

LOK SABHA

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

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 / Ashadha 4, 1941 (Saka)

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

The following Members took the oath or made the affirmation as follows,
signed the Roll of Members and took their seats in the House:

Sl. No.	Name of Member	Constituency	State	Oath/ Affirmation	Language
1.	Shrimati Nusrat Jahan Ruhi	Basirhat	West Bengal	Oath	Bengali
2.	Sushri Mimi Chakraborty	Jadavpur	West Bengal	Oath	Bengali

* Hon. Members may kindly let us know immediately the choice of language (Hindi or English) for obtaining Synopsis of Lok Sabha Debates.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

1. **SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE** laid a statement regarding need to appoint DST INSPIRE faculty.
2. **SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY** laid a statement regarding need to establish a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Maharajganj district, Uttar Pradesh.
3. **SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI** laid a statement regarding need to fill up the vacant posts (Official Language) in Central Secretariat Official Language Service.
4. **SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH** laid a statement regarding water shortage in Aurangabad and Gaya districts of Bihar.
5. **SHRI MANOJ RAJORIA** laid a statement regarding need to accord approval to Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project submitted by Government of Rajasthan.
6. **SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE** laid a statement regarding need to provide drinking water in Latur Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.
7. **SHRI AJAY NISHAD** laid a statement regarding need to provide adequate medical facilities to tackle Japanese Encephalitis disease in Muzaffarpur district and its adjoining areas in Bihar.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Speaker.

8. **SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA** laid a statement regarding air pollution in Delhi.
9. **SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV** laid a statement regarding need to take necessary measures to deal with water scarcity in Pataliputra Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.
10. **SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT** laid a statement regarding providing better railway services in Misrikh Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.
11. **SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB** laid a statement regarding need to set up a Bench of Odisha High Court at Sambalpur.
12. **SHRI GOPAL SHETTY** laid a statement regarding need to amend Press Council Act, 1978.
13. **DR. SUBHAS SARKAR** laid a statement regarding construction of a dam in Bankura Parliamentary Constituency, West Bengal.
14. **SHRI RAVINDRA SHYAM NARAYAN ALIAS RAVI KISHAN SHUKLA** laid a statement regarding need to establish a Government Girls' College in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.
15. **SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT** laid a statement regarding need to take flood control measures in Barabanki Parliamentary Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.

16. **SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL** laid a statement regarding need to appoint Ayush doctors under Ayushman Bharat Yojana.
17. **SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA** laid a statement regarding need to widen Joriya-Pulanlwala road in Jammu & Kashmir.
18. **SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR** laid a statement regarding modernization of Trichy International Airport in Tamil Nadu.
19. **SHRI SURESH KODIKUNNIL** laid a statement regarding implementation of river Pampa Protection Plan in Kerala.
20. **SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE** laid a statement regarding need to accord International Airport status to Madurai Airport in Tamil Nadu.
21. **SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED** laid a statement regarding need to sanction road-under-bridge/subway at Bauria Railway Station in West Bengal.
22. **SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR** laid a statement regarding construction of Bolondi Halt Railway Station in West Bengal.
23. **SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR** laid a statement regarding need to regularize the services of 133 contractual workers of the Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai.
24. **SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV** laid a statement regarding need to provide drinking water in Banka district, Bihar.

25. **SHRI K. NAVASKANI** laid a statement regarding development of tourism infrastructure in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.
26. **SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA** laid a statement regarding need to provide Scheduled Tribe status to certain communities of Assam.

PANEL OF CHAIRPERSONS

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House that I have, under Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, nominated the following Member as the Member of the Panel of Chairpersons:-

Shri Suresh Kodikunnil

The other names will be announced subsequently as soon as we receive them.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – *Contd.*

