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SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY: It is our duty, as a responsible parliamentarians to analyse the ground realities, presenting an honest assessment of where we stand as a nation today. I request the Government that this year is the 350th martyrdom year of Sahib Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji. We should celebrate this occasion at the national level in 2025. The Address emphasizes on moving forward towards making India the third largest economy in the world. We face challenges like farmers' problems and unemployment. According to the National Crime Records Bureau data, one farmer and one youth commit suicide every hour. The net of social inequality is widening. The number of beneficiaries under the 'PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana' is constantly decreasing, we have to pay attention to that. It is commendable that the amount of MSP procurement is increasing, but still procurement is mainly limited to rice and wheat. The rules of Farmer Producer Organization are so tough that we need 300 farmers to form an FPO. Under the 'PM Awas Yojana', houses will be built for 3 crore families. The houses built earlier under this scheme do not have basic facilities. 71 Vande Bharat trains are running all over India, but there is only one in Punjab. Metro trains in various cities have also been mentioned. The work of Chandigarh Metro should be expedited, because Chandigarh, Mohali are very congested places. The government should increase its share in the National Apprenticeship Program. Increasing medical seats by 75 thousand in the next five years is a welcome step. In the National Education Policy, we have to focus on skills. There are many martyrdom celebrations this year. The 350th martyrdom of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur ji should also be celebrated on a national scale.

SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI: It has been mentioned in the President's address that 1.25 lakh tribal children are being given school education in 470 Eklavya Model Residential Schools established across the country. There are 7,256 blocks in our country, out of which only 664 blocks fall in scheduled areas and in a country with a population of 15 crore tribals, where 750 ST communities live, there are 75 PVTGs. Odisha has KISS tribal schools, colleges and universities, where 1.25 lakh poor tribal children study from KG to PG absolutely free of cost. Atrocities against tribals, STs, SCs are on the rise.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN: The President's address begins with a tribute to Baba Saheb and ends with a beautiful commitment - only one resolution, one goal - developed India. And I presume that India means all of us. But are we truly moving towards fulfilling this

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dream? Or, perhaps, something else is being done carefully in parallel in the country? The NCRB report says that hate speech cases have increased by 45 percent in the last two years. The silence on this issue in the President's address is extremely sad. The NCRB has recorded a 13 percent increase in crimes against Scheduled Castes and a 30 percent increase in crimes against women from 2021 to 2022. The NCRB report shows a 10.5 percent increase in total corruption cases in India. More than 11,000 cases are pending for investigation and trial across the country. Baba Saheb's fears about electoral rigging by the executive appear to be becoming true, as seen in Maharashtra, where voter lists were allegedly tampered with. Unconstitutional laws are being passed with overwhelming majorities. The Citizenship Amendment Act, the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners Act, the Wakf Amendment Bill are some such examples. This directly violates Article 26, which gives religious communities the right to manage their own affairs.

SHRI G.K. VASAN: The President's address has clearly laid down the roadmap for the development of this nation. The government has provided affordable housing, medicines and air travel under the Udan scheme for the poor, middle class and farmers. The relief given by the government to the middle class will boost consumption, savings and investment. The government is in favour of focusing on agriculture and the welfare of farmers. That is why MSP has been increased, more access to cash credit has been created. The recent example on the issue of farmers is the Tungsten mining scheme in Tamil Nadu, which has been announced to be cancelled keeping in mind the interest, future and livelihood of the farmers. The government has promoted the use of digital technology in India to ensure social justice and equality. Not only big industries, but small shopkeepers are also now on the path of digital economy. In the end I will mention the Godavari-Kaveri link project which is the need of Tamil Nadu. Lakhs of Delta Cauvery farmers will be benefited by this. Mahamaham Kumbakonam in Thanjavur district is like Maha Kumbh and it is going to happen in 2028, March, in which lakhs of people are expected to come. A lot of devotees and travellers participate in it. I would like to request the government to carry out infrastructure development for this Mahamaham. I would also like to request the government about doubling of railway line from Villupuram to Thanjavur, which is the need of the hour.

