is all an eye-wash. As per Swaminathan Commission 'C2', a comprehensive category which takes view of interest rental value for machinery should be the basis of fixing the MSP. On the contrary, the Government has cleverly announced the MSP on the basis of 'A2' plus 'FL'. FL is Family Labour. In fact, this is much below the production cost and the whole exercise of announcing this rate for farms labourers is a total eye-wash. In Maharashtra, the price recommended by State Government for paddy is Rs.3,251 and MSP approved by the Central Government is only Rs.1750, which is almost half vis-à-vis the State Government of Maharashtra. Clearly the rhetoric has no coherence with policies in place. The demonetization which has been termed 'economic suicide' cost us Rs.3 lakh crore in GDP growth and wiped out 25 lakh jobs. Even the entire money claimed to have been demonetized could not be brought back. It had an adverse effect on the farmers as well. The GDP growth has fallen to 6.6 per cent in 2017-18 from 8.2 per cent in 2015-16. Total NPA of banks today is Rs.9 lakh crore. We are living in an atmosphere of fear due to mob lynching.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR: In the wake of bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, seven Mandals were snatched away from the new born State of Telangana. When the Bill was introduced in this House to replace that Ordinance, we, the Members of the Telangana Rashtra Samiti, took serious objection. It was regarding the

merger of those seven Mandals in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The then Chief Minister said many times to the Press that he did not take oath as Chief Minister till these Mandals were merged into the State of Andhra Pradesh. A new Bill should be brought to this House to amend the Andhra Pradesh State Re-Organization Act to ensure that those seven Mandals are, once again, merged into the State of Telangana. Sileru Hydel Project, which is located in these seven Mandals, was snatched away from Telangana. Telangana was a new born State and so, immediately there was dearth of power in our State. But this hydel project was snatched from the State of Telangana. Decision against Section 92 of the Andhra Pradesh State Re-Organization Act ensured the State of Telangana should be supplied power from the Government of Andhra Pradesh till we construct our own power projects. With the passage of time, the Telangana Chief Minister entered into Power Purchase Agreements with Chhattisgarh and other States to purchase power and has been able to ensure round the clock uninterrupted power supply for the farmers. Demand has been made from the other quarter for the allocation of money for the construction of Polavaram Project. We have no objection to it. In the recent past, there was a statement in the press that in the event of the Congress Party coming to power in 2019, they would ensure special status to the State of Andhra Pradesh. I hold the conviction that the term 'Special Status' needs to be redefined since there is no Act in this regard and the final

decision with regard to according Special Status rests with the National Development Council. The basic point I have to drive home that the assurances given in Andhra Pradesh Re-Organization Act for my State, Telangana, should be fulfilled.

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV: Today's discussion is important. It was said that employment would be provided to 2 crore persons but the government is unable to say anything in this regard. Everything like irrigation, fertilizer, seeds etc. have become expensive for the farmers today. The farmer has to bear all the losses in our country. When the farmers will prosper, unemployed youth will have employment, when they will get opportunities, then only our country will become prosperous. How could our country be prosperous, when we have two crore educated unemployed youth? If we all try, all the unemployed youth could get employment. The government has not fulfilled even a single promise made in its election manifesto. Today, traders and farmers are incurring the maximum losses. Uttar Pradesh covers 1/6th part of the country and if it becomes prosperous then our country will automatically become prosperous. That is why facilities should be provided over there.

SHRI MOHAMMAD SALIM: Instead of bringing back black money from abroad during the last one year, deposits in the Swiss Banks from our country have increased by 50 per cent. Now, after four years you are bringing fugitive

economic offender law. The Government had promised to the people to provide jobs to two crore unemployed person every year but it did not happen. Prime Minister says that we have provided jobs but we don't have the data. Finance Minister says that black money has been found but data is not available so far. Demonetization has been implemented but there is not data about the number of currency notes deposited. The government says that they have achieved what could not be achieved during the last 70 years. But, the next moment it says that the country has been destroyed during the past 70 years. When we ask the government about the data then they say they don't have it. The public had 18,578 billion currency in May, 2018 while the currency in circulation in November, 2016 before demonetization was 17,564 billion. The Government was talking about cashless economy but has increased the circulation of currency by one thousand billion in the market. They are announcing one thing but doing another thing.

Today farmers and agricultural labourers are the most distressed lot. They are the worst affected by GST and demonetisation. Their income had increased somewhat during 2004 to 2014 by whatever reason be it MNREGA or any other thing. But during the period from 2014-2018 there has been no increase in their income whereas the inflation is rising. This Government came in power the name of Swadeshi but it is allowing privatisation and 100 per cent FDI in public sector like defence production, railways etc. The poor, tribals, women, minorities, the

backward and the people standing in the last line are not getting any security be it economic, social or educational. There is no increase in the pension of the retired personnel. Today only 1 per cent people are having 73 per cent of the wealth. To save that 1 per cent hatred is being spread among the people. Terrorists attacks are on the rise. Jawans are being martyred on our borders. When a foreign magazine publishes that women in our country are the most insecure then does it bother us maybe it does not bother them. At the time of elections the BJP made a promise to resettle the Kashmiri pandits in Kashmir but it has now forgotten that promise. Again they have encouraged the separatists, anti-national and anti-democratic elements right from Tripura to Kashmir for their own political interests during the last four years. When we had a debate on the issue of intolerance in this House, that time also we had expressed our concerns but the Government did not take any measure in this regard. Their former ally TDP has also alleged of not fulfilling the promise. There has been rampant corruption in cooperative banks of the country.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH):

The political parties which have ensembled to bring vote of no confidence against our Government, do not have faith even on each other. As far as economy is concerned, currently our country's economy is the fastest growing economy and as per the economists and international agencies our GDP growth in the next financial year is expected to grow even beyond 7.8%. India ranks sixth in the world economies. By the year 2030 it will be among the top 3 economies of the world. Today, our country is the most favoured for the investors across the world. As far as Foreign Direct Investment is concerned, currently it is \$150 billion in our country.

If we talk of manufacturing, four years ago we hardly had two mobile factories in the country, today we have more than 120 factories. India has become an attractive destination in terms of 'Ease of doing business'. We have set up Real Estate Regulatory Authority to fully control the real estate. It is unprecedented that our Government has tried the passage of the Bill to take efficacious action against on Fugitive Economic Offenders. Today, full benefits of Direct Benefit Transfer are accruing. The prestige of our country has grown internationally. In four years, we have been successful in obtaining the membership of missile technology control regime.

At present, there is apprehension about coalition leaders and policies. When the soul gets obscured by distrust, the person becomes arrogant. I have noticed the similar trend in some of my opposition colleagues. It was stated that if there is democracy in India it owes its existence only to the Congress. Most humbly I would like to request them that there was Anubhava Mantapa (experience centre) system in the 12th century. The Chola pattern of Government was also democratic in the sense that elections were held for small committees and village assemblies. If any country holds the reputation of being the most ancient, it is India. If any person for the first time became the ruler outside the royal dynasty, it was "Chandragupta Maurya". It was owing to the most ancient and healthy democratic system that existed in our country. If democracy was ever gagged in the country, it was during the emergency in the year 1975.