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to participate in this debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. In the President's Address, the President did insist on water management and in fact, said that Ministry of Jal Shakti has been formed. The President has addressed the water crisis which is looming large in India, especially

in South India and Tamil Nadu. We are in utter water distress. NITI Aayog also warns that 21 Indian cities including cities of Chennai, Bengaluru and Delhi will run out of groundwater by 2020. Today, 43.4 per cent of India is reeling under severe drought situation. The pre-monsoon rain is the lowest in the last 65 years. Four reservoirs supplying water to Chennai have dropped below one per cent and are literally zero. So, the water crisis is so severe. I think, we all will be very happy if whatever the President said in his Speech or whatever he spoke is implemented. I want the Government to look at Tamil Nadu. The Cauvery Tribunal and the Supreme Court ordered clearly that whatever water allocated to Tamil Nadu should be released. Today, Karnataka is trying to build a project at Mekedatu. In this House, the former Water Resources Minister had assured that the Government will never allow any dam to be built to stop water flowing to Tamil Nadu. In this regard, I would like to ask that under what authority a Minister of this Government has now assured in the Press that he will give permission. This is the irony. This goes against the orders of the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal and this also goes against the order of the Supreme Court. The people of Tamil Nadu are upset with this Government. So, please take the spirit of the President's Address seriously.

SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: First of all, I would like to congratulate you for assuming the Office of Speaker of Lok Sabha. At the same time, I believe that

you will do justice to all of us. We, the Members of this august House, are really lucky to be a part of this great transition taking place in our country under the leadership of our Prime Minister. It was his vision and dream to make our country prosperous and bring it to a new level, for which the work has already started in the last five years from 2014 to 2019. This is the reason we won with a huge margin in the last election. We have achieved many national goals for building a new India. The Modi Government has made innumerable achievements, be it the welfare of the farmers and the soldiers or education and healthcare sectors. But the achievement made for the empowerment of women is more remarkable. Today, women are scaling new heights in every walk of life. Our Government is implementing several schemes like Mission Indradhanush and Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao along with facilitating the construction of toilets in each and every house in its bid to keep the self-respect and dignity of the women intact. Moreover, the presence of 78 women Parliamentarians in this House brings a great honour to each and every woman of this country. I would like to make one more point that our country is reeling under the shortage of water. My Parliamentary Constituency, Mathura is also facing the shortage of drinking water. I am happy that a lot of work is being done by our Government in this regard. So far as, the issue of treatment of the water of the Yamuna River is concerned, our Government is paying more attention to it. A number of water treatment plants have been

installed on the Yamuna River in Mathura and they have been made operational. I would like to assure the people of Mathura that the water of Yamuna will be made clean at the earliest.

***SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:**

***SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

***SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE:**

***SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD:**

***SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

***SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:**

***SHRI K. NAVASKANI:**

***SHRI P. C. GADDIGOUDAR:**

***SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:**

***DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

***SHRI D.K. SURESH:**

***SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):**

***SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:**

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***SHRI RAVINDRA SHYAM NARAYAN SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI
KISHAN:**

***SHRI JASHVANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:**

***SHRI KAUSHLENDRA KUMAR:**

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA: At the outset, I would like to congratulate Hon. Prime Minister, the BJP and the NDA for their victory in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections. The TDP had been a partner in NDA-1 and in NDA-2. Indeed, we had to walk out of the NDA due to the fact that the SCS was being denied to us and the implementation/execution of the AP Re-organisation Act was being delayed beyond a reasonable time limit. We understand that the Prime Minister has been categorical that Andhra Pradesh will not get special category status. Even the Finance Minister in a written response to an Unstarred Question in Rajya Sabha yesterday has also said that no State would be given this status. I hope that slogan of *Sab Ka Sath, Sab Ka Vikas, Sab Ka Vishwas* will apply to all regions, States, and people equitably. We have built our institutions brick-by-brick over decades and weakening these institutions will cripple our democracy. If corrective measures are not taken, it will ultimately destroy our freedom and liberty. All I am saying is that it reached its peak during the Emergency and we

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are seeing a similar scenario now as well. I will give only three examples. The first is the notification issued by the Home Ministry in December, 2018 under the IT Act on monitoring, decryption of information generated, transferred, received or stored in a computer source without any requirement to get any authorization from anyone in the Government. The second is the misuse of the Election Commission during recent elections. The third and the latest one is how the BJP is breaking our party and grabbing four of our Rajay Sabha MPs. The real meaning of *Sab Ka Saath* is that Government should be taking us along to build this great country. The former Chief Economic Advisor to the Government has contested the GDP figures between 2012 and 2017. He mentioned that the growth figures have been inflated by 2.5 percentage points during this period. Even the unemployment figures had also been suppressed, which stands at an all-time high in the last 40 years. So, I suggest for the consideration of the hon. Prime Minister to constitute a Task Force consisting of national and international experts, statisticians who will be able to verify the data. This will then give the country a real and credible picture.