SHRI VAIKO: The country is moving towards authoritarianism. That is why there is talk of one nation, one language, one election, one culture. But now the concept of India is of one nation. This is a multinational state. But if you want to create one nation and one language then the country will be divided because if there are so many nationalities, there are cultural differences too. But now if you want to eliminate all nationalities, all cultures, all civilizations then this will lead to fragmentation of the country. People in every state will lose their nationality. We strongly oppose this kind of obstructive and destructive idea, which is against the spirit of the federal principles of the Constitution. When most of the state governments and political parties are against one nation one election, then why is this regressive step being continued. Here the Hon'ble President has mentioned the Wakf Amendment Bill before the Parliament. The way the Government is hurrying to pass the Bill in the Joint Parliamentary Committee by suspending the opposition members and accepting the report is reprehensible. We will oppose this bill with all our might as it is taking away the fundamental rights of the minority community which they have enjoyed since pre-independence. Different personal laws are being followed by different communities and religious sections in the country. Therefore, any attempt to bring in a Uniform Civil Code will destroy secularism and diversity, which are the cornerstone of India's rich heritage. We strongly oppose any such attempt with all our might. The

government is insisting on opening new nuclear plants. In Tamil Nadu, there are already four plants.

DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL: Just Like the five elements of the body, the Indian economy and India are also made up of five elements – farmers, youth, labourers, common man and small businessman. The President's address should talk about both assets and liabilities. The value of rupee is declining. From 1920 to present, imports from China have increased by 83 percent, while exports have increased by only 17 percent. Farmers are committing suicide. The contribution of agriculture to the economy was 4.7 percent of GDP growth in 22-23, which has come down to 1.4 percent. 70 percent of farmers earn Rs 11,000 to Rs 13,500 per month, 55 percent farmers are in debt and every family has an average debt of Rs 91,000. Unemployment has reached 45 percent by 2022-23. Between 2016-17 and 2021, 1 crore, 30 lakh jobs have been lost in the unorganized sector. 81 lakh jobs have been lost in the manufacturing sector. In the Global Hunger Index, India has reached 105th place in the list of 127 countries in 2024. The National Health Policy stated that the health budget should be 2.5 percent of GDP but currently the health budget is only 0.27. The arrival of big online platforms like Amazon has affected the small shopkeeper. About 24 lakh small businesses have closed between 2015 and 2021-22.

SHRI GULAM ALI: The parties which have been in power in the past do not want to see a tribal community as President of India. The house pays tribute to the lives lost in the Maha Kumbh. Earlier also, many such incidents have happened in which many lives were lost. There has been a stampede in Mecca-Medina also in which many lives were lost. It is unfortunate that today we are making issue of these things. Ten years ago there was no modern technical arrangements but after 2014, there is infrastructure development of Rs. 4200 crore. Modern facilities like septic tanks, artificial drones, CCTV, cloud monitoring, modular toilets, sewage treatment plants have been provided in the Maha Kumbh so that the river does not get polluted. The opposition should also pay attention to the facilities of facial recognition, quick response system, increased number of police personnel, Kumbh app, digital navigation, dedicated railways and buses. The government has made rules according to the Quran in the case of triple talaq for the minority community. There will be transparency in the proposed Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024. The people of Sambhal were kept away from education and limited to vote bank and the opposition benefited by their votes. It is unfortunate that their culture was destroyed for 70 years. Minorities were not allowed to become citizens of the country, they were not allowed to be a part of the development of the country. After 90s, they were linked with terrorism. The Prime Minister wants to make the minority community a part of developed India by connecting them with start-up, stand-up. He wants the minority community to connect with technology along with religion. The opposition only wants them to be their vote bank. The Prime Minister does not adopt a discriminatory policy, so we should appreciate him. They did not even know. At one time they were lured with freedom. Earlier people were fleeing from Jammu and Kashmir, today there is stability there. Today people are spending on their property. One who had one shop is building two. One who had one hotel is building another. Those Kashmiri Pandits who had fled, leaving their homes, their places of worship, today we are trying to get them back to their homes. Today the Prime Minister of the country has made political reservation for them. In 70 years, only 2 percent reservation was given to the OBC community. The Prime Minister of the country gave them 8 percent reservation. We conducted assembly elections and parliamentary elections. People voted in large numbers in Kashmir and Jammu. Those who raise questions on EVMs have won there today.

SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN: The President expressed grief over the death of people due to stampede on the day of Mauni Amavasya during the historic Kumbh Mela. But it would have been better if we had taken into confidence the entire House and the entire nation and told how many people died in the stampede. This is very sad for the people, the whole country is watching this. Earlier only saints and sages used to come there. There was no politics in it, which is happening now. The Government said that the President's address was about providing a dignified life to all, which is far from the truth. There are issues like farmers committing suicide, not buying grains on MSP etc. There is no mention of 'PM School for Rising India' in the address. Many government schools have closed down after you came to power, the number of private schools has increased and posts of teachers are vacant. Ayushman Yojana was a good scheme, to make it better you should have looked into its implementation. Patients who are being provided free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh under the Ayushman card, when these patients go to the hospital for further treatment, if they spend Rs 2.5 lakh for major diseases through the card, then the entire amount is not deducted from the Ayushman card, about Rs 1 to 1.5 lakh is deducted from the card and Rs 1 to 1.5 lakh has to be paid by the concerned patient or by the family. Chhattisgarh state has Rs 1,400 crore pending under Ayushman, on the other hand people trust Delhi AIIMS, even today whether it is Bihar, UP or West Bengal, people come here for treatment, because other hospitals have neither doctors, medical staff, nor nurses.

If we talk about the statistics, there is a shortage of 79 percent medical staff including doctors in hospitals. This shortage has not been compensated in 11 years, Delhi AIIMS is so burdened that people are sitting on the roads, under the subway in bad condition for 6-6 months and are waiting for their turn to get treated there. When on one hand we are talking about green hydrogen, green revenue, environment and solar energy, then tell us why cracks are appearing in Joshimath? They are appearing because the environmentally sensitive area has been disturbed during the Chardham Yatra, the natural source of the Ganga has been disturbed. Arrangements have been made to cut thousands of trees and you are talking about the environment here in this august House!

SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Staff related to the Servant Quarters Association shared their pain with me, these people work with MPs, Judges, Ministers and in return they request them to allow them to live in these servant quarters, but many times they are charged rent and many times they are told that you can live, but in return you will have to work for free. My demand is that at least a policy should be frame for them that if they are evicted from the servant quarters, then there should be a colony for them here, where they can get a house to live. If they are living in the servant quarters and rent is being taken from them, then an investigation should be conducted and action should be taken. Along with this, an investigation should also be conducted as to why the servants who are working are not paid. These three issues are related to them.

On the other hand, when we talk about One Nation, One Election, we should also pay attention to a small state like Delhi. If you have to conduct elections in this small state, then we should pay attention to many things. Here, hooliganism is happening in front of Election Commission, which is very regrettable. Here liquor is being distributed, bed sheets are being distributed, shoes are being distributed and money is also being circulated. The elections are being rigged to such an extent that voter ID cards are being taken from people, they are being given money, they are being threatened, and ink is being applied on their hands. Applications for cancellation of votes have been given in places like Janakpuri, Sangam Vihar, R.K. Puram, Palam, Dwarka, Tughlakabad, Karawal Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Mustafabad, Vikaspuri, Krishnanagar, Matiala etc. How can there be fair elections in Delhi when there is rigging of votes? You should maintain law and order. This

is not good for democracy. Property tax is levied under the unit area method in most areas of Delhi. In 2009, property tax was imposed in the NDMC area under the same unit area method. In 2019, the Supreme Court had said that only the Parliament can make any amendment in this Act of 1994. The NDMC, under the chairmanship of Arvind Kejriwal ji, passed it and sent it to the Parliament, but you did not do any work on it, as a result of people living in the entire NDMC area have to pay excessive tax. Apart from this, twenty of our soldiers were martyred in the Galwan Valley incident; despite this the Government of India has increased trade with China.

