

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES

(Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 / Magha 20, 1943 (Saka)

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA** laid a statement regarding need to introduce the flight service between Bhopal and Prayagraj via Rewa.
- (2) **DR. SUJAY VIKHE PATIL** laid a statement regarding intercity train between Ahmednagar and Pune.
- (3) **SHRI RANJEETSINHA HINDURAO NAIK- NIMBALKAR** laid a statement regarding need to provide funds for the Krishna-Bhima stabilization project in Maharashtra.
- (4) **SHRI KUNAR HEMBRAM** laid a statement regarding development of Elephant Reserve in Jangalmahal area.
- (5) **SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT** laid a statement regarding need to establish a Tribal University in Gumla district, Jharkhand.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Chair.

- (6) **SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR** laid a statement regarding need to conduct test for recruitment in Army in Jhunjhunu district, Rajasthan.
- (7) **SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA** laid a statement regarding need to make penal provisions in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 more stringent.
- (8) **SHRI GOPAL SHETTY** laid a statement regarding dissemination of information pertaining to rules/schemes.
- (9) **SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM** laid a statement regarding need to sanction establishment of an Outdoor and an Indoor Stadium in Palamu Parliamentary Constituency, Jharkhand.
- (10) **KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL** laid a statement regarding need to declare Bundelkhand as a Natural Farm region.
- (11) **SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA** laid a statement regarding need to lay a broad-gauge railway line between Rajpipla and Kevadiya in Gujarat.
- (12) **DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN** laid a statement regarding need to provide internet services by telecom operators in rural areas particularly in Seoni and Balaghat districts in Madhya Pradesh.
- (13) **ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH** laid a statement regarding construction of a new bypass in Attingal on NH-66 in Kerala.
- (14) **SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI** laid a statement regarding measures to protect small and marginal farmers.
- (15) **DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI** laid a statement regarding establishment of a Bamboo cluster at Payakaraopeta, Andhra Pradesh.
- (16) **SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL** laid a statement regarding damage caused by river Bhagirathi in West Bengal.
- (17) **SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE** laid a statement regarding need to set up Textile Park in Ichalkaranji in Hatkanangle Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra under PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) parks scheme.
- (18) **DR. M. P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI** laid a statement regarding ban on wearing Hijab in educational institutions.

- (19) **SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN** laid a statement regarding setting up of a committee to study the conditions of Christian minority in the country.
- (20) **SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH** laid a statement regarding infrastructural issues pertaining to some post offices in Mavelikkara Parliamentary Constituency.
- (21) **SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD** laid a statement regarding need to develop Dardha River front in Jehanabad city, Bihar.
- (22) **SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL** laid a statement regarding construction of an under pass or level bridge at Shyampur in the Sealdah Diamond Harbour line.
- (23) **SHRI RAJU BISTA** laid a statement regarding establishment of a DD Nepali/Gorkha Bhasa channel.
- (24) **SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI** laid a statement regarding redressal of grievances of people pertaining to electricity in NCT of Delhi.
- (25) **SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV** laid a statement regarding grant of Environmental clearance to the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Project.
- (26) **SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL** laid a statement regarding need to transfer 'Asthi Kalash' of Lord Buddha from National Museum of India, Delhi to National Museum, Kapilvastu in Siddharthnagar district, Uttar Pradesh and also set up a Meditation centre at Kapilvastu for Buddhist pilgrims.

THE UNION BUDGET- 2022-23- GENERAL DISCUSSION- Contd.

DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH: I would like to put some points before the House. In my state, unemployment is a big issue. Young people even with degrees of higher education, are unemployed. On the other hand, prices are constantly rising. In hilly states, goods are transported through trains, therefore, their prices are increased. I would request the Union Government to reduce the taxes on such items. Covid has adversely impacted the whole world including our country. Farmers are the backbone of our nation. It is good that the Government has repealed the three laws. I would, therefore, request the Government that if the Government intends to frame any laws in future and the opposition parties ask it to refer the Bill to the Select Committee, then it should do so.