***SHRI SANGAMLAL GUPTA:**

***SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

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SHRI P. C. MOHAN: I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. What has not been developed in the last 70 years that has been developed in the last just five years. Electricity has reached each and every village of the country. This Government launched PM Awas Yojana, Housing for Poor, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Today, there are toilets in every village. This Government also launched Ujwala Yojana, giving free LPG connection to the poor. Then, there were Jan Dhan Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Atal Pension Yojana, MUDRA loans, loans for empowering the poor, Jan Aushadi Centres for providing quality medicines at lower cost. I wish to speak on three important topics from Hon. President's Address to the Parliament which are also important for my State and my constituency. I represent Bangalore Central constituency. Once upon a time, Bangalore was called 'lake city'. Lakes have been neglected and water bodies have been encroached upon. So, I also request the Central Government to take necessary measures in this regard. In my constituency, there is Bellandur Lake which is in news due to frothing in it. I request the Government to take up this Lake as a special case and give adequate funds to the State Government or take directly under the Central Government and develop this Lake. My next subject is relating to urban transport. Today, Bangalore has more than 1.2 crore population and is in bad news for our traffic.

But the State Government is not very keen. So, I request the Government to take extra initiative.

***SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

***SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**

***SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:**

SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN: First of all, I would like to express my condolences on the death of innocent children from Chamki fever in Muzaffarpur. I hope that through the efforts of our Government, at least, such incidents will not recur in future. The last five years were the years for removing the anomalies and irregularities of the past 55 years and the next 5 years will be the years for laying the foundation of a new India. Only 18 per cent houses could be provided water through taps in the last 70 years. Our aim is to make it cent per cent by increasing it upto 82 per cent in the coming 5 years. After provision of LPG, toilets and electricity to every household in the country, the resolve of 'Nal se Jal' will be a new norm for development on the completion of 75 years of independence. A new India is the India where our Government will work only for the development of the country irrespective of the caste and religious considerations. For me, in the new India, there will be a stop to the news of the death of my dalit labourer

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brothers engaged in the cleaning of the sewers. In the new India, my sisters from the Muslim community will have the freedom to choose their future. The farmers income will be doubled by the year 2022. The 'Kisan Samman Nidhi' is an effort to bring back happiness of the farmers. The Opposition has called the hon. President's Address hollow which is beyond my understanding. I want to ask them whether the surgical strike by our Jawans or air strike at Balakot or getting terrorist Masood Azhar banned by the UN was hollow? The people of the country have given a clear message by not allowing politics on the Rafale aircraft. I am sure that we will be able to achieve the goal of a new India by bridging the gap between the rich and the poor and the villages and the cities.

***SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

***SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:**

SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA: Our Constitution is under threat today. There is a powerful and continuing nationalism being sneered into our national fabric. It is superficial and narrow. It is the lust to divide; it is not a desire to unite. Citizens are thrown out of their homes and being called illegal immigrants. Slogans and symbols are being used to test allegiance. There is a resounding disdain for human rights that is permeating every level of the Government. There

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has been a ten-fold increase in the number of hate crimes between 2014 and 2019. There is an unimaginable subjugation and controlling of mass media today. TV channels spread a majority of airtime broadcasting propaganda for the ruling party, coverage of every opposition party is cut out. There is an obsession with the national security and the identification of enemies. The achievements of the Army are being usurped in the name of one man. Is this correct? There has been a 106 per cent increase in the death of Jawans in Kashmir. Religion and Government are now intertwined in this country. There is a complete disdain for intellectuals and the arts. There is a suppression of all dissent. Secondary school textbooks are being manipulated. You do not even tolerate questioning let alone dissent. The spirit of dissent is integral to India. There is an erosion of independence in our electoral system. The Election Commission is being used to transfer key officials. There is a danger of fascism rising in India. I do not dispute the resounding mandate that this Government has got. But I have the right to disagree with your idea that there is no one before you and there shall be no one after you.

***SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:**

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

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SHRI DILIP GHOSH: Our Prime Minister is popular not only in our country but in the entire world. We are fortunate to be working under such great leadership. This Government has undertaken a number of ambitious and welfare schemes benefitting the entire country but the people of Bengal are unfortunate because we are not getting the benefits of these schemes. Crores of Bengalis will not get the benefits under the Ayushman Yojana because the Government there takes decisions based on political considerations. This scheme is most needed there because in Bengal if there is a hospital, then there are no doctors and if there are doctors then there are no nurses. If there are nurses then there are no medicines and if there are medicines then there are no beds. We are living in such conditions. We have also been deprived of the Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme. The list of farmers has not been sent till date. A new term has been heard from Bengal recently which you would not have heard before - Cut Money. The beneficiaries of the Government schemes have to pay some money before hand and only after that they get the benefits under those schemes. This is called Cut Money. The situation in Bengal is grave. There is Government but there is no law and order. There is police station but no police, there is school but no teachers, there is college but no professors. Such Sonar Bangla has been gifted by our Prime Minister to us. Today, Bengali, Bihari, Hindi speaking-Bangla speaking are being discriminated. Elections were held in the entire country peacefully except the

violence on 42 seats in Bengal. There is a conspiracy to separate Bengal. The maximum opposition to GST is in Bengal though the maximum benefit is also garnered by Bengal. We want to create a Bengal which will lead the country.

***SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:**

***SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:**

SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY: About 40 per cent of the country's tobacco is grown in my Parliamentary constituency. The farmers are now facing a lot of problems there for a better price. I would request our hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry to intervene in this matter and to see that this thing is done through Tobacco Board. Ongole bull is very famous. It is known throughout the world. That also has to be developed. Under Reorganisation Act, the construction of Dugarajapatnam Port was proposed, but there is no progress. Also, the foundation stone for Ramayapatnam Port in Prakasam District has already been laid. The work on these projects should be taken up expeditiously. The work regarding modernisation of Buckingham Canal is also pending. Visakhapatnam Zone project is still pending and nothing has been said in the Address about it. Nadikudi-Srikalahasti project is also going at a slow pace. Sufficient funds are not being allotted by the Centre for Polavaram project even

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though it is a national project. I would request the Government to take up the Veligonda project in Prakasam district as a national project. Our State is in dire need of funds. Our State is facing a lot of problems with a negative cash balance of Rs.35000 crore. The Special Category status has to be given immediately to Andhra Pradesh so that our young people could earn their livelihood and could live peacefully.

***SHRIMATI LOCKET CHATTERJEE:**

SHRI TEJASVI SURYA: I am overwhelmed with the feeling of gratitude that my Prime Minister gave me an opportunity to come to this temple of democracy. Today if a *chaiwallah* has risen to the post of the country's Prime Minister, not for once but for two times, only shows that the country's democracy is being strengthened and along with him he is bringing people like us as faces of new India to speak on the aspirations of the country. This victory is historic on so many counts. It is not only the result of the workers of the Bhartiya Janata Party but the common Indians fought this election. I think, from 2014 to 2019, one of the greatest transformations that have taken place in the country is that the political quotient of the electorate of this country has tremendously increased. A new India rose in 2014 where the country's economy got such major changes and structural reforms and the country's economy rose through the effects of demonetization,

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through the effect of GST and through the effect of IBC. Today, India's economy is more formal, more organized, transparent and clean. For a very long time, our economy was in shambles. Ten years under the UPA Government was a decade of decay. But we have made a massive turnaround in the last five years. Today is an India, under the leadership of our Prime Minister which is galloping as the world's fastest growing economy. A 'New India' would mean that each common Indian, the poor man on the street and the last proverbial man in the line will feel that he is a part of the national mainstream. The common Indian women in the village also got the benefit of Ujjwala Yojana at her doorstep. Every single person was touched by the Modi Government under various schemes. This will continue in an unprecedented fashion in the next five years. The National Education Policy Draft, 2019 which is out for discussion and debate will promise a reform of the Indian Education system. The other thing that really gives me a lot of hope is that our country's Prime Minister is speaking the language of young India. It is speaking of starting 50,000 start-ups, and someone coming from Bangalore, which is the start-up capital of India, I must congratulate the Prime Minister for taking this initiative.

***SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:**

***SHRI D RAVIKUMAR:**

***SHRI A GANESHAMURTHI:**

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SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL: The President's Address delineates the vision of this Government for the next five years. During the period from 2014 to 2019, Hon. Prime Minister has ensured the participation of the common man and the ordinary village poor in governance. Under the Ujjwala scheme, the poor people have got free electricity connection. Hon. Prime Minister gave a clarion call to give up the subsidy on gas voluntarily and this became a people's movement and crores of people voluntarily gave up the gas subsidy. Our Prime Minister has a charismatic personality. Clean India has become a revolution in the country. The country is going to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Gandhi ji along with his message of peace had also urged the people to save the environment. If environment is not saved, our country cannot be saved. I demand that the amount provided by the Central Government to the State Governments under the calamity fund should be increased. My next demand relates to drinking water. Drinking and irrigation water is supplied to Hanumangarh and Ganganagar through Indira Gandhi Canal from Punjab. Therefore, the Central Government should direct the State Government of Punjab not to let the toxic and chemical water flow into this river as it will cause spread of cancer in the area. I would also request the Government that farmers should be saved. This has happened for the first time in the country after Independence that every farmer has received Rs.6000 in his account under the Kisan Samman

scheme. I also demand that a target may be fixed in each block for at least 50 per cent organic farming. I would like to demand that the paramilitary jawans and the police forces should also be granted the status of martyr as in case of Army personnel. Rajasthan should be given special status. Rajasthan should also be given its due share of water from Indira Gandhi canal, Narmada and Yamuna. More than 200 persons had died in Mehrangarh while having *darshans* in a temple. An FIR should be filed against the persons who had organized this religious function.

***SHRI A.K.P CHINRAJ:**

***SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:**

***SHRI MANOJ RAJORIA:**

SHRIMATI POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM: We have witnessed momentous changes during the last five years in our country. This electoral outcome is the finest example of positive programme, positive thinking and public awareness. In the past, the elections were fought on the issues like corruption, inflation etc., but this election was fought on the issue of good governance. I represent Jamnagar Lok Sabha constituency. It is a border area. The Dwarkadheesh temple is also located here. It is the first time that extensive

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upgradation of roadways, waterways, railways etc was carried out in our area under the leadership of Modiji.

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV: Several States of our country have been reeling under drought for the past many years. I would like to say that we can face this problem effectively if the Jalshakti Ministry drafts river linking project over there. The survey work for linking Vanganga, Nalganga and Panganga rivers in my constituency has slowed down. This work needs to be expedited. I would also like to say that the Crop Insurance Scheme has been designed in such a way that it has been more beneficial for the insurance companies in comparison to the farmers. The Government should review this scheme so that it becomes more beneficial for the farmers. The Government should prepare a separate budget for agriculture. The debt of the farmers should be waived off. The pension which is received by the employees of the Cooperative sector and the Government sector is very less. They should receive at least five thousand rupees per month as pension. The work on the Khamgaon-Jalna railway route in Buldhana Lok Sabha Constituency should be expedited. The Government can provide houses to the millions of poor people if it reviews and audits the IHSDP scheme and take action against the corrupt officials and ensure the quality control. A magnificent Ram Mandir should be built in Ayodhya and the Article 370 should be removed. The

population of the country has been constantly growing. We need to introduce strict law in this regard.

***SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN: The President's Address is a policy statement of the Government which have failed miserably in every field. The level of unemployment has reached to the highest. The agricultural production has gone down. 95 per cent of the natural rubber production in the country is from the State of Kerala, especially from the district of Kottayam. More than 11 lakh small and marginal farmers holding less than 1 hectare of land are major producers of natural rubber. They are in deep trouble due to the fall in the price of natural rubber.

The Government should give ample time to the students to repay the loans, and also waive at least the interest on loans given for educational purposes. All renowned economists are quitting this Government because the Government's economic policies are not in favour of the poor people of India. The Government may come out with a genuine disinvestment plan in the public sector. The hon. President has pointed out the steps being taken to clean-up river Ganga and other rivers. I would urge the Government to take immediate steps to make the important water bodies pollution free viz. Vembanad lake, Meenachil river and

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river Pamba. I belong to the profession of Chartered Accountancy. Chartered Accounts act as partner in nation building. I request that this profession of chartered accountancy be given due consideration.