The condition of North-East has ameliorated during our Government's rule. There has been decline in insurgency by 85 per cent. The framework agreement regarding the Naga issue would definitely mature. There has not been a major terrorist attack in these four years. I commend the courage, the valor and potential of our Army jawans, the CRPF and other security forces and the State police personnel. As far as mob lynching has been discussed, I have already condemned such incidents and assure a stringent action in this regard. The Union Government will extend its full cooperation to check such incidents. If the State Governments

believe that a separate stringent law is required to be made to check mob lynching, then they should go ahead in that regard.

Some leaders and Members of Parliament at times refer to Hindu Taliban and Hindu Pakistan. Where do they wish to take the country? Such situations should never be allowed to be created in the country. If anti-India slogans are raised in the country or ISIS flags are hoisted on our land, then the country should unitedly tackle such forces.

The Hon. Prime Minister has made a very important decision in regard to farmers. 12 crore people borrowed loans under the Mudra Scheme. Agriculture growth rate is upto 20 per cent in a large number of BJP governed States, which is unprecedented. Our Government cleared payments under One Rank One Pension Scheme. The benefits under Crop Insurance Scheme and availability of urea have now been facilitated.

The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act has been implemented to a large extent and only few provisions are remaining to be implemented. Since it relates to the dispute between two States, it cannot be fully implemented till an agreement is reached between them. Additional tourist police force and reserve battalion were also sanctioned by us to the State. We sanctioned Rs. 1,500 crore for the development of the new Capital 'Amravati' and Rs. 1,000 crore separately for the development of Guntur and Vijaywada. Rs. 6,764 crore out of Rs. 7,158 crore

have been released for the Kolavaram Irrigation Project. Rs. 1,050 crore have been sanctioned for backward area development. Rs. 22,113 crore were recommended as Revenue Deficit Grant by the 14th Finance Commission by 2015-20, we have released Rs. 15,969 crore so far. We have sanctioned a separate Central University, a Tribal University, Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy and 100km ring road for Amravati and released Rs. 135 crore for setting up an Agriculture University in the State. Rs. 8,140 crore were sanctioned under a special assistance package in September 2016, whereas a project worth Rs. 25,037 crore is currently in the pipeline. A special grant of Rs. 4,117 crore was sanctioned to fill the resource gap out of which Rs. 3,900 crore have been released. The Central Government shall always be ready to extend any help for the development of the State.

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: The people of the country have not got anything that was promised by this Government four years back. At the outset the Government has failed to address the problem of unemployment, the miserable condition of farmers, safety of women and atrocities against the tribals, dalits, minority communities and weaker sections of the society. This Government also failed to arrest the prices of petrol and diesel, it failed in its foreign policy and Kashmir policy. Lokpal has also not been appointed so far. There have been bank

scams to the tune of thousand crore rupees. The value of rupee is devaluing day by day.

The intellectuals, writers, journalists are terrorised in the country. The common man is bearing the brunt of price rise. The BJP has to eat a humble pie in by-elections. The general public is not satisfied with the working of the Government. The Government's intelligence agencies are being misused politically. The clarification of the Minister of Home Affairs on mob lynching appears to be a kind of his silent support to the incident. The Government should take concrete measures in this regard after the intervention of the Supreme Court.

The issues raised by the colleagues from Andhra Pradesh are important and the Government should pay attention to them. Today, Bihar and Odisha are facing similar problems. Bihar should get special state status or special economic package.

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): The speaker bringing No Confidence Motion has not raised any other issue besides that of his state. The issue of Andhra Pradesh is quite old. Our target is to empower the poor. Bank accounts of 32 crore people were opened at zero balance under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana in which Rs. 87,000 crore have been deposited. Four and a half crore below poverty line people got free gas connection.

The people are homeless despite the lapse of 70 years of independence. We have fixed the target of providing housing to all by the year 2022. Toilets have been constructed under the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan and every household will be electrified by December. Subsidy under Food Security Scheme increased from Rs. One lakh twenty three thousand crore in the year 2014 to Rs. One Lakh Forty Thousand Crore. Ten crore families will get health insurance cover under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

As far as education is concerned every child should get equal opportunity. I am glad that the Government has made the decision to set up 20 AIIMS hospital across the country, out of which six AIIMS hospitals have already been set up. Benefits have been extended to eight crore people so far under the Mudra Yojana.

There is no transparency in the Collegium system of the Judiciary. As per Article 312 of the Constitution of India, Indian Judicial Service should be created. Reservation in promotion issue is hanging fire in the Supreme Court. In regard to women reservation it would be better if a consensus is reached in the Opposition and its allies.

The portrait of Baba Saheb Ambedkar is hung in the Central Hall after our party formed the Government, he was awarded Bharat Ratna and a holiday is declared on his birth anniversary. The bill seeking to award constitutional status to

the National Commission for Backward Classes should be passed at the earliest. The NDA Government has never worked against the interests of the minorities.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: I hoped that the leaders of the ruling party would tell the achievements of their four years but we were told the history of the country. It's true that electricity connection has not reached 18,000 villages but whether electricity was not generated in the last 70 years? The Congress Government had provided electricity to 6 lakh 23 thousand villages in the country. The Congress has saved democracy and the manner in which the members of Bharatiya Janata Party are trying to divide the society, suppress freedom of speech and to create inequality, democracy will not survive. The Government enacted the Lokpal Act but has not brought any amendment to make the leader of opposition a member of it.

As far as the question of Andhra Pradesh is concerned, the UPA Government had passed an Act to solve this issue and there was a consensus on five issues in this regard. The BJP believes in policy of divide and rule. By supporting No-Confidence Motion, we have taken step in the interest of people of Andhra Pradesh.

It was promised that as per the recommendation of the M.S. Swaminathan Commission the farmers will be given the MSP 50% over the production cost. The support price of Paddy has been reduced to 1750 rupees instead of 2226 rupees.

The situation is same with other crops also. On one hand, the Government says that it has done a lot for the farmers but on the other hand, the incidents of suicides of farmers have increased. Fasal Bima Yojana has been praised a lot. However, the premium of 20,478 crore rupees has been deposited during the Rabi Crop season in the year 2016-17 and 650 crore rupees have been given to the farmers. Thus 14,828 crore rupees have gone into the pockets of private insurance companies.

Today, the people want to know when will the Government bring back Rs. 80 lakh crore of black money stashed abroad and when will 15-15 lakh rupees will be deposited into the accounts of the people? When will 2 crore people get employment in a year? When will the farmer get justice? When will the atrocities against the dalit and women stop? When will the Government arrest the fugitive economic offenders? When will the Act on reservation in promotion be passed? When will the firing on the borders stop and when will good days come?

DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU: Telugu Desam Party's stand today is not really good for Andhra Pradesh. Congress Party leaders are shedding crocodile tears on Andhra Pradesh. If they were really interested to extend special category status to Andhra Pradesh, they why did not they include that status in the Act itself? At the time of bifurcation, TDP did not ask what they wanted for the divided Andhra Pradesh. The special category status was mentioned to give Andhra Pradesh financial assistance.