The Opposition will give you good piece of advice. Our apple growers are hit hard today. Apples are being imported and no tax is being levied on their imports. That is why, our apple growers have been facing tough times. Tourism industry is our backbone. I have been requesting the Government for years together to declare tourism as industry so that our people could be benefitted. Two sectors are vital for the growth of India. One is education and the other is health. I would also request the Government to please increase the funding for roads and tunnels.

SHRI DILIP GHOSH: We have been discussing the Budget for last three days. In fact, this Budget is a roadmap as to where it will take the country in next twenty-five years. This Budget contains long term perspective for the country. Twenty five thousand kilometer highways will be constructed. Two thousand kilometer rail line will be upgraded with the help of modern technology to make it accident free. About 1.5 lakh crore rupees have been given for highways of West Bengal and those connecting West Bengal. This scheme will fructify in next two three years. But the state Government is not providing land for construction of highways in the state. Land is also not being provided by the state for setting up factories, for construction of highways, for laying new rail lines and for building airports then, how can development happen in the state. How will the jobs be created? This is serious concern for us. The Central Government has provided free rice, pulses and wheat for about 80% people for their sustenance. Our youth have to go to Bengaluru or Hyderabad for their studies and to Chennai and Mumbai for treatment. About 11 crore farmers are getting Kisan Samman Nidhi in the country regularly for last two years. About 72 lakh farmers of our state of Bengal are eligible to get the Nidhi. But only 27 lakh out of 72 lakh farmers are getting Kisan Samman Nidhi and others are being deprived of. The State Government is supposed to send their names, addresses, bank account numbers and phone numbers but the State Government is not doing so. Likewise, the people of the State have been deprived of the benefits of the Central Government's Ayushman Bharat Yojana by the State Government. Like Odisha, Bengal is also hit hard every year by the storm. This year also the paddy crop has been worst hit by the storm. Vegetable crops have also been damaged. However, the State Government is not prepared to provide any help to the affected farmers.

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND : The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has criticised the Budget saying that it is not a Budget for the common men. No welfare schemes have been provided in this Budget. When we see the overall Budget proposals, the North India has been given a lot of funds. But the South India has been deprived of funds. The GST compensation to States is still due. Funds under the MGNREGA scheme are being

reduced. I was hoping that the Government would announce a lot of things about agriculture in this Budget, but nothing has been said about it. The Government is not even aware as to how many farmers have committed suicide. The Union Government does not even care about farmers. Not even a single rupee has been announced by the Union Government for the benefit of the farmers. This is an anti-agriculturist Budget. The Southern Railways has been allocated Rs. 7,114 crore whereas the Northern Railway has been allocated Rs. 66,000 crore. This is an example of how the Centre treats South India. Before the year 2020, all the hospitals in the State were built through State Government's funds. But after 2020, the Central Government announced a scheme in the ratio of 60:40. Fund was given by the Central Government and the hospitals were built. But after the hospitals are built and completed by any Government, the maintenance of the hospitals, the salaries of employees and also all other expenses of the hospitals have to be borne by the State Government. The State has to spend all the money. Now, it is said that all seats will be filled through open competitive exams. It means students from North India will come into South India and take admission here. Now, the persons after taking their honorary degrees will walk back to their Northern States. This Government deprives the State of Tamil Nadu from all its rights.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN : We should have allocated sufficient funds for health sector to fight this pandemic. Unfortunately, that was not seen. The health costs are rising but the Budget outlay for the health sector has dropped. It is sad that only after the intervention of the hon. Supreme Court, the Government fixed the compensation for the victims of COVID-19 pandemic. This Government is heartless when it comes to the poor people, farmers, labourers, dalits, youth and women of this country. The Government does not care about our healthcare sector. In MGNREGA, the Government has cut the funds by 25 per cent. We brought in MGNREGA; we brought the Food Security Act; we brought the RTI but this Government diluted it; we also brought the Right to Education Act and the Street Vendors Act. The list is endless. But, this Government passes Bills without discussion and then repeals those Acts. If the UPA Government had not brought in this MGNREGA, we would have to witness starvation, deaths and mass suicides in our villages. This Government has cut subsidies on food and fuels. The Government forgot about the State of Kerala as a whole. Kerala has been deliberately neglected in this year's Budget. There was no announcement for setting up of AIIMS at Kozhikode, for which we were waiting for many years. I would request to allocate funds for setting up of AIIMS at Kozhikode. I would also request that one NIMHANS teleconsultation centre be allocated to Kozhikode. This Government has continued selling of Public Sector Undertakings. We set up Public Sector Undertakings over the years, and now this Government is selling them.