DR. RAJDEEP ROY: We have been talking about national integration for the last seventy years when it comes to North-East but for the first time we have had a Prime Minister who has really been engaged with the North-East during the last five years. I must express our gratitude to him because it is because of him that we have Hima das, an athlete from a remote village in Assam or Rima Das who makes a film which is recognised world over. Today, the people of North-East are mentally integrated with the idea of India. Today, we have business consulates of Bhutan and Bangladesh established in Guwahati. Our Prime Minister practices what he preaches. Our friends in Opposition should note that their party had got lots of chances to do a lot of good things for the people of the North-East but it failed. It was only after our Prime Minister took charge in 2014 that numerous projects picked speed and ultimately saw the light of the day. In the coming years, we will be connected through railway to the remotest of the States like Manipur and Mizoram. We are having five new bridges to be constructed over the mighty river Brahmaputra. We are having four new national highways to be made of around 160 kms under NHIDCL. Around 12000 kms of new roads are being laid under the PMGSY. Today the villagers of Assam feel

connected with the country's mainstream. We are also seeing the completion of 1069 RCC bridges under the PMGSY. The refinery at Numaligarh is coming up. Approximately, Rs.1100 crore have been sanctioned for the modernisation of Guwahati airport. Jan Dhan Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ujjwala Yojana and Saubhagya Yojana have benefitted the common people. I carry the aspirations of the displaced persons of entire North-East people. The Citizenship Amendment Bill was passed in the last Lok Sabha. If this CAB is passed, then whatever atonement that was done during the time of partition, needs to be corrected. I would reiterate our commitment on the protection of the indigenous people of entire North-East. The Government will do everything to do the constitutional safeguard of the indigenous people.

***DR.BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHYAL:**

***SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:**

SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL: At the outset, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the hon. President of India who came to the Parliament to address us all. The President's Address consisted of a detailed description of the welfare schemes and programmes of the Government. With the efforts of our Government, 2.5 crore households have got free electricity connections. More

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than 2 crore poor people have got a roof over their heads under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. 12 crore women across the country got gas connections under the Ujjwala Yojana. More than 9 crore toilets across the country have been constructed under the Swachh Bharat Mission. 38 crore bank accounts have been opened under the Jan Dhan Yojana. There are 22 crops for which the MSP has been raised to 1.5 times. Surgical strike and the air strike on terrorist camps across the border have been lauded by the nation. The President's Address talks of how the economy will grow to become a five trillion-dollar economy in the next five years. The Government has allocated Rs.13000 crore to treat cattle-related diseases. The Government has carved out a separate Ministry to overcome the water crisis in the country. There is a need to create the All India Judicial Service. I urge the Government to take over 1, Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi where Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel lived and build a National Memorial as a mark of respect for the great leader. I urge the Government to initiate measures for filling up the backlog vacancies of SC, ST and OBC categories by means of a special recruitment drive. I urge the House to adopt the Motion of Thanks.

SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR: We are indeed blessed to be here at a time when we observe a very historic year. In his Address to both the Houses, the hon. President of India touched upon many important issues. Punjab has always occupied a very special place in the hearts of the people of India. Today, this

'Annadaata' State, is in a severe crisis. Our groundwater table stands totally depleted and our farmers are in debt. There is a need for a total debt waiver scheme for all the farmers. The State Government of Punjab has done its bit by giving some relief because it has very limited resources. The State of Punjab has been burdened with a huge financial debt of Rs.31000 crore which has been imposed on us due to non-reconciliation of the food account. I call upon the Finance Minister to find an equitable solution to end this. Punjab is facing a very serious water problem. I call upon the Agriculture Minister to increase the subsidy on underground irrigation pipe scheme. The Government of India must come forward to assist the State through a special package for development of its border areas. There has been a long pending proposal to declare Patiala-Sirhind-Morinda road as a National Highway and to four lane it. I request the Government to approve the construction of Ring Road in Patiala as part of the Bharatmala Scheme and include Patiala in the list of new towns to be taken up under the Smart Cities Programme.

***SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA:**

***SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:**

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SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI: It is unfortunate that the State of Jammu & Kashmir is being deprived of having an elected assembly and elected government. There was not any occasion to impose Governor's rule in Jammu & Kashmir. It is a matter of concern that there is no mention about conducting election in Jammu & Kashmir in the President's Address. This is the need of the hour to have an accountable and responsible government in the State. There was an effort to ensure that less and less people come to the polling stations and the polling percentage in the State was below average. We have conducted Panchayat elections and Parliament elections and on the other side without any reason the assembly election is being deferred. Now delimitation is being discussed. The Constitution does not permit this. The idea of delimitation is being projected or put forth as a reason for deferring elections. There is no mention in the President's Address as how to solve the issue of Jammu & Kashmir. The Governor of the State has indicated that the government is ready to have a dialogue. The roads are in dilapidated condition in the State, there is no electricity and hotels are vacant. National highway remains closed for 10 to 15 days in a month. There is a need to form an accountable government who is responsible for the people so that Jammu & Kashmir may include itself in the race of development. I would like to request that there should be an election in the State at the earliest and a meaningful dialogue should be held with the stakeholders so that the issue could be resolved.

***SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

***SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL: Had Narendra Bhai Modi ji not born in poverty and faced poverty, public welfare schemes would not have been launched. Therefore, the Government have launched so many schemes for the poor. There had been talks of intolerance. Today happens a day when the emergency was imposed in the country. JP Sahab was sent to jail and his kidney got damaged there. It would be better if you apologize today or stop talking about intolerance. Construction of toilets is not a tiny job. It's a major achievement. Prime Minister has solved the problem of shelter by implementing the Pradhan Mantri Nagariya Awas Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Grameen Awas Yojana. The Government has provided gas cylinder facility to the last woman of the village through the Ujjawala Yojana. Providing medical facility is the priority of the Government. The Government is heading towards solving medical problem through the Ayushman Yojana. Mudra Yojana has lessen the problem of unemployment by providing loans to the youth and also minimized crimes in the society. Doubling the income of farmers is the indication of progress. Prime Minister has talked about blue revolution, inspite of doubling income of farmers it will increase it four times. The Government has isolated Pakistan by following aggressive foreign

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policy. Uri and Balakot are its example. The major achievement is that the government witnessed zero corruption during the last five years. There is not even a single spot of corruption on our Prime Minister. Our Government has electrified all villages of the country during last five years. Depleting water level is a major cause of concern. If there will be no water in the river Yamuna, Taj Mahal will be in danger. There should be an International Stadium and International Airport in Agra.

***SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN:**

***SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:**

SHRI RITESH PANDEY: The farmers are the backbone of rural economy of our country. If the Government is so much concerned about the farmers then why there is 33 per cent decrease in agricultural growth rate during last five years and why the MSP has not been doubled? The Government talks of '*Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas*' but on the other hand, a sum of Rs. 10,226 crore of the sugarcane farmers of Uttar Pradesh is outstanding against the Government. Today, the farmers are compelled to commit suicide. Why the Government did not make the figures public of farmers committing suicide from the year 2015 till date? Today the level of unemployment in the country is highest during the last 45 years. The

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condition of minorities is also very miserable. Today the democracy of the country is passing through a very bad phase.

SHRIMATI AGATHA K. SANGMA: I speak here today as a tribal and on behalf of the 8.6 per cent population of tribals in my country. The youth of this country are worried about employment and their well-being. I would like to assure our hon. Prime Minister and his Government that as long as the Government is working for the integration of this country, for the sustainable development of this country, my party, the NPP and myself, will extend our cooperation and our support to this Government. It is a very comprehensive President's Address. Water is going to be a big problem in our country. Half of India is facing a drought-like situation. Ground water is depleting at a very alarming rate. The Government has accorded priority to water and has opened a new Ministry. The issue of water can be addressed, I believe, by having water policies at the State level. Since water is a State subject, it is crucial for State Governments to also come up with some kind of a water policy. Meghalaya happens to be the first State that will be coming up with a separate water policy. It would be a wonderful idea to incorporate rooftop rain water harvesting in the new houses that will be built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana particularly in the rainfall rich States. I would request the Government to incorporate the Brahmaputra river in the Namami Ganga Scheme.

***KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK: The protection of the tribes occupied the first position in the President's Address. In this regard, I would like to submit that whatever laws we have in the States-be it the 5th Schedule, 6th Schedule, CNT or SPT, all these should be strictly complied with. Water is going to be an enormous problem across the country. I would like to suggest that we should be possessed with a water map on the lines of road map, railway map etc. Doubling the income of farmers is being talked with much hype. On that account I would like to suggest that farmers' income cannot be doubled by providing them crop insurance, seeds and fertilisers only. Cattle necessarily is a source to double their income. Rather than subjecting this issue to the political complexity, I would like the Government to shift its focus on the cattle also as it also happens to be a principal source of income for the farmers other than crops grown by them. Over and above, I would like to urge upon the Government to let the manual system be in operation in the Public Distribution System in our State Jharkhand by such time as the biometric system is streamlined. On behalf of my party, I would like to submit that the issue of Triple Talaq should be left to the community concerned to be decided at their end.