As per 14th Finance Commission recommendation, five years' deficit finance is to be given to Andhra Pradesh. Therefore, in addition to the devolution, whatever revenue deficit is there, that is being provided, which is to the extent of Rs.22,120 plus crore. Government of India is ready to extend financial assistance to the tune of Rs.17,500 crore to State Government, but they are not ready to accept the assistance. If Andhra Pradesh Government forms an SPV today and provide account number to Central Government, the money will be transferred to them.

Regarding Polavaram Project, when NDA Government assumed office, an ordinance was approved and in the immediate next session, an Act was passed. In order to remove all hurdles in the construction of the project, all submerged areas are being transferred from Telangana to Andhra Pradesh. So far, Rs.6,734 crore have been released for this project. Government of India has sanctioned 85 percent of the projects mentioned in the Act to Andhra Pradesh. This Government took only four years to start 10 institutions out of 11 that have to be started there. Some issues like Girijan University and Kadapa Steel Plant are pending. The Central Government is in the process of announcing Kadapa Plant. Hon. Minister of Railways is taking steps to make Vizag Railway Zone feasible. As for Dugarajapatnam port, State Government is yet to respond.

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN: I wish to express several issues with regard to the state of Tamil Nadu. Introduction of NEET is a direct infringement on the

rights of the State and it has caused grave injustice to the students of Tamil Nadu. The proposed Dam Safety Bill, 2018 contains clauses which violate the rights of Tamil Nadu. I urge the Union Government to consult the States and till then, keep the process of legislation on dam safety in abeyance.

Government's decision to dismantle the University Grants Commission, which has both regulatory and fund sanctioning powers, and replace it with Higher Education Commission of India will have a direct consequence on the fiscal health of the States. With regard to the decision to levy of surcharge of 2 percent on the super rich, the Union Government has shifted the fiscal resource from the State to the Centre. The act of resorting to privatization of Salem Steel Plant is totally against the will of the people of Tamil Nadu.

It is estimated that Tamil Nadu is eligible to get around Rs.4500 crore as a shortfall in the share of the Central taxed devolved by the GOI during the period from 1996-97 to 2014-15. However, no action has been taken in this regard. The State Government has urged the Union Government to provide an annual special grant of Rs.2000 crore in each of the remaining years of the 14th Finance Commission period, but no progress has been made in this direction. With regard to 15th Finance Commission, the terms of reference contains certain clauses that are likely to have an adverse impact on the fiscal transfer to the State of Tamil Nadu.

The grant-in-aid released to the State in 2017-18 as compared to 2016-17 has witnessed a 3 percent negative growth.

As regards GST, Tamil Nadu has concerns about the impact of GST on the fiscal autonomy of the States and a huge permanent revenue loss is likely to be caused to the manufacturing and net exporting state like ours. In the case of disaster management, the Centre has always fallen short in providing a helping hand to the State.

Our Prime Minister has travelled to several nations establishing friendly ties with them. But, the Government has not taken cognizance of the pathetic situation right here in our Indian Ocean. There is deep concern about killing of our innocent fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy. If the Central Government falters in fulfilling the commitments it made, it will severely deter the socio-economic development of the State and the entire country.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI: I support my colleagues from Andhra Pradesh. They moved No-Confidence Motion because they are aggrieved. Today democracy is in danger. Even the Hon. Supreme Court has stated that permission cannot be given for mob lynchings. Media, industrialists and the common people are in fear.

Today, rupee has devalued to a great extent. It is an indication of looming crisis. Investment climate has become less. The GDP in reality is 5% though the Government claims it to be 7.73%. The unemployment has increased. New FDI

has not increased. Export is declining. The condition of banks is very poor. The Government makes tall claims about the success of Ujjwala Scheme but does not mention about the number of regular customers. The Government does not have any interest nor does it understand economic governance. Women are insecure in the country. There is no programme for the people of weaker sections, dalits, downtrodden and women.

Not even a single target behind demonetisation has been achieved. The counting of discontinued notes is still being carried out but the exact number of discontinued notes deposited is still unknown.

SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA: We are in favour of giving special status to Andhra Pradesh because we have also experienced this pain. When the state of Punjab was created, it has the Bhakra Dam. Later on it was given to the Centre. Chandigarh has not been handed over to Punjab till date. Besides, we have been deprived of our share of water. The members with whose support, the TDP is moving this No-Confidence Motion, are not trustworthy. Our S.G.P.C. was divided when the country became independent.

We are grateful that this Government has for the first time ensured conviction of the culprits of 1984 riots. S.I.T was constituted and five lakh rupees were given to the widows. The persons who returned from Jodhpur Jail were given two lakhs. Modi Government has brought a new model of development in the

country. Earlier development model was for only 10% people now it is for 90% people.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has been launched and gas connection has been provided to 4 crore people through Ujjwala Scheme. The Government has introduced Soil Health Card and Neem Coated Urea for farmers. The farmers will be benefited from the recent increase in the MSP. The Union Government has done a good job by giving Rs. 8000/- per acre of land for maize cultivation. The Central Government has increased the share of central fund from 29% to 42%.

As far as mobocracy and incidents of north east are concerned, there is a need to create positive atmosphere in the country. The Congress has used 'Divide and Rule' policy in the country. I oppose the No-Confidence Motion.

SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV: Andhra Pradesh should be given special status. Today, the constitutional provision relating to reservation is being violated. Today, the SCs, STs, and OBCs are being deprived of their rights. The people's mandate has been disrespected in Bihar. No funds have been allocated though it has been said that a special package will be given to Bihar. The work of railway project, sanctioned during the tenure of Lalujji has not yet been started. A mega project should be approved for Banka. Seven AIIMS like hospitals should be set-up. There is a famous factory of Asia in Jamalpur, it should

be developed. Misuse of funds by the Government agencies should be checked. We have to uphold the culture of brotherhood.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): The No-Confidence Motion moved against Modiji's Government seems ridiculous. It is the quality of our Government that the foundation stone of whichever project is laid, it is also inaugurated by us. Every scheme, focused on all sections of society, has changed the lives of common man. Being the Minister of Health, I would definitely like to mention that medicines worth 14000 crore rupees have been provided free of cost to the poor people under 'Free Drugs Initiative'. Besides, prices of implants used in knee replacement and cardiac stents have been reduced. By opening 'AMRIT' pharmacy store, life saving drugs of cardio vascular diseases are being provided to the poor people at a price less than 70 to 80% of market price. There are many such schemes which have brought smile on the faces of the poor people.

This Government has taken initiative to provide constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes. Several concerns have been raised about the farmers. We want to empower the farmers and in this direction, we have made several efforts like setting up of e-mandi, promotion of organic farming, neem coated urea etc.

Through this No Confidence Motion, we have got the opportunity to place our achievements of four years before the country.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU: There was a provision for Railway Zone in Vishakhapattanam in the Act. Four years have gone by so far no decision has been taken thereon. The way you are increasing amount for North Eastern States, why are you not doing the same for us?