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: I rise to support the Union Budget 2022-23. Our Government has tried to address the needs of each and everyone in the country, let it be those living in the rural areas, let it be those living in the cities or those living in the borderline areas of the country. To start with, the Union Budget 2022 is based on four pillars. First is the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. Second is inclusive development. Third is productivity enhancement and investment, sunrise opportunities, energy transition and climate action, and fourth is financing of investments. Under road transport, the Government plans to expand the national highway network to 25,000 kilometres in 2022-23, for which Rs.20,000 crore will be mobilized. Wherever there is a railway station, this 'One Station, One Product' Scheme will be implemented and by bringing this concept, the Government is trying to help the local businesses to come under the mainstream line. The Government is also planning to develop 400 new generation Vande Bharat trains, 100 cargo terminals, and eight ropeway projects of 60 kilometres length. My Nandurbar Parliamentary Constituency lies mostly in the hilly areas of Satpura and Sahyadri ranges where tribal women used to bring water from miles away. But when the Government brought the Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme, I realise that the Government also feels the pain of the mothers and sisters of the country and has launched this scheme. For this scheme, the Government is giving Rs.60,000 crore to cover 3.8 crore households in the year 2022-23. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, in my Nandurbar Parliamentary Constituency, more than one lakh people have got the houses so far, and there are still more numbers left behind. Now, under this Budget the Government has allocated Rs.48,000 crore for completion of 80 lakh houses, which is going to fulfil the dreams of 80 lakh people who have been waiting for their *pakka* house so far. This Budget provides impetus to clean and green economy by increasing allocation of Rs.19,500 crore for PLI schemes for manufacturing of high efficiency solar modules.

***SHRI N. REDDEPPA:**

SHRI MAHABALI SINGH: I rise to speak in favour of the Budget, 2022-23 presented by the hon. Finance Minister. This budget is intended to move towards Atmanirbhar Bharat, developed India and is in the interest of common people, yet the opposition is criticizing it. Our country can be catapulted to the category of developed nations only when Bihar is brought in the category of developed states. Today, Bihar is making progress in various fields, but if Bihar had been accorded the status of a special state, then definitely Bihar would have come under the category of developed states. I would like to urge upon the government through the house that the work of Bihar to

* Please see supplement.

Aurangabad railway line, Dehri to Banjari railway line should be completed at the earliest. Besides, attention should also be paid to commissioning the railway wagon factory located at Dehri-Dalmia Nagar.

SHRI TEJASVI SURYA: The country has witnessed an economic miracle in the last seven years from agriculture to education, aviation to Railways, IT to BT, soil to space, in every segment of the country's national life the Prime Minister has ushered in a complete transformation. The kind of economic progress the country has witnessed in the last seven years and the pace of reforms is also unprecedented. It would not be an exaggeration when I say that when the history of modern India is written, India's history can be viewed as a before-Modi era and an after-Modi era.. Before Modi, the country was witnessing double digit inflation. We were considered to be among the fragile five economies of the world. After Modi, the country has consistently seen single digit inflation and we are today the fastest growing major economy in the world. Before Modi, the size of India's GDP was Rs. 110 lakh crore and after Narendra Modi, the size of India's GDP is Rs. 230 lakh crore. India's foreign reserves before Modiji was US \$ 275 billion and after Modiji, India's foreign reserves is at US \$ 630 billion. Our hon. Prime Minister has established transparent systems, accountable governance and clear and committed government structures in this country. I come from Bengaluru, the Start-Up capital of the country. After this government came in to power, the country today has more than 65 thousand Start-Ups of which 41 thousand plus have become Unicorns during the pandemic. Today, the economy is also on the rise. The Members from the Opposition have been relentlessly making baseless and logic less arguments, criticizing the government that there is an increase in unemployment. I would like to ask them that if the size of the GDP and FDI has increased multiple times, how can there be no employment generation? I am of the opinion that those who are hard-working, talented, meritorious young people coming from the modest of the background, have enough number of employment opportunities. So, if you create an open economy, more and more self made capable leaders, millionaire entrepreneurs, wealth generation will take place. Moreover, hon. Prime Minister has not only democratized India's polity but has also democratized India's economy and therefore, we are finding today first generation self made millionaires who are being raised in this country. So, I consider this Budget as a Budget for jobs and a Budget for India's youth and I would like to thank the hon. Finance Minister for giving the most futuristic and most tech-savvy Budget ever in the country's history through the Budget-2022. From education to technology, aviation to space, soil to infrastructure, this government has transformed the country in every way. This government has promised new urban planning in this Budget. It has promised urban infrastructure, creation of Metros etc. It is for the first time under the hon. Prime Minister