***SHRI SANJAY SETH:**

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SHRI TAPIR GAO: The Government has made several important initiatives to link the State of Arunachal Pradesh with the mainstream of development. The construction of Bogibill bridge over the Brahmaputra has proved to be a boon for our State as it has reduced the time to reach Dibrugarh Medical College beyond measure. Earlier it took us 2 hours to get there but now it takes just 9 minutes. This followed the linkage of Aanubadi 2.02, Dibang bridge. It is not for the public only. It is very much in the interest of border security as well as in the national interest. The Government has made cylinders available even in the China border and has provided the people living there with medical security other than doing a lot of work on telecom and air services front.

***SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:**

SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL: The slogan of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Viswas should be visible in practice also. The incidence of mob lynching should be kept under absolute check. The issues like Triple Talaq are raised to ridicule and mock the Muslim mothers and sisters. This community has its own religion to deal with the issues. Given that, it must be left to the holy Quran and the Muslim Community. Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Ashfaqullah Khan, Ram Prasad Bismil, Chandrashekar Azad, Subhash Chandra Bose made this country a free nation. In the current scenario, we are given to understand that

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nobody had any role to play in making the country independent. Flood and erosion has gripped Assam like anything warranting our deserved attention.

SHRI MOHANBHAI SANJIBHAI DELKAR: The rural areas of the country have been greatly benefitted with a slew of schemes having been undertaken by this Government particularly Ujjwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Jan Dan Yojana have proved to be of much aid and assistance to those living in the rural areas. In the absence of Ayushman Bharat our tribal brothers and sisters had to suffer a lot for want of requisite funds. Ever since the Government made a provision of Rs.5 lakh, their state of affairs have completely changed to their huge relief. The population of our State is merely 4 lakh. Hon. Prime Minister has gifted us with a medical college, nursing college and a university. I would like that the apex bodies, elected bodies and zila panchayat should be authorised and be given certain legitimate rights. I would urge upon the Government to make such provisions for the Union Territory as may entail the involvement of elected representatives in the implementation of the schemes.

***SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:**

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SHRI THOL THIRUMAAVALAVAN: I strongly oppose the proposal of simultaneous election not because it is a problem of practicality but because it is a problem of accountability. Every Government should be accountable to the people and to the Opposition. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar gave priority to the accountability of the Government, not practicality, not stability of the Government. The schemes for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes of the nation constituting nearly 25 per cent of the total population should be given priority.

SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL: Today, we find the representation of those belonging to common farmers, labourers, the destitute and the poor youth, street hawkers, small retailers and those standing last in the queue of social ladder. All this has been possible thanks to the ablest leadership of Shri Modiji. Society and the public at large can be served at best with honesty, devotion and selflessness. Every section of society is empowered through various schemes launched by the Government when the remote and bordering area of Changthang in Ladakh were possessed with bank accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana and were handed over ATM cards, their joy knew no bounds and tears of joy rolled through their eyes. They had never dreamt of having a bank account. Ladakh has scope of solar energy, geo-thermal project, tourists destination and is surfeit with Uranium. The Government has taken concrete steps to boost the morale of our Defence Forces adding to their aspirations. Under the policy of zero

tolerance against terrorism the Defence Forces have been given free hand permission to deal with it. As a result, other than reining in the terrorist anti-national forces are also being nailed leading to continuous decrease in the incidence of stone pelting in Kashmir. Where on one hand new avenues of education and employment are being generated to put a check on the terrorist activities, those resorting to terror and violence are being dealt with an iron hand. By resorting to surgical strikes a strong message is being sent all across not only within Indian territory but also across the world. Education is being yoked with samskar (sublime disciplines of ethics). Several steps are being undertaken to promote the study and research of our glorious history and culture. Last but not the least, I would like to submit that for want of university education in Ladakh people living in far off areas have to face multiple constraints.

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