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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, I have received the following message dated 12th February, 2025, from the hon. President:

“I have received the expression of Thanks by the Members of Rajya Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on 31st January, 2025.”

OBSERVATIONS BY THE CHAIR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, I am seized of an undated notice for motion, received on 13 December 2024 bearing 55 purported signatures of the members of the Rajya Sabha, seeking removal from office of Justice Shekhar Yadav of the Allahabad High Court under Article 124(4) of the Constitution. The obligation for the stated subject matter constitutionally rests with the Chairman, Rajya Sabha and in eventuality with the Parliament and the Hon'ble President. Taking note of public domain information and inputs available, it is appropriate that the Secretary General, Rajya Sabha shares this, for information, with the Secretary General, Supreme Court of India.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - *Contd.*

The Union Budget, 2025-26

SHRIMATI DARSHANA SINGH, continuing her unfinished speech dated 11.02.2025, said: This budget is not just an annual budget, but it is a road map for a developed India in 2047, which is a budget that fulfils the hopes and aspirations of 140 crore countrymen. This budget is dedicated to the welfare of the poor, the development of youth, farmers and women. In this budget, the credit card loan limit for the farmers of our country has been increased from 3 lakhs to 5 lakhs. The government is committed to accelerating fertilizer production so that the farmers of this country can become self-sufficient in terms of urea. The Government has also taken many necessary steps in this direction. Earlier farmers did not get urea. Now there has been a lot of improvement in this sector. By giving income tax exemption, the purchasing power of the middle class will increase and the country's economy will be strengthened. The Government has announced tax relief to senior citizens. This will help senior citizens to save more. The Government has taken many important steps to make the youth of the country self-reliant and provide new employment opportunities.

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With the efforts of the Honorable Prime Minister, Indian Railways is providing world-class facilities to the common people. I congratulate the Finance Minister for presenting the eighth consecutive budget.

SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI: Earlier people used to wait for the budget but now the budget is presented, and the public is able to understand it after months, entangled in the jargon of the budget figures. There has been no increase in the budget for MNREGA. It is the means of livelihood for crores of labourers. This is not fair. Petrol prices have increased a lot. This budget is being described as a budget that will satisfy the middle class. The prices of daily needs items like milk, vegetables, stationery etc. have increased drastically. The public is not happy with this. The Makhana Board has been announced due to the demand of the opposition. The promises made earlier have not been fulfilled. Allocations have not been made for many infrastructure projects in Bihar. The Kishanganj Center of Aligarh Muslim University has not been given budget. The budget of the Minority Ministry has been reduced. Children are not getting scholarships. Technical education is not being provided to minorities. In this budget, no attention has been paid to the problems of a housewife, lower middle class and farmers. Today the value of rupee is decreasing. This is a threat to the country's prestige. Without thinking about the poor, you have given mere income tax exemption. No help is being given to local manufacturing industries. The posts of teachers are lying vacant in medical colleges. This budget does not pay attention to the demands of farmers. It does not fulfill the dreams of the youth. Some more passenger trains should be run. The Government will have to adopt economic policies with foresight. This is a disappointing budget. The budget for minorities should be increased. You should increase the amount in MNREGA. Youth should be given employment and farmers should be given MSP.

SHRI BALLYOGI UMESHNATH: Unprecedented achievements have been made during India's development journey and Amrit kaal. Many roads have been built in this country through continuous infrastructure development. Many bridges have been built. Under the "Kisan Samman Nidhi", crores of farmers have received their benefit. It was decided to provide new houses to 3 crore additional families by expanding the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana'. In the budget, attention has been paid to the development of the person standing in the last row. This Government had first pledged to provide food, clothing and shelter to the poor. The pledge taken to take everyone along in the development of India is very commendable. Arogya Mandirs have also been built, in which people will be freed from incurable diseases. The entire India has been connected through infrastructure. Social harmony has been maintained in the country. This budget is a budget for all sections.

DR. SASMIT PATRA: The four-and-a-half-crore people of Odisha are hopeful that the State will be provided Special Category Status. It has not happened in this Budget. Odisha is the economic backbone of this nation. Our coal, our iron ore, our minerals fuel India's progress, yet when Odisha asks for its fair share, this Government turns its back. This Budget showers favours on some, ignores others. This Budget must not turn its back on Odisha. Please provide Special Category Status to Odisha through this Budget.