that this country has got unshackled and this country has finally got out from this pernicious trap of perverted socialism. This is a new India that is emerging.

***SHRI M. SELVARAJ**

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE: I would like to talk about fiscal Budget. I am grateful to you for giving Rs. One lakh crore to the States. But I have a small question since my knowledge on finance is not so good. If it is three per cent of fiscal deficit, will the same thing applicable to the States when they borrow money? Most of these programmes, which will go through, will be centre driven-all Kendriya yojanas. In PMGSY, you have again changed to 60:40. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, PM Awas Yojana, ICDS and everything whatever the Centre wants to implement in our State, they will decide how much we have to spend. FRBM Act and with these pushing all the Centre programmes, will these Rs. One lakh crore really help all our States is my question? The other question is about GST compensation. My State has a sum of Rs. 28,365 crore of GST compensation pending. When will all our GST money come? Cess is something which actually takes away the revenue from the States. We have no problem if you take it for health and education. You are taking cess for health, you are taking cess on roads. CRS was under Road Transport Ministry which has now been moved to the Ministry Finance. I did not understand why this change was made. It is misappropriation of funds. I just need to know this because we are in a Pandemic and States are under a lot of pressure. I think, we are all for a transparent and fair system. All I am requesting her is that the States are under a lot of financial stress. We need the big brother to support us.

SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI: Hon. Prime Minister rattled statistics here saying that inflation was low in comparison to the Congress regime. Members of the Treasury Benches very conveniently sidelined the Cyclopean unemployment, sky touching price rise and overall downslide of people who live in India. During the pre-COVID-19 time, in 2016-17, the economic growth of India was 8.3 per cent which came down to 3.7 per cent in 2019-20. In just three years, though there was no drought, no external crisis, no financial crisis, no Pulwama and not even any act of God, economy went down even in the pre-COVID-19 days. You are blaming the Congress Party for bringing all the havoc in the country. Indeed, there are two Indias now. One India is there where you have a very fortunate select few, wealth generators and industrialists who are gobbling up all the generated wealth for themselves and there is another India where the impoverished people who form the vast majority live at the bottom layer of the pyramid.

* Please see supplement.

SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI: I rise to speak in support of this budget. Hon. Prime Minister has called it modern India. 9 crore poor were given gas connections under 'Ujjwala Yojana'. There was a time when India was ruled by a king. In today's India, the king is Sevak. Rs 7.3 lakh crore generated as a benefit through DBT. Rs. one and a half lakh crore of Kisan Samman Nidhi saved from middlemen and touts were used to provided employment to youth. 10 per cent economically weaker section belonging to the general category also got benefited. Within this budget, the Prime Minister of the country has executed this through Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas. Under the MUDRA scheme, loan to the tune of Rs. 20 crore were given and 30 crore people have been given employment. This budget will provide basic facilities to the poor, middle class and youth. GDP growth increased from 6.9 percent to 9.2 percent. This government has done the work of making a highway from Delhi to Mumbai which will make it possible in 12 hours of time to reach destination. 56 thousand km of highways were constructed in 7 years. Direct money has been transferred to the accounts of farmers through DBT. I will again request the Finance Minister that the construction of a college of Delhi University which has been approved will cost two hundred and twenty five crore rupees. It should be approved.

SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL: The youth, the farmers and the common man of the country had high expectations from this Budget but the Budget did not meet their expectations. Employment has been badly hit during the last 2 years of Covid. Prices have skyrocketed and schools and colleges remained shut. The farmers agitated for more than a year against the Farm laws. This has impacted the rural economy adversely. The Government has not changed the Income Tax slabs. The Budget says nothing about the doubling the income of the farmers. A meagre increase of Rs. 57,00 crores has been made for farm sector. Allocation for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana has been reduced from Rs. 15,989 crore to Rs. 15,500 crore. This is also a cause of concern. The Committee on MSP has also not been constituted. Allocation for food and nutrition has come down from Rs. 1540 crore to Rs. 1395 crore. Despite constant reduction in crude oil prices the Government has not reduced the prices of petroleum products. The Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project should be declared a National Project. 13 districts of Rajasthan will benefit from this project. Rajasthan has not got any rail project this year. The Government should look into it. I demand that Rs. 5 crore should be given to the Members of Parliament under the MPLADS. This is appreciable that the Government has made the local MPs the Chairperson of DISHA. People are not getting 4G services of BSNL.

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK: The entire country has been through a difficult time during pandemic. Our country is heading towards digital economy. This is

very good but if the farmers are not taken care of, the country can never progress. In Jharkhand, earlier the cattle used to roam on the roads but now cattle markets have been started there. Our state has introduced the universal pension scheme. Besides, several other schemes have also been introduced for the welfare of the poor. People of the country are disappointed to see that there is no relaxation in the Income Tax. Share of the states in taxes should be given to them timely. My state gives a lot of tax to the railways but we do not get benefits of railways properly. You are talking about sixty lakhs jobs but when you came to power, you were talking about creation of 2 crore jobs. When allocation to MGNREGA has been reduced, how can job creation take place.

PROF. SOUGATA RAY: Hon. Finance Minister has spoken about ease of doing business but the World Bank has discarded it. The Finance Minister has talked about increasing CapEx (Capital Expenditure). She says that Rs. 7.5 lakh crore will be given as capital expenditure. But if you look at the figures, you will see that only the central schemes/projects of Rs. 5.58 lakh crore really qualifies as capital expenditure for infrastructure and other developmental purposes. The economy is just coming back to pre-pandemic level but common man is feeling the pinch. The number of poor people in the country have doubled to 134 million. The food subsidy has been reduced by 28 per cent. Money allocation of MGNREGA has been reduced. The Finance Minister refused to give the cash support to the poor.

DR. SANJAY JAISWAL : I stand to fully support this budget. The government has been giving free food grains to the poor for two years, but still some people feel that it is not good for the poor. This budget is going to fulfill the dream of every house in the world having an item of Made in India. The government has done the work of providing lakhs of employment opportunities in all the sectors, whether be it software industry or other sectors. The task force created by the government for AVGC will also become a big reason for providing jobs in future. Similarly, in the field of railways too, Indian Railways will not only be modernized with schemes like 2000 km of rail route, shield structure to avoid rail accidents, 400 Vande Bharat Express trains, electrification of all railway lines, doubling of all the rail lines, but also provide employment opportunities. In this budget, CTGMAC scheme will give lot of employment opportunities for small and small scale industries. Due to the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme, 1 crore 30 lakh MSME industries could not only be saved but could also be promoted. In my Lok Sabha constituency, out of the workers who came on foot, 200 people have set up an apparel factory by making a start up zone and they are giving employment to 3,000 people. Those who were once workers themselves, today have become entrepreneurs due to PMEGP scheme. Thousands of people have become financially empowered by

benefiting from the package of PM Yojana. Our GST collection in January is a record Rs 1,40,000 crore. Our exports have reached a historic level of \$390 billion. This shows that the government's policy was absolutely correct in the circumstances of Corona. The second biggest change of this budget is in the field of education. The government has decided to set up a digital university, which will help many youths to move forward. 750 virtual apps for science-maths, 75 new skill e-labs, world class foreign university in GIFT City are all such schemes which will take the youth to a new level. Thousands of crores have been received from PM Cares, CSR, Industries and PSUs in the health sector. These will make a good impact on our health sector. This budget is not only futuristic but also all-inclusive and beneficial to all sections of the society at large.

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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