If we look at 'Ayushman Yojana' there is a number – 9999-999-9999-9999 and then 9. Seven and a half lakh people have registered on this number, which is a fraud. The government spends two percent of the nation's GDP on health and two percent on education. This is the reason why 54 lakh children have dropped out of government schools, out of which 11 lakh children are from Uttar Pradesh. In Delhi, our government laid new roads, new metro lines, new sewer lines, water pipelines. New beds were provided in Delhi hospitals, mohalla clinics were built, CCTV cameras were installed and street lights were installed. Free electricity, water, education, treatment, pilgrimage for the elderly, bus travel facility for ladies was provided. We have worked in Delhi and will work in future also.

DR. SASMIT PATRA: I rise to express our Party's deep disappointment with the Hon. President's Address. The phrase "my government" was used 55 times in the speech, but terms like "my people" or "my States" were not even mentioned once. This address was clearly for the Government, by the Government and of the Government and not for the people of India. It fails to acknowledge rising inflation, high unemployment, farmer distress and the Government's failure in addressing farmer issues such as doubling income, increasing minimum support prices and implementing the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations which our leader, Naveen Patnaikji, have been repeatedly demanding. We have been repeatedly demanding special category status for Odisha. This critical demand was not addressed or reflected in her speech. Issues related to Odisha such as Polavaram and Mahanadi disputes were not reflected in the speech. Non-revision of coal royalty, lack of green tax implementation, inadequate national highways, poor railway connectivity and insufficient mobile and digital infrastructure, which are so critical for Odisha, were not addressed or referred even once. In addition, it does not address the long-standing demand of including 139 communities in the Scheduled Tribe list of Odisha and inclusion of Ho, Mundri, Bhumij, Kui and Saora languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. The President's address also does not mention the complete removal of 18 percent GST on kendu leaves, which is a source of livelihood for one million tribal women in Odisha. It does not address the real issues of Odisha.

SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA: We thank the Prime Minister for '*Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas*'. Bihar has always lagged behind in '*Sabka Vikas*'. Bihar had become a labour colony. For the first time, the Prime Minister showed concern for Bihar and tried to resolve its issues in the budget last time and this time as well. 85 percent of the country's *makhana* (Fox Nut) is cultivated in the Mithila region. There is a demand for *makhana* in the country and the world. Mallah community cultivates it. There was no arrangement for its packaging, marketing and dispatch. For the first time in this budget, the constitution of *Makhana* Board in Bihar has been announced. This will definitely help the people of Bihar in processing, packaging and marketing of *Makhana*. The government has made the *Makhana* Institute in Darbhanga a national level institute. The Finance Minister said that the *Udan Yojana* has been extended for 10 years and 120 new airports will be built under it. Currently, the most successful airport in the country under the *Udan Yojana* is in