SHRIMATI SANGEETA YADAV: I would like to talk about the youth budget through facts. I have no hesitation in saying that this is a budget dedicated to the youth and I would like to elaborate it through facts. Today India has become the third largest start-up eco-system in the world. The credit for this goes to our youth entrepreneurship. Start-up India and Skill India programs have provided skill training to millions of youth and prepared them for new employment and entrepreneurship. In this budget, the loan limit for Start-up India has been increased from 10 crores to 20 crores and the guarantee fee has also been reduced. An internship scheme has been prepared for 1 crore young generation. A

technology upgradation fund of Rs. 25 thousand crores has been prepared for the MSME sector, this will provide new employment opportunities to the youth of our rural areas. 6 crore laborers working in the informal sector have been linked to the e-shram portal, robotics and artificial intelligence labs have been established in 1500 schools to promote STEM education. After the unprecedented success of the aspiring districts, 'Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana' has been started in 100 districts. 'National Edible Oil-Oilseeds Mission' is being implemented for self-sufficiency on pulses. The government has invested Rs 1.5 lakh crore for digital transformation in the agriculture sector. This investment will help in providing better information to farmers through advanced equipment, appropriate agriculture techniques and digital platforms. Uttar Pradesh has received an allocation of Rs 1.5 lakh crore from the Union Budget.

SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN: There are two people who have not been given attention in our budget, they are our country's farmers and soldiers. If the report of the Swaminathan Commission was fully implemented, this problem would not have arisen. Our country's farmers would have lived happily. Our soldiers who protect us everywhere, from cold areas like Siachen to hot deserts, there is no provision for them in the budget. A railway line is going to come up in my district in Odisha - from Junagadh to Nabarangpur. Not even a rupee has been provided in the budget for that railway line. There is also a lack of banking facilities in the village. Many people have to go very far to get pension. In many places in Odisha, the mobile network is also not good, due to which, in the online system for studying these days, young children have to climb mountains and bushes in search of mobile network. I would request the government to restore the railway connectivity and mobile connectivity of our Odisha properly.

DR. SANGEETA BALWANT: This budget is the 78th budget of India. Hon'ble Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman ji has presented it for the eighth consecutive time. This budget of Rs 50.65 lakh crore of India is not just a financial document but it is a testimony of our government's unwavering commitment towards women empowerment, self-reliant youth, happy farmers and overall development of the nation. This budget further strengthens the belief that the emancipation of women is the gateway to the golden age. Many revolutionary schemes have been included in this budget, which will promote women entrepreneurship, ensure women's access to health and education and make them economically self-reliant. The foundation of true progress is economic empowerment. In this budget, a new scheme of term loan up to Rs 2 crore over the next five years has been launched to empower women starting enterprises for the first time. This budget extends 'Jal Jeevan Mission' scheme till 2028. The budget of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' has been increased from Rs 3,624.80 crore to Rs 4,482.90 crore, which will provide better health facilities to millions of women. 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana' gives priority to women in home ownership. The budget of 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 has been increased from Rs 1,500 crore to Rs 3,500 crore. The budget of 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Rural' has been increased from Rs 32,500 crore to Rs 54,832 crore. Kisan Credit Cards provide short-term loans to 7.7 crore farmers, fishermen and dairy farmers. The limit of farmers' credit cards has now been increased from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. 'Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana' will be run for farmers. This scheme will help about 1.7 crore farmers of the country. Under this, 100 such districts will be covered where production is low. A 6-year special mission will be run for pulses like tur, urad, masoor etc. Our government has increased the tax limit from Rs 7 lakh per annum to Rs 12 lakh per annum. The government's aim is to increase the spending capacity of middle class families. When the government will not take any income tax from a person earning Rs 1 lakh per month, that person will have more money left and when he has more money, he

will also spend more. This will increase the spending capacity of middle class families and this will bring a boom in the new economy of the country. The limit of TDS on rental income has been increased from Rs 2,40,000 to Rs 6,00,000. Senior citizens will get double exemption on interest income. To promote startups, the government has released a new fund of Rs 10 thousand crore, which will open new job opportunities. To promote curiosity, innovation and scientific thinking in young minds, 50 thousand Atal Tinkering Labs will be established in government schools in the next 5 years. The total number of students in 23 IITs has increased by 100 percent, which has increased from 65,000 to 1.35 lakh in the last 10 years. Additional infrastructure will be created in the 5 IITs started after 2014 to facilitate education for 6,500 students. This general budget is a very special budget, a budget that will set new records.