Four years have passed since this Act came into being, the Union Government should implement it. Have you ever convened a review meeting for implementation of the Act even for once? The CAG had decided that Rs. 16 thousand crore should be given for revenue deficit budget but only Rs. Four thousand crore is being given. What will happen to the rest of the amount of Rs. 12 thousand crore? Under this Act Andhra Pradesh has to get 11 institutions but so far only eight have been given. The Petro Chemical Complex which was due to Andhra Pradesh under this Act has yet to start. We have brought this No Confidence motion so that we could hear from Prime Minister what he thinks of Andhra Pradesh and what he has done? Our State deficit budget is of Rs. 16000 crore, it is negative deficit, despite that you are not extending help. Prime Minister had said that Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh will not be accorded only for five years but for ten years. He had said that the new capital of Andhra Pradesh will be more impressive than Delhi.

SHRI BHAGWANT MANN: Modiji has turned back on promises of implementation of Swaminathan report as well as providing two crore jobs. Delhi's elected Chief Minister kept waiting in waiting room of LG's residence for nine days to meet him. Is it democracy? This is a big threat to federal structure. They do the same in Goa and Arunachal Pradesh. Prime Minister was on a visit to Punjab where a turban was tied over his head. He did not keep that on even for 90 seconds. This shows the kind of importance he has for minorities. Today, nothing is being talked about unemployment or digital India. You can surf any TV channel, there are debates on Hindu Muslim. This politics of division is very dangerous. Prices of Petrol and diesel have went north. You can feel the pinch of price rise when you go to buy vegetables. Today a dollar has risen to Rupees 70. What kind of achievements are there?

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: I oppose the No Confidence Motion brought by the TDP against the Government. When restlessness persists in the country people become angry against the Government and their faith in the Government shatters. In the Indian democracy it is the duty of the Opposition to bring No Confidence Motion. But I don't think that today the country is restless.

I would like to submit my statement about many schemes. Under the Arya scheme of Agriculture department, youths and farmers are trained at Krishi Vigyan Kendras for the development of villages. In our country bamboo is imported for

making cabbage. After Independence, for the first time Government has allocated Rs. 1600 in budget to farmers for cultivating bamboo. For the last two years the Government is providing subsidy on dung manure. This will check the usage of chemical fertilizers in agriculture. Today all over the world the demand for produce through organic cultivation has increased. In the coming years India will become its centre, thereby increasing the income of the farmers. The construction of 10 lakh ponds for the conservation of water has been done by the Government under MGNREGA.

SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL: I would like to speak in the favour of No confidence motion.

Our first issue is of Assam the second is about citizenship Amendment Bill. Government of India wants to bring 30 lakhs people from Bangladesh. Assamese language is now in minority. People are apprehensive that one day Assam will become Bengal. The third issue is about detention camps, people are living there for last 10 to 12 years and there is no place for making appeal in this regard. Some mechanism should be set up in this regard. Then there is the issue of flood and erosion. We want to declare it national calamity. For last ten years we are talking about it but now we have to consider a permanent solution in this regard. With regard to North East Industrial Policy, when Prime Minister visited during elections he has made the promise to develop industries here. We have Panchgram

paper mill and Naugaon Industry but their closer has been announced. My request is to open them at the earliest otherwise thousands of people will become unemployed. No arrests have been made in the cases of mob lynching.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): The entire country has confidence in the Government but people of Bihar has more confidence in it. I would request the hon'ble Prime minster to kindly pay special attention to Bihar as per aspirations of the people of the state.

As far as Judiciary and its collegium system is concerned, there is no representation of exploited and deprived section and the people belonging to SC, ST and OBCs. Further, representation of women is negligible. I would like to say that this system should be replaced. The Government has enacted the National Judicial Appointment Act which is an important step in this direction but Supreme Court has denied it. There is no democracy in big institution like judiciary. Therefore, I request the Government to work on the implementation of the Act.

SHRIMATI BUTTA RENUKA: This motion of No-Confidence is a culmination of all failed initiatives. This Special Category Status is a result of a historical decision of dividing the State against the wishes of the people of Andhra Pradesh. Just to appease the agitated people of Andhra Pradesh, Special Status was offered and a promise was made to this effect that Special Status would be granted

for a period of five years on the Floor of the House by the earlier Government. The very Party, which is in power, had demanded that the five-year period be extended to ten years which was agreed to by the then Prime Minister. Surprisingly, for the reason not known, the Government is expressing its inability in conferring the Special Category Status. The State of Andhra Pradesh has lost substantially because of the division in terms of revenue and needs to spend a lot on building of new capital, relocation of employees, infrastructure development, etc. The commitments made by the Government in the Parliament need to be honoured. I represent Kurnool constituency which is the backward Rayalaseema Region. I am deeply disappointed that the special promises relating to the development of backward districts have not been implemented causing anguish among the people of Rayalseema. The promised institutions have not yet become operational. Funding for other programmes in backward districts is very meagre.

I would like to request the hon. Prime Minister to immediately confer a Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA: The youth of the country is running from pillar to post to get jobs and farmers are committing suicides. The youth of the country when migrates to cities in search of jobs remembers somewhere the commitment of the Government of providing employment to two crores youths every year. It was mentioned in the manifesto of the BJP that contract system will

be abolished but it has not materialized yet. The Government does not make efforts to implement the report of Swaminathan Commission. Much is talked about linking of rivers and canals but linking of Satluj and Yamuna has not been done so far. The Government should fulfil its commitments made in the manifesto.

SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY: In my opinion, the purpose for which the Opposition brought this No Confidence Motion has been very well served. During the discussion, there was not even a mention about some of the points which are being discussed widely in the country. For example, you do not even like to remember about that Rs. 15 lakh deposit in the account. There is no Digital India and no Make in India. I would like to say one word about the kind of communal divide that is happening now had not happened during the British time.

SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR: No Confidence Motion should be brought on a big national issue. The leaders of Andhra Pradesh were in the Government at Centre. Therefore, on this issue of providing the special status to the State, efforts should have been made collectively by all the concerned.

Today, the entire nation is against corruption. I congratulate our Prime Minister for making efforts to make India corruption free.

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK: The Land Acquisition Bill, brought in Jharkhand has done away with the provisions of consent of 70 percent people, social impact assessment and right to move to the court of the Central Act of 2013

and thus denied the legitimate rights to people of the State. The Adivasis of Jharkhand are being divided in the name of religion, but their demand of Sarna religious code is not being fulfilled.

Today mob lynching has increased in the name of cow vigilante. More than nine thousand primary and secondary schools have been closed in Jharkhand and the State Government has no fund to pay the salary of para teachers. Jharkhand Government is providing pension of Rs. 600 so people are not in a position to purchase gas in Rs. 800.

SHRI ASADDUDIN OWAISI: I stand to support the No-Confidence Motion against the Government. What are reasons that the allocation of post matric and pre matric scholarship from 2013 to 2018 remained unchanged. Not even single meeting was held on the 15 point programme of the Government during the last four years. Not even one percent of muslims have been provided employment in central, para-military forces railways, public sector and banks. Interest on Fixed deposit and rate of inflation stands at six percent, what sort of financial policy is this? In kashmir militants are being killed on one side and the soldiers on the other. What is on policy on Kashmir? The Government wants a Congress free India or Muslim-Dalit free India. The policy of Government has created terror in the country.

DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH: I would request you not doubt the Muslims of the country, as they are also true Indian like you. During 1947 Indo-Pak war Brigadier Usman was commander who stood at the border and sacrificed his life for the country. I will talk about Kashmir. We are seeking justice for several years but yet to see the light of day. Unless we have a dialogue with Pakistan we will not be able to come out with a suitable solution. We will come out with a solution one day. North Korea which was targeting with missile and preparing atom bombs has joined hands with America. They tried to work out a solution. Hatred between Hindus and Muslims is increasing. If this is not checked, we will lose our country. We should win over the hearts of Kashmiris. The youths today is afraid of the present state of affairs in the country. In order to protect their future we should join together make this country a place where all of us live with dignity and harmony.

SHRI DHARAM VIRA GANDHI: For the last 70 years, the tussle for centralization and decentralization of economy and power is going on. By openly violating the International Riparian Laws and the Article 262 of Constitution, the water of Punjab rivers is being looted. The rights of Punjab have been violated through 78, 79 and 80 Articles of Punjab Reorganisation Act. The control of our capital Chandigarh and Punjab Hydel Power Projects have been snatched from us.

The rights in Centre-State relations have been overtaken by the Centre in such manner that the existence of states are in danger.

All the natural resources, GDP and wealth generation is with state but the control on political power and economy is with the Centre which needs to be redefined. For this, India has to be made federal and democratic in its true sense.

SHRI C. N. JAYADEVAN: No-confidence motion is brought by one of the erstwhile partner of the NDA, the Telugu Desam Party. It is a known fact that our party, the CPI has always supported the demand for a special package for Andhra Pradesh which is the main issue by the TDP for bringing this no-trust motion. The mob lynching in some places it is done by cow vigilantes, in some other places, it is done by branding the innocent people as child lifters. The Dalits too are under attack. Government is using the judiciary to create controversies. Country's economy is in shambles. This regime has been under the control of the Corporate and international finance capital. Banking system is on the verge of bankruptcy. All economic indicators are declining. Rupee is crumbling. Inflation is sky high. The much repeated slogan of "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas" stands empty. The Growth in the agriculture sector remains at a mere 2.5 per cent per annum. Farmer's crisis has escalated in last four years of NDA rule. The Government was forced to increase the MSP of kharif crops, but it was done not on the basis of Swaminathan Commission's recommendations as promised by the Government.

The cost of cultivation has sky rocketed. The Government's promise to double farmers' income is not going to be realized.

SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR: A leader in Opposition has raised baseless allegation against the hon. Minister of Defence and Hon. Prime Minister. He has not only misled the country but also tarnished its image. He has raised the allegation in the House and outside, therefore, he should apologize before the House and the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE): I oppose this No-Confidence Motion. My Republic Party of India believes in ideology of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. BJP is not anti-dalit. Congress is also not anti-dalit. Instead of making allegation on each-other, we all have to work for welfare of dalits, minorities and all sections of the society. I request that we all should support this Government.

***SHRI THOTA NARASIMHAM:** 50 members is mandatory to admit Motion of No Confidence. It is unfortunate that even when we had more than 50 members support, it took these many days to allow discussion on this motion. Our Chief Minister visited Delhi 29 times in last four years. For the implementation of Re-organisation act and central Government's assurance. Special Category Status

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was promised by Prime Minister to the people of Andhra Pradesh. Why that promise is not being fulfilled? There was an announcement of Special Package for 7 backward districts. It is not about Special Category Status but there are other assurance mentioned in Andhra Pradesh reorganization Act. There were 18 points in Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014. Through there was no mention of special category status in the Act. Former Prime Minister assured Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh in the Parliament. Revenue deficit, Polavaram Project, Separate Railway zone, Green Field Crude Oil Refinery and Petro Chemical Complex, Central Assistance for building for new capital Amrawati, fund for National Institutes, Port construction at Duggarajapuram in Nellore, inversing number of Assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh, tax related issue, Steel factory in Kadap. Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor, Metro rail in Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam, Rapid Rail and road connectivity to Amaravati, financial assistance to backward districts, addressing issues in Schedule 9 and 10, setting up of Grey hound center and some of the 18 points that were included in the act. We are aware of that are being implemented and what are not being implemented. I will refer to them briefly. Prime Minister assured us of a capital city better than Delhi, but only Rs. 1,500 crores were given and an additional grant of Rs. 1000 crores were provided for Guntur and Vijayawada urban development. Now you say you do not have funds. Funds announced for Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam

Metro are yet to be released, but Rs. 15,000 crores were released for Bengaluru Metro. One Lakh crores were projects for Ahmedabad bullet train. Why the money paid as taxes by Andhra Pradesh cannot be used for the development of Andhra Pradesh? I request you, not to give step motherly treatment to southern states. Central Government should expedite the work and complete this Polavaram project, which is lifeline of Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh does not have a railway zone. We are asking for one. But, still Railway Zone could not be created. There should be 11 educational institute in our states at the cost of Rs. 11.637 crores, but only Rs. 420 crores were released for this purpose. It is responsibility of Central Government to complete these works at the earliest. There is clear mention of Dugarajapatnam Port in the Act, but now we are being told that port will be provided somewhere. There was an assurance to increase Assembly seats of Andhra Pradesh to 207 from 175. This is yet to see the light of the day, Kadapa steel plants is viable and is a commercial venture. If elders in Central Government think that Andhra Pradesh is weak after bifurcation with less number of MPs, then they are grossly mistaken.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: I support the No-Confidence Motion moved by the TDP. The Motion moved by the Opposition reflects the aspirations of the people of this country. The Government has miserably failed in fulfilling the promises that were made during the 2014 election.

This Government has come to power on the slogans of 'development' and 'good governance' but its policies are destabilizing and disturbing the social fabric of this country. I would like to state that the social fabric of this country is under threat.

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA: I oppose the No-Confidence Motion. Besides, I would like to express concern over the burning issues of my State. The people of Andhra Pradesh were badly let down by the UPA regime through the arbitrary bifurcation against the will and interests of the people of Andhra Pradesh. Both the TDP and the YSR Congress were the votaries of bifurcation but today they unabashedly claim to represent the woes of the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh. The TDP, especially its leader enthusiastically embraced the special package and completely disowned the demand of special status of the State. Now, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh suddenly woke up to the special status. The TDP has no moral and ethical right to speak about special status.

I would also like to state that the Union Government should enforce the State to strictly adhere to the regulations and ensure the end-point delivery mechanism.

The North Coastal region of Andhra Pradesh, from where I was elected, is one of the most backward regions of the country. Adequate grants should be given

to build infrastructure there. The demand for railway zone at Visakhapatnam needs to be fulfilled.