Darbhangha. There is a possibility of development of aviation sector through the *Udan* scheme. In this budget, Bihar has been given a green field airport. In the coming time, people will get a lot of convenience from there. Earlier, Bihar was the biggest centre of knowledge. When there was no university even in Europe, there was Nalanda University in Bihar. The Prime Minister has inaugurated Nalanda University. International level studies have started there. '*Gyan Bharat Mission*' has been started there. Under this, 1 crore manuscripts will be digitized. For the first time, the conservation of 600 years, 700 years, 800 years old manuscripts will be started. Our leader of the opposition talks about caste census. Bihar is the only state in the country where caste census has been conducted. The result of caste census is accessible to the people. A plan has been made for affirmative action on it. Arrangements have been made in the budget to save people from the tragedy of Kosi river. This will provide irrigation in the entire region. Earlier, when we used to sell paddy, the money would come in two months. Now, even if a sack of paddy or wheat is sold, the transaction is done instantly through UPI in two minutes. More than 50 percent of the total UPI transfers from around the world are happening in our country. These are not ordinary things. A lot of announcements have been made in the budget regarding *Nari Shakti*. More than 50 lakh *Didis* have become *Lakhpati*. To respect women, to make them self-reliant, the government has made a provision in the budget to create 3 crore *Lakhpati Didis* in future. If one part of the country develops and the other part is left behind, how can the whole country develop? The government has especially focused on the north-eastern states. In the next 5-10 years, all these states will also join the mainstream states. In the last budget, money was given for tourism and especially for Gaya, Bodh Gaya and Rajgir. Special attention has been given to the places that have been the center of all religions including Buddhism and Jainism and their development has been planned. People are saying that this is Bihar's budget. Bihar is also a part of this country. No one should have any problem with its development. The people of Bihar understand things. All the states will benefit from the way this government works. In this budget, both heritage and development have been taken care of.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN: The Government has adopted a very casual approach towards the affairs of the tribal communities. There is no mention of the destruction of forests and tribal people in Chhattisgarh. There has been no action on the demand for the Sixth Schedule in Ladakh. There has been no objection to taking over tribal land in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. There has been unconstitutional classification in SC and ST reservations. Modi ji is saying that his Government has done more for the tribal people than any Prime Minister since Independence. I am happy that the Government has given classical language status to Assamese language. But the Government has not made any mention of the implementation of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord. My predecessor has mentioned inflation, unemployment and corruption at the highest level. I would like to mention two important issues. The lack of attention given to the Manipur conflict has led to a feeling of alienation among the people of the North-East and drug trafficking is ruining the youth of the region.

SHRIMATI PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI: I pay my tribute to the devotees who lost their lives in the Prayagraj stampede. The exact number of such people is not known. Many people are still missing. I hope that the state government will share the list of such people. Many concerns have been raised about CBI, ED, Income Tax. Now the name of Election Commission has also been added to it. I am not making any allegations. I am only expressing concern. This is a very important part of our democracy. The coming centuries will not forgive us, if we do not discuss this in Parliament. The results of Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections in Maharashtra create doubts in the minds of the people. There is a

lot of difference in voters, vote percentage and inclusion of voters. I want to give some figures. 72 lakh registered voters did not vote in Lok Sabha. In Vidhan Sabha, they have come out and voted. There were 47 lakh newly registered voters. Between 2019 and 2024, names of about 47 lakh voters were added. 47 lakh new voters were added in five years and 48 lakh in five months. This should be a matter of serious discussion. Misuse of the Election Commission hurts our electoral democracy. Seven thousand voters have been registered in a single building. This is a matter of serious discussion. 76 lakh voters cast their votes in the last one hour of voting. This should be a matter of discussion. The Honorable President has mentioned two major projects of Maharashtra, Pune and Thane Metro Stations. Both these projects are suffering losses due to delay. '*Laadli Behan Scheme*' has been started for women in Maharashtra. Money was promised to all the women who registered their names in it. As soon as the government was formed, they are trying to delete the names of 60 lakh women. The President has mentioned *Ayushman Bharat*. Non-government hospitals of Punjab and Haryana have refused to accept the *Ayushman Bharat scheme*. They have a due of Rs 600 to 800 crore. The people there, are getting affected by this. They are talking a lot about the middle class. But their income is stagnant. The self-employed have been hit the most seriously. Their income has fallen by 38 percent. There has been talk of '*Make in India*'. This is actually a stamp of '*Made in China*'. Only 1.25 lakh offers have been provided in the Prime Minister's Internship Program. If it is extended to postgraduates as well, the challenge of unemployment and lack of experience can be solved.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI: The President's address should reflect the struggle of every Indian. But there is no mention of it. The Government has not mentioned the unrest in Manipur, the devastation in Wayanad, the increasing man-animal conflict or the failure of the Union Budget. If this is the Government's idea of '*Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas*', then I want to ask who is included in this '*Sabka*'. There is no mention of open confrontation with the states governed by opposition parties. This is political vendetta. Kerala and many other states are being repressed financially and administratively because they have adopted a different political path. At present, India is experiencing 'jobless' development. Sufficient employment opportunities are not being created. The problem of drug abuse among children in the country is becoming acute. 1.58 crore children in the age group of 10-17 years are abusing drugs. This is not just a statistic but a national emergency. What steps has the Government taken in this regard? The Government has increased the number of air-conditioned coaches in trains. In the last decade, 33 per cent of the total seats added in trains are AC 3-tier. 95 per cent of rail passengers have travelled in general class or sleeper class. The other problem is the 'superfast' charge. This leads to an additional payment of Rs. 180 per reserved ticket. The President has not made any mention of the Wayanad tragedy and man-wild animal conflict. Wayanad has faced a lot of difficulties. Out of about 900 Panchayats in Kerala, 450 Gram Panchayats are facing repeated attacks by wild animals. 950 people have lost their lives in this conflict in the last 8 years.

SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN: The 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution and the great festival of the country's religious, spiritual and cultural heritage, *Maha Kumbh*, are taking place at the same time. Everyone is deeply saddened by the deaths in the stampede there. Good arrangements have been made there. People from all over the country and abroad are participating in this *Kumbh*. Sir, the President has presented the complete picture of the progress made in the country in the last 10 years in both the Houses. Along with this, she has also presented the road map of the next milestones to be achieved before the House. The government has presented the roadmap of these in a fixed time frame. Now every sector, whether it is infrastructure,

direct benefit transfer, social justice schemes, defence sector, space programme, work will be done at twice the speed. The government has mentioned 'reform, perform and transform'. The government has ensured development by involving all sections of the society. Today, it has been said that 3 crore additional families will be given new houses. This has provided relief to people on a large scale. Many families are facing difficulty in availing the benefits of this scheme. I request the government to conduct a survey again so that no family is deprived. The Prime Minister has decided to give property cards to poor families under the ownership scheme. This is very important. A poor man is not able to get ownership of his property. That is why the decision of ownership is commendable. With this, the common man can also take a loan against the property. Till now property cards have been issued for about 2.25 crore properties. I urge the Government to launch a campaign to grant land ownership rights to the tribal community, as they have been farming on that land for over 40-50 years. If ownership of that land is established, an age-old problem will be resolved. This year is the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives, and at such a time, commendable steps have been taken to strengthen the cooperative movement. A very generous approach has been adopted. The Centre has now created a separate Department of Cooperation, which is providing significant relief to the sector.

The investment situation in the country's backward areas is bleak. Investment should be made in these areas, highways should be constructed, and Vande Bharat trains should be operated. This will lead to significant development. Where airline services have been started, the capitals should be connected to the cities, districts, and towns of the respective states through flights. Connecting the old airport in Mumbai to other districts of Maharashtra would prove to be very beneficial and would make reaching Mumbai more convenient. If connectivity increases through National Highways, speed trains, and the UDAN scheme, then the entire country will be connected to state capitals, and new employment opportunities will definitely be created. It is the dream of every Indian to travel in space through Gaganyaan, built in India, to the Space Station, also built by India. In the coming times, this dream will definitely turn into a reality. This year, we are celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of India, who made an immense contribution to uniting the country. We can never forget his contribution. The historic efforts that we are making with public trust and public participation will be our true tribute to Sardar Patel Ji. We are moving forward on the path of a developed India, and the next generation will certainly become the citizens of a strong, capable, and prosperous India. I express my gratitude to the President with this confidence.

SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL: The President's Address lacks direction and vision. I expected some comments on the diamond polishing and textile industry in Surat, which