SHRI RAMJI: This budget has disappointed about 70% of the people in the country. About 70 crore people in the country work as labourers in different sectors. Their wages range from Rs. 200 to Rs. 300 and what will a poor person do with Rs. 300! The government has about 40 lakh hectares of cultivable land lying vacant. If the government gives two acres of land to the poor and landless, then at least one crore landless families of India can become self-reliant. The funds for SC/ST are to be spent on their education and employment, but all the governments spend that fund on other items. This should be stopped. Government employees have been demanding OPS for a long time. NPS was introduced for them, then UPS was introduced, but everyone is rejecting it. I want to tell the government through you that OPS should be re-implemented. Governments of different states in the country spend thousands of crores of rupees, which is tax money, on publicity. That money should be spent on the education of poor children. In the end, I want to say that there is a kind of loot going on in the aviation sector. To stop the loot in the aviation sector, a regulatory body like TRAI should be formed in the aviation sector to prevent price rise.

SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR: This budget clearly reflects the Government's unwavering commitment towards achieving the vision of a 'Developed India' by 2047. This Budget will fulfil the dreams of poor people, middle class people, farmers and aspiring society. This Budget is for a sustainable future. Considering agriculture as a major component of development, special emphasis has been laid on it in the Budget. A 6-year self-reliance mission has also been announced for self-sufficiency in pulses. One of the biggest achievements of this Budget is to provide income tax relief to the salaried class. In this Budget, several measures have been announced to strengthen the micro, small and medium MSME sector. National Manufacturing Mission has been launched, which aims to increase ease of doing business. In the next five years, 5 lakh women, people from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe category will come under the scope of term loan up to two crores rupees. Today, the Prime Minister of our country has given a loan of up to 2 crores rupees to promote SC-ST women. The Government has given a Budget of public importance to the country and I welcome it.

SHRI BRIJ LAL: 60 crore people are associated with agriculture in the country and if laborers are also included in this, then the number is much more than that. Agriculture plays a very big role in our economy and that is why agriculture is considered the biggest source of employment. We are self-sufficient in urea for agriculture. Now the announcement has been made to set up a urea plant in Namrup. There was a factory in Gorakhpur of our state, which was set up in 1968 and closed in 1990. The Government restarted it and today it is producing again. Today millet has become a superfood and the work of producing superfood is done mostly in arid areas where there are no means of irrigation. In Uttar Pradesh, people used to wash and eat the whole grain that came out of the dung of bulls. Today, so much grain is being produced that we are providing food to 80 crore people.

Congress has given a gift, Congress Grass - Parthenium, it grows all over the country and causes asthma. Pulses are the most important source of protein in rural areas and in every region, which was not given attention. Today we are producing pulses, becoming self-sufficient in food. This Budget is the blueprint of a fully developed India of the year 2047.

SMT. MAHUA MAJI: This Budget clearly seems to favour BJP ruled states and discriminate in the allocation of schemes and projects in opposition ruled states like Jharkhand. Jharkhand is one of the most resource-rich states, which contributes significantly to the national economy through its vast reserves of coal, iron-ore and other minerals. Coal has been burning underground in Jharia for years, there should be a disaster management Budget for it because the country's precious coal is burning to ashes. There is a possibility of the people of Jharkhand losing about Rs. 2500 crore in Sahara and the money of more than three lakh small and big investors is estimated to be stuck. There are many areas in our state where there is water scarcity. All the water sources there have dried up and no tap, well is working. A comprehensive health policy and a big Budget are needed to end depression and suicide among youth and students. Crores of rupees have been allocated to LGBRIMH located in Tezpur, while CIP Ranchi has been neglected. This raises serious questions on the unequal distribution of mental health care resources. There is no job guarantee, so it is possible that the youth may go out for jobs later.

SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU: I would like to thank the Finance Minister for presenting the most inclusive Budget ever. This Budget is not just an economic document, but a vision document of the Government. This is the first time that 61 percent of the Budget has been allocated to primary or school education. I believe that this will strengthen the foundation of India's future and India will develop more rapidly. After the success of three AI centers of excellence, now another unique AI center of excellence is being established at a cost of Rs. 500 crores, which will take AI-driven personalized learning to new heights in the field of education. Maha Kumbh is being organized on a large scale in the country right now. The holy water in which we take a dip considering it Amrit, is sadly being called dirty water by some people and they are also saying that it does not wash away sins or remove poverty. Saying this not only hurts the sentiments of 40 crore devotees who have come to Maha Kumbh but also saddens 140 crore Indians.

SMT. SUNETRA AJIT PAWAR: I welcome and support this Budget. In this Budget, focus has been given on farmers, labourers, traders, entrepreneurs, women, youth, students and the common man. Today the whole world is facing this Amrit Kaal of New India. This is a wonderful Budget, which provides great relief to the middle class by making income up to Rs. 12 lakh tax free in the new tax system. Our citizens will benefit from this Budget. Today we are the fifth largest economy in the world and will soon become the third largest economy. The increase in limit of Kisan Credit Card to Rs 5 lakh will benefit the farmers. This budget will speed up the growth of new businesses and create employment opportunities. This budget ensures long-term economic growth, boosts infrastructure and provides significant support for agri-startups and job creation. The Government has set a target to implement the UDAN scheme at 120 locations. The construction of greenfield airports will be given priority in this. In this budget, a provision of Rs 186.44 crore has been made for energy conservation and lift irrigation projects for Maharashtra. A provision has been made in this budget to improve rural transport in Maharashtra. This amount needs to be increased further. I am confident that the Central Government will provide full support for the completion of various infrastructure and development projects in a phased manner.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: This Budget has a philosophy of development of the last man and development of the last village. The Budget acknowledges that the

strength of a country lies in the people thus reinvigorates Government's commitment to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. This Budget is holistic. This Budget has a multipronged strategy for accelerating growth, securing inclusive development, enhancing spending power of the India's middle class, invigorating private sector investments and uplifting household sentiments. The income tax upto 12 lac of income has been exempted for empowering middle class for a better tomorrow that means more money and more spending.

SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK: This budget is an important step towards making the country's economy a 5 trillion economy by 2027 and making India 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. This is a budget that will increase the economic power of the people of the country, fulfill their dreams and aspirations and will move them towards it. The middle class is benefiting the most from this budget. Income up to Rs 12 lakh has been exempted from income tax. This will benefit more than 8 crore families. The income tax rebate of one lakh crore rupees given by the Government will fulfil the dream of crores of Indians. The income of the people has increased and 25 crore people have come above the poverty line due to various facilities provided by the Government. The Government has increased the credit guarantee scheme for MSMEs to Rs 10 crore. The number of schools, colleges, medical colleges, engineering colleges has doubled during the last 10 years.

SHRIMATI SADHNA SINGH: This budget is not only going to accelerate development, but also announces several schemes for the upliftment of every section of the society. The Government has always made efforts for the upliftment of the middle class and this time too, many important steps have been taken to strengthen them in the budget. There have been many important proposals for the agriculture sector in this budget too. The Government has announced technological reforms to increase agricultural production along with increasing the support of farmers under the 'Kisan Samman Nidhi'. Special provisions have been made in the budget to strengthen agricultural infrastructure so that farmers can get better price for their produce. The reduction in interest rates on farm loans and the proposal of financial assistance for farm equipment for farmers will make their lives easier and prosperous. This budget is an important step towards bridging the gap between urban and rural areas. Employment generation in rural areas, prosperity in agriculture sector and infrastructure in urban areas will lead to development across the country. Modi ji's policies not only strengthen our internal economy, but also give it a better place in global competitiveness. This is the budget of the Prime Minister's vision of "Atmanirbhar Bharat". This budget has charted a strong and stable path by the Government for the overall development of India. The objective of this budget is to accelerate growth, ensure inclusive growth, increase investment in private sector, take everyone along including the middle class.

SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN: This Government only thinks about some billionaires of this country. One per cent of our population controls 22.6 per cent of the income and 40.1 per cent of wealth. Tamil Nadu Government is contributing 9.04 per cent to the GDP of this country and getting only 4.8 per cent by way of devolution. In this Budget hon. Finance Minister mentioned four times new schemes for Bihar only, but not even a single time uttered the name of Tamil Nadu in the entire Budget. The Government allocation for education is only 2.5 per cent of total expenditure. The Government is denying releasing Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan Funds of Rs. 2,152 crore despite several requests made by the State Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government has merged the Railway Budget with Union Budget. But, hon. Finance Minister has not uttered Railways anywhere in this Budget. This Budget has not allotted funds for speedy completion of the construction of AIIMS at Madurai in Tamil Nadu. This Budget has not allotted funds for the construction of Greenfield Airport at Parandur. This Budget has not allotted adequate funds to develop road infrastructure on National

Highways in Tamil Nadu. This Budget has not allotted funds for expansion of Madurai Airport as well as the establishment of the airports.

SHRI MADAN RATHORE: Internet connections have increased from 25 crore to 97 crore. Nuclear power capacity has increased from 4,780 MW to 8,180 MW. At that time, there were only two units in mobile manufacturing, today India has become the world's largest mobile phone manufacturer. Exports have increased from \$466 billion to \$777 billion. The number of medical colleges has increased from 387 to 706 today. The number of AIIMS has increased from seven to 23 now. The number of IITs has increased from 16 to 23 and that of IIMs has increased from 13 to 21. Number of universities have doubled compared to earlier. The number of airports has more than doubled. The percentage of multi-dimensional poverty has also decreased. The number of start-ups is more than 1.25 lakh today compared to 350 earlier. Renewable energy capacity has increased from 76 GW earlier to 203 GW today. Capital expenditure, which was Rs 2.51 lakh crore earlier, is Rs 11.2 lakh crore today. In the field of defence production, Rs 1.3 lakh crore is being spent today as compared to Rs 46 thousand crore earlier. Earlier, metro rail was available in five cities, which is available in 20 cities today. The pace of highways construction is 28.3 km per day today as compared to 12 km per day earlier. Today 100 percent electrification has been done. Earlier, rural areas used to get electricity for 12 hours, today they are getting for 22 hours. Crop insurance is available from sowing of the crop till it is taken to the market. e-NAM scheme has been introduced. After registering his crop in the market, the farmer can sell his crop in any part of the country. The limit of Kisan Credit Card was increased from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh and the minimum support price was also increased. I would also like to thank the Railway Minister for making immediate arrangements for a train to send Kinnow from Ganganagar to Bengal. If long-staple cotton is produced, it will prove to be a boon for the textile industry. A urea plant was also set up. Efforts were also made to strengthen MSMEs and a provision was also made to increase the credit guarantee from Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 20 crore.

***SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI:** I fully support this Budget. This Budget has been prepared with significant consideration prior to its presentation. As a former Member of Parliament from the Dibrugarh, I received numerous requests from people and organizations regarding the Namrup Fertilizer Factory. I raised this issue in Parliament several times, but unfortunately, it did not come to fruition. In the 2025-26 Budget, the Namrup fertilizer factory has been mentioned. I am delighted that Assam Government will hold a 40% share in the Namrup Fertilizer Factory. Currently, the Union Government, along with the Railways department, is actively working on Assam's railway project, and significant progress has been made. In Assam, electrification is also underway, and many new trains are being introduced. In the Budget, the Kisan Credit Card limit has been increased from Rs.3 lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs which will benefit our farmers. Additionally, salaried individuals who previously paid taxes will now have to pay zero tax on income up to 12 lakhs per annum. Many beneficial provisions have been included in this Budget. Furthermore, the Budget announces free ration for 80 crore people.

MS. KAVITA PATIDAR: This Budget is not just a bundle of figures, but a revolutionary initiative that will give wings to the dreams of 140 crore countrymen. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has described this Budget as a multiplier of prosperity, which will pave the way for savings, investment and development. Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar gave the message of harmony to the whole world and the Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji worked to ensure the progress of every section by following the principle of *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas*. It is the result of his good governance that today 25 crore people have come out of poverty

* Spoke in Assamese.

line. Every person has a roof over his head today. Every house has a tap water connection. Today there is a road to every village. Madhya Pradesh has been given 23 times more budget in railways compared to the Budget before 2014. New opportunities for education have been provided to the youth by increasing 2,000 new medical seats in Madhya Pradesh and 75,000 medical seats across the country, By introducing schemes like Ayushman, medical treatment has been guaranteed to the poor. Customs duty has been removed on life saving medicines for fatal diseases like cancer. Modi ji has always kept farmers at the centre of the India's development agenda. Today, an effort has been made to make agriculture profitable by introducing Kisan Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana and increasing the loan limit under Kisan Credit Card from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh. 70 percent contribution of women in economic activities has been ensured, due to which daughters are flying fighter planes today. In the days to come, participation of women in the leadership of this country will also be ensured through unprecedented decisions like Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam. In the Budget, an attempt has been made to make the middle-class families feel happy by providing tax exemption to income up to Rs 12 lakh per year. In the future, the whole world will see India becoming Vishwa Guru under the leadership of Modi ji.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE): This Budget provides for social justice as well as economic justice. This is for everyone. An attempt has been made to provide justice to all sections. All Ministries have been allocated a very good budget. Ministry of Defence has got a budget of more than Rs. 6,81,000 crores. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has got a budget of Rs. 2,87,000 crores. There is a budget of Rs. 2,55,000 crores for the Ministry of Railways, whereas Ministry of Home Affairs has got a budget of Rs. 2,33,000 crores. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has got a budget provision of Rs. 2,15,000 crores. My ministry, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, has received a budget of Rs. 1,68,478 crores. There is a provision of Rs. 1,08,000 crores for Ministry of Education; Rs. 99,000 crores for Ministry of Communications and Rs. 99,000 crores for Ministry of Health. More than 51 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened across the country in the last 10 years and at least 56 crore people have received loans under the Mudra scheme. More than 10 crore people have received gas cylinders under the Ujjwala scheme. 4 crore people have also got houses. The poor have got pucca houses and toilet facilities have been provided in the houses of more than 12 crore people. This Budget is a very strong and active Budget. Hon'ble Narendra Modi ji gives justice to everyone. He made a tribal woman the President of the country. My party does not have a single MP. Despite that, he has made me a minister. I have become a minister for the third time. Modi sahab respects Baba Saheb. A memorial of Baba Saheb Ambedkar ji is being built in Mumbai. There is a 350 feet high statue of Baba Saheb there. Thus, we all are working to fulfill the dream of Baba Saheb Ambedkar ji. This is a Budget of social justice and that is why I support this Budget.

SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: The Finance Minister has gone into every issue. She has done her best to give the support to all sections of society, not only one section. She has done her best to protect the interest of the people. I congratulate her and the hon. Prime Minister also. One brochure has been prepared by the Prime Minister. I have gone through it. All details have been given. I don't want to go against your direction. There are four issues. One, youths are coming to cities. Your goodself will understand. The population of Bengaluru is one crore forty lakhs. Why? I have a note. As directed by the Chair, I place it on the Table of the House. And the other issue is about the micro, small scale and medium industries. I have a note. I place it on the Table of the House. Another issue is regarding

jackfruit. I am trying my best. There should be a board for tamarind, jackfruit and jamun. I am not talking whether it should in the south or the north. In Bihar, Makahana Board has been formed. In Southern States, the jackfruit and tamarind is everywhere; even on the road side, it is there. If a Board is formed, the youth will start making value addition products and they will not move to the cities. Jackfruit and tamarind Board should be formed, like Makhana Board. I will just make one more point about the Godavari-Cauvery linking project. Drinking water is a problem. In Bengaluru City, nearly 1,500 water supply lorries are extracting money, squeezing the poor people. Finance Minister, after making the provision of Rs.1,400 crores in the Union Budget of 2022-23 for the project, stated in her Budget Speech that all the concerned States would be consulted in the matter of giving approval to the DPR and implementing the scheme. All our friends demanded Godavari to Cauvery, if it is below Mettur, the link is going to be prepared, what will we do? Give us, at least, the Godavari water. Karnataka is suffering.

SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA: The Union Budget for the financial year 2025-26 has been presented as a road map for 'Developed India' 2047. The budget has given special attention to the development of these four sectors: agriculture for rural prosperity, MSME for entrepreneurship and employment generation, investment for infrastructure and innovation and export for economic growth. The main objective of this budget is to accelerate the development of the country under the leadership of the Prime Minister, secure inclusive growth, increase the purchasing power of the middle class, motivate private sector investment, facilitate and take indigenous products to global markets in a competitive manner. The work of increasing the purchasing power of the middle class has been done in this budget by increasing the zero tax category to Rs 12 lakh income and increasing the limit of TDS deduction on interest earned for senior citizens from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh. We the people of Jharkhand are very fortunate that the Hon'ble Prime Minister always pays special attention to our Jharkhand. From the year 2014 to 2024, there has been a 302 percent increase in the transfer to Jharkhand from the tax collection and there has also been a 266 percent increase in the grant received from the Government of India. The budgetary allocation for railways has also seen a 16-fold increase. 57 stations of Jharkhand are being developed as Amrit stations. 40 Eklavya model residential schools are being built in Jharkhand for Rs. 2800 crore. The tribal society of Jharkhand will also benefit from this.

DR. BHIM SINGH: In this budget, the attention of the Finance Minister has gone everywhere, be it East, West, North, South, Earth, Sky or Sea, she has looked everywhere. A blueprint has been presented, which will definitely make our India a developed country in 2047. The budget is the best, all-inclusive and has all the qualities. This budget will accelerate development, that development will not be one-sided, but inclusive, it will be the foundation of a developed India. When Manmohan Singh's Government presented its last budget of 2013-14, the size of the budget was Rs. 16.5 lakh crore. After that our Government came and the budget is continuously increasing and today the size of the budget has become Rs 50.65 lakh crore. This has not happened by magic, but it has happened due to Modiji's vision, his patriotism and efficient financial management.

SHRI ADITYA PRASAD: Our Government has made unprecedented progress in technical education and other civic amenities for women, farmers, youth, backward classes, Dalits, tribals, all communities and all sections. I am extremely happy to tell you about my home state Jharkhand, which is a tribal dominated state, that a provision of Rs. 80 thousand crore has been made in this budget under Dharti Aaba, Janjati Gram Utkarsh. More than 470 Eklavya model residential schools are providing school education to 1.25 lakh tribal children. Increasing the amount of Kisan Samman Nidhi, which is given to farmers as support at regular intervals, to Rs. 41 thousand crore is a very important step. Today, farmers are

working with dignity and pride to sow crops in their fields. When the Congress government was in power for ten years, they could not even place a single stone on that line. Today trains are running at a fast pace and mothers and sisters living in the countryside, villages and forests go to the city to sell toothpicks, leaves and vegetables and return home smiling after selling the goods.

SHRI RAMJIBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA: This is a budget for all-round development. This budget has been prepared by targeting the poor, women, farmers and youth. In this budget, special emphasis has been laid on Make in India by giving special emphasis on leather industry toy and industry. In this budget, special emphasis has also been laid on Digital India. 5G and AI industry will be promoted across the country. Provision has been made in the budget for this. There are also special provisions for education, skill and health in this budget. It has been asked to increase the health insurance cover of Ayushman Bharat Yojana from Rs. five lakh to ten lakh, which will benefit every community. Along with this, it has been announced to set up treatment centres at every district level. Day care cancer centres will be set up in every district level hospital for the treatment of cancer and incurable diseases. Atal Tinkering Labs will be set up in 50,000 schools to promote scientific thinking among children studying in government schools. A medical college will be set up in every district, which will lead to 75,000 medical seats. 500 new ITIs will be set up across the country, which will increase the skill power of the youth.

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