The promises of Kadapa steel plant, Dugarajapatnam port and the assured assistance to construct the green field capital city for Andhra Pradesh should be fulfilled. Polavaram project should be completed in the stipulated time especially the rehabilitation of the displaced should be a priority. The peasant indebtedness, tribal deprivation, rampant unemployment etc. are the challenges rocking my State. Such issues of governance need should be tackled for the progress of the State. I request the Union Government to ensure support for the people and State of Andhra Pradesh and fulfil all the assurances made under the Reorganisation Act. I again would assert that I don't support this No Confidence Motion.

SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT: I am not at all convinced about the issues on which this No-Confidence Motion has been moved. The quantum of development works undertaken and historic decisions made during the last four years under the leadership of the hon'ble Prime Minister is more than those undertaken since independence to the year 2014. Today, the basic necessities of the people are being fulfilled across the country. There has been historic development in fields of power, water and roads. The image of the country has improved in other countries. The economy has grown stronger. There has been check on price rise and inflation. The Government has taken concrete initiative to provide fair and remunerative

prices of crops to the farmers. The Government is working keeping in view the interests of the dalits, downtrodden, poor, farmers and workers.

SHRI RAJU SHETTY: Today thousand of farmers gathered at Parliament Street and they expressed their no-confidence in Modi Government, therefore I also express my no-confidence in this Government.

SHRI PREM DAS RAI: I would just like to make a demand to the Hon. Prime Minister to convert the seats of Limbu and Tamang Tribes in the State Assembly into Parliament seats so that the relevant Bills can be passed within this Monsoon Session. I thank the Government the whatever work they are doing and for making the progress of Sikkim possible.

SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA: The Government has taken a historical decision to increase the Minimum Support Price to One and half times of the cost of produce to increase the income of farmers. It will ameliorate the condition of farmers. The Government has undertaken the work of electrification of thousands of villages under Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Vidhutikaran Yojana and provided free electricity connection to the houses of poor people under Saubhagya Yojana. Under Ayushman Bharat Yojana free medical facilities worth Rs. 5 lakh per year have been provided to 50 crore people of 10 crore families. Under Prime Minister Sinchayi Yojana irrigation facility is being provided to each and every field. The Government has launched almost 60 big schemes and 55 other

schemes which helped to improve the condition of the country as a result India has become sixth largest economy of the world.

SHRIMATI TABASSUM BEGUM: My Parliamentary Constituency is known of farming of sugarcane and issues relating to farming and labourer are of the far most importance for the people of this area. Expensive Seeds, fertilizers, electricity and irrigation facilities have created a lot of problems for farmers. The Government has not created an atmosphere for the safety of the girls in the country and whenever anybody asks any question to the Union Government in this regard, it passes the buck on the State Governments. Promotion of love and humanity among different sections of society is the biggest responsibility of any Government but this Government completely failed on this front. The Supreme Court has to intervene due to failure of this Government and gave suggestion to this Government to enact a law to prevent mob lynching. The Government is neglecting the interest of people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority Communities.

DR. RAVINDRA BABU: The APR Act 2014 was notified on the 1st of March, 2014. The inconsistencies in the Reorganization act and the actions of the Government of India have caused injustice to the state of Andhra Pradesh. 46% of the estimated revenue was given to Andhra Pradesh against a population of 58%. Assets are given on location basis whereas liabilities are divided on population

basis. The pension liability of the combined state is also divided on population basis. The power allocation was done on consumption basis. The State of Andhra Pradesh lost its capital city, institutions, manufacturing centres and service sector hubs while inheriting the drought prone and cyclone prone areas. The new state of Andhra Pradesh is predominantly agrarian. During the discussion on the AP re-organization bill, the then Prime Minister in the Rajya Sabha on 20, February 2014 assured that for the purpose of Central assistance, Special Category Status will be extended to the successor state of Andhra Pradesh for a period of five years. This will put the states finance on a firmer footing. The government of India has not issued the orders so far to assign Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh. The Polavaram Irrigation Project, on river Godavari, is lifeline for the State of Andhra Pradesh and recognizing this Government of India has declared it as National Project. After declaration of the project as a National Project, an amount of Rs. 9005.93 crores has been spent upto the end of June, 2018 from State Government funds. Of this, Rs. 6727.26 crores only has been reimbursed till date leaving a balance of Rs. 2278.67 crores to be reimbursed. Government of India should release the entire balance revenue deficit, as certified by CAG. We demand from Government of India for complete funding towards development of Capital City as promised by the prime minister in various meetings in Nellore, Tirupati and during the foundation laying ceremony of capital city Amaravati in 2015. Government of

Andhra Pradesh submitted a proposal on 16.10.2014 to Government of India for a special development package of 7 backward district as per section 46(2) & 46(3) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 for an amount of Rs. 24,350 crore. As on date, the Government of India have released an amount of Rs. 1050 crore during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. A new railway zone in the State of Andhra Pradesh has not been set up. It was promised that the Government of India shall take steps to establish institutions of national importance in the 12th and 13th Plan periods in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh. Not even a Single Permanent Campus constructed so far. The Government of India has promised to develop a new major port at Duggirajapatnam in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh to be completed in phases with Phase I by end 2018. It has not been implemented. Government of India should develop Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor on the lines of DMIC through 100% grant funding by National Industrial Corridor Development & Implementation Trust (NICDIT). We demand implementation of the petrochemical complex in Andhra Pradesh without any Viability Gap Funding (VGF) from the State. Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017, which offers various incentives. We demand that the same be extended to Andhra Pradesh. The Act specifically made a provision for examining the feasibility of Metro Rail in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada. This obviously, has not happened

due to the partisan attitude of the Central Government. AAI has spent very meagre amounts in upgrading the airports and failed to make necessary arrangements for operationalisation of international flights services at Vijayawada and Tirupati. All pending issues of division of assets and liabilities should be resolved by the Government of India in a specified time frame.

PROF. RICHARD HAY: Our country is the fastest growing economy in the world due to the exemplary efforts put in by the Government of India. India is also fastest growing Knowledge Economy. India ranks 100 out of 190 countries in Ease of Doing Business. People have accepted well the Government of India due to its credible and consisted performance. This Government is Development-oriented, Corruption-free, scam-free and practices the principle of Inclusive Growth. Government is working hard to solve problems of Unemployment, Malnutrition, Agri-crisis, Quality Education, Universal Health Care, Electrification of all villages etc. Minorities are well taken care of through innovation schemes. Inflation is controlled. GDP is promising, Demonetisation a clearing act, ended corruption, lakhs of shell companies closed, rise in number of tax-payers, DPT, Swachh Bharat Mission, Financial inclusion, Pragmatic Foreign Policy, Curb on Money-laundering. China being tamed. India has become most favoured FDI destination.

SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT: On the Motion of No-Confidence Motion, I am with the Government. Hence, I am against this motion.

SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO: The inconsistencies in the Reorganization act and the actions of the Government of India causing injustice to the state of Andhra Pradesh. 46% of the estimated revenue was given to Andhra Pradesh against a population of 58%. Assets are given on location basis whereas liabilities are divided on population basis. It is requested that special assistance at 90:10 ratio for Externally Aided Projects as being given to Special Category States may also be awarded to the State of Andhra Pradesh for all the ongoing projects and projects signed from 2015-16 to 2019-20. Special Category Status is extended to North Eastern states in March 2018, we reiterate our demand to extend SCS to AP also on par with other SCS states. Government of India ensure timely release of funds in advance to the State Government to ensure speedy execution. As on date Rs. 2278.67 Crores is pending reimbursement from Government of India. Government of India fund for Capital City based on the DPR. Government of India should constitute a new railway zone Visakhapatnam as the Headquarters. Government of India should come forward to make the Kadapa Steel Plant a reality. Not even a Single Permanent Campus have been Constructed so far. Government of India should take for timebound completion of infrastructure and recruitment of 'regular faculty' through adequate allocation of funds. Government

of India should develop VCIC on the lines of DMIC through 100% grant funding by National Industrial Corridor Development & Implementation Trust (NICDIT), rather than through a loan to be repaid by the State Government. We demand the implementation of the petrochemical complex in Andhra Pradesh without any Viability Gap Funding (VGF). NITI Aayog has said that major port at Duggirajapatnam is not feasible. NITI Aayog is not a favour of gap funding and have suggested Government of Andhra Pradesh to suggest alternate infrastructure project in place of the Port. Government of India shall have to give Tax Incentives to Andhra Pradesh, on par with those given to erstwhile Special Category States. Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam Metro have not sanctioned whereas, new Metros have been sanctioned to Pune, Noida and Lucknow around the same time. This is despite the fact that in principle approval for Vijayawada Metro. The Central Government shall take measures to establish rapid rail and road connectivity from the new capital of the successor State of Andhra Pradesh to Hyderabad and other importance cities to Telangana. The 07 mandals merged with Andhra Pradesh to facilitate completion of Polavaram Project are predominantly tribal. These mandals have to made part of concerned Assembly/Parliament constituencies to ensure their representation in Assembly/Parliament. I request the Government of India to resolves all the issues in a specified time frame.

SHIR RAJESH RANJAN: India is ranked at 156 in per capita expenditure 100th out of 119 countries on Global Hunger Index, at 123rd position in expenditure on education, at 156th place in health expenditure and at 4th place in religious violence among the countries of the world. The farmers are giving up the farming and committing suicides. The atrocities are being committed on *dalits*. We are gleefully swaggering that we are going to be 4th largest economy of the world by 2022. It is an egg on our face that still we have not ensured a square of meal to the people of the country. The country has reversed to hate-republic during the tenure of this government and a large number of people are being pushed to poverty and unemployment and being also deprived of their rights. All the institutions from RBI to parliament are being razed. Indian Economy Watch Centre pointed that after demonetization, more than 15 lakh people have lost their jobs in the first four months of 2017. The Prime Minister announced that whole India has been electrified but the reality is that but only 8% of these villages had all their households electrified. The target under Ujjwala scheme has been raised to 08 crore cylinders. Although stoves and cylinders are being given under the scheme, yet the high cost of refilling is deterred people to get these cylinders refilled. Once, the MNREGA was prominent scheme to provide job at rural level. The numbers of people seeking employment for 100 days under scheme are continuously decreasing. The number of job seekers has dropped from

46,59,347 in 2013-14 to 27,38,364 in 2017-18 Every year millions of rupees are spent on Swachhata campaign since the last 4 years. Despite all this expenditure, India has 14 most polluted cities of the world. 33% increase in the inflow of FDI has also failed to generate employment in same proportion. NCRB data surprisingly points that the states which have high rate of atrocities against *dalits* are being ruled either by BJP or BJP led alliance. BJP is facing the opposition from its own *dalits* MPs. The allegation of increasing religious intolerance has been made against the central government time and again. Muslims shares 14.23% in the population of India whereas 24.9% beggars in the country belongs to Muslim community. What to say of the minorities even the people in majority have failed to draw any benefits from the policies of the government being followed since the last 3 years.

SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI: I am surprised for what reason this No-Confidence Motion has been brought? At a time when the entire country is benefitting from the policy of all round development, I fail to understand that logic of moving No-Confidence Motion. The Government has taken historical decision to provide 1.5 times of the production cost of agricultural produce to the farmers. Not only all the crops have been brought under the Minimum Support Price, unprecedented quantity of procurement is also being made. 4 crore 5 lakh farmers have been brought under the largest crop insurance scheme. Today, India has

become sixth largest economy in the world due to economic policies of the government. We have become fastest growing economy in the world leaving China behind. We have implemented GST and simplified the tax system. Today, India has made a quantum jump in the ranking of "Ease of doing business" and has come at the 100th rank. Praiseworthy works have been undertaken by the government on issues concerning girls and women. Gas cylinders to more than 3.80 crore women, living below the poverty line, have been distributed under Prime Minister Ujaawala Yojana. The Government has supported the Muslim women in their fight for equal status, honour and right by bringing a bill as per the order of Supreme Court and got it passed in the Lok Sabha to end practices like triple talaq. A comprehensive scheme is being chalked out for development of roads by investment of lakhs of crores of fund through ambitious project like Bharatmala. Ayushman Bharat Yojana is the largest health insurance scheme in the world. Today, cultural heritage of our country like "Yoga" has become international movement and it has been included in the abstract cultural heritage of humanity by UNESCO. A revolutionary movement is underway among citizens for sanitation by constructing toilets in every house. This No-Confidence Motion is the outcome of the frustration and disappointment of the opposition due to success of the scheme for the welfare of the scheduled castes, minorities, poor and backward

classes. We stand for the unity among the people and development for all, that is why we talk about "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas".

SHRI R. RADHAKRISHNAN: The No Confidence motion brought by TDP is to stress the need for Special Category Status for Andhra Pradesh. The Central Government has stated that no state can be provided Special category based on the recommendation of NITI Aayog. If the Central Government decides to bring any Bill to provide financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh our party will support it. Our party oppose the No Confidence motion.

PRIME MINISTER (SHRI NARENDRA MODI): This No Confidence Motion is in a way indicative of great strength of our democracy. I urge all Members to reject it and once again express confidence in this Government, which has full majority and which has worked intensely for the country. Many people have a question in their mind as to why this Motion has been brought in the House, because they have neither the numbers nor a majority in the House. I do not think it has either happened unknowingly or due to over-confidence. It happened because arrogance is pushing them to indulge in such an act. In a democracy, people are supreme. It is essential to have faith in the democratic system. This is not the floor test of the Government, but of the Congress and its so-called partners. We are sitting here because we have the numbers and we have the blessings of 125 crore people of this nation.

This Government works with the *mantra* of ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas’. Today, 18 thousand villages have been electrified. This work could have been done by earlier governments also. Among these 18 thousand villages, 15000 are from eastern India, and among these 15000 villages, 5000 villages are from the North-East. We have worked with fast pace on every aspect of the connectivity. Nationalization of the banks was done in the name of the poor, but the doors of the banks were not opened for the poor. Our government has opened around 32 crore Jan-Dhan accounts in the banks and today, about 80 thousand crore rupees have been deposited through the savings of the poor in these accounts. For our mothers and sisters, this government has constructed 8 crore toilets in the country. Through Ujjawala Yojana, around 4.5 crore poor women are living a smoke-free life and they have got a better health. According to an international report, 5 crore people have risen above acute poverty in the last two years. Insurance cover has been given to twenty crore poor people at a premium of 90 paise per day and one rupee per month. In the coming days, under Ayushman Bharat Yojana, insurance coverage up to 5 lakh rupees per family per year will be given for health care.

We are taking one step after another in the direction of doubling the income of the farmers. The work of completion of 99 irrigations projects pending for years is going on with a cost of more than Rs.80,000 crore. This government has given the benefit of 100 percent Neem Coated Urea to the farmers of the country.

Through Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, not only the premium was reduced for the farmers, but the scope of insurance has been widened.

Today, LED bulb is available at Rs.40-45. So far, 100 crore LED bulbs have been sold. More than 500 urban bodies have installed around 62 lakh bulbs for use in street lights, and it has resulted in saving in the expenditure of the municipalities. Earlier, there were two mobile manufacturing companies. Today, there are 120 mobile manufacturing companies.

This government has provided loan to 13 crore youths under MUDRA Yojana. Today, more than 10000 start-ups are being run by our youths. While talking about digital transactions, citizens of our country are doing transactions worth Rs.41,000 crore per month through BHIM app and the mobile phone alone. There is improvement of 42 points in the matter of Ease of Doing business. Similarly, there is an improvement of 24 points in the Global Competitive Index. India has strengthened the economic growth of the whole world. Today, India stands at sixth position among the largest economies of the world. India is moving fast in the direction of becoming a 5 trillion dollar economy. We have waged a war against black money and it is not going to stop. We have saved 90 thousand crore rupees by using technology. More than 2.5 lakhs shell companies have been locked and around 2.25 lakhs shell companies are under watch.

This House had passed the Benami Property Bill long back, but it was not notified for 20 years. After coming to power, this government completed the task. So far, properties worth Rs.4500 crore have been attached under this law. Congress party has no confidence in itself. This lack of confidence is the part of their whole functioning and culture.

Doklam issue was raised here. I think one should speak carefully on the subject, about which one has no knowledge. The country is being misled on the issue of Rafale. It is very sad that both nations have to deny the allegations by issuing statements. I can assure that this deal was concluded between two nations, two governments and there was complete transparency. The nation will never forgive the Congress, which has termed the Surgical Strikes as Jumla Strikes. The constitutional provision of No Confidence Motion has been misused to destabilize the country.

It was said as to why petroleum products were not covered under GST. I would say that UPA Government had decided to exclude petroleum products from the ambit of GST. It was also alleged that I am not a *Chowkidar* but a *Bhaageedar*. I must say with pride that I am a chowkidar and a bhageedar both. But, I am not a *Saudagar* or *Thekedar* like them.

They do politics through emotional blackmailing of the dalits, the exploited, the deprived and the poor. It is because of this that a large chunk of our society has

been deprived of empowerment. Today, the people who used to make fun of the language, clothes and politics of Baba Saheb Ambedkar are eulogising him. The people, who misused Article 356 time and again, are talking of teaching a lesson of democracy to us.

About 18 years ago, the Government led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had constituted three states viz. Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. The issues were resolved by sitting with them and today, all these states are progressing peacefully and speedily. However, Andhra Pradesh was divided to reap political benefits. The problem of sharing of resources between them is still going on. The NDA government has ensured that there would be no lacking on its part in the matter of development of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and we are fully committed to it. However, we also have to keep in mind that the Government is bound by the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission. Therefore, a new special assistance package was chalked out for Andhra Pradesh. This decision was implemented on 8th September, 2016. On 4th November, 2016, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh himself accepted this package and thanked the Finance Minister. When we give any special incentive or package, it affects other areas also. I want to assure the people of Andhra Pradesh that NDA government will make all efforts for their welfare, be it the construction of the capital or welfare of the farmers.

Who is responsible for keeping the issue of GST pending for so many years? As the Chief Minister of Gujarat, I had asked the then Central Government to address the concerns of the States in GST before moving ahead. When I became Prime Minister, the experience as Chief Minister was useful to me. It was because of this experience that we were successful in bringing all the states on board. If the previous Government had understood the problems of the states, GST would have been a reality five years ago. We had taken a decision to increase MSP of crops and we have done it.

We came to power in 2014. At that time, we were told to bring a white paper on the economy. However, when we started collecting information, we were surprised about the state of economy. Underground loot of the banks continued from 2009 to 2014. After sixty years of Independence, the loan amount of the banks was Rs.18 lakh crore. During 2008-2014, this amount jumped to Rs.52 lakh crore. In a way, the mess of NPA was like a landmine for the banking system of India. One more reason for increase in NPA was that the UPA government took some decisions, due to which there was huge increase in the import of capital goods. All these imports were financed by the banks through loan. Banks even provided loan to many projects in lieu of equity. The Government has taken a decision to show all these NPAs in the books of the banks honestly. We have taken several policy decisions for bringing improvement in the banks, and these

will help in the economy of the country in coming years. This Government has created insolvency and bankruptcy codes. Yesterday, the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill was passed in this House to deal with the people defaulting in repayment of bank loans. I would like to tell that the previous government had left a loan of around 32 million dollar of FCNR in the country. This government has repaid the above loan in full.

In order to push forward the *Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan*, we have strived to ensure that by 15th August, all people in 65000 villages have bank accounts, gas connections, electricity, vaccination, insurance cover, and LED bulbs. Schemes have been framed keeping in view every aspect of the life of women. It is for the first time that two women Ministers participate in the meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security and they are involved in the decision making. Today, women have been inducted as fighter pilot. The Government is firmly standing with Muslim sisters facing the ire of triple *talaq*. *Beti Bachao- Beti Padhao* has become a mass movement and provisions of hanging have been made for the people indulging in atrocities on girls.

A network of highway is being laid in the whole country through 'Bharatmala' Project. Port development and port-led development is being encouraged through 'Sagarmala' Project. The work of air connectivity is moving faster in tier 2 and tier 3 cities. Comprehensive expansion of Metro in the cities of the country is going on. The work of providing internet to each Panchayat has picked up in the country.

Many misconceptions are being spread in the country on the issue of employment. Employee Provident Fund is one way to measure increase in employment in the organized sector. When we combine the data of EPF and NPS together, more than 50 lakhs people have got employment in the formal sector during last nine months. In addition, there are professional bodies in the country, where young professionals register themselves after getting degrees and do their own work. In transport sector, a large number of people have got employment. In this sector, around 20 lakh people have got employment opportunities in the last year. Similarly, if we combine EPF, NPS and professional transport sector, more than one crore people have got jobs in one year alone.

I want to reiterate that NDA government will leave no stone unturned for the welfare of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS: by way of reply said: I thank everyone who has supported our Motion today. Even before 2014, people of the country have been betrayed. A lot of promises, false promises were made for Andhra Pradesh, but there was no delivery. Unethical and unscientific bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh happened in this House. The House was not having simple majority. Fourteen Members out of twenty –five members from AP were suspended.

The Motion was negated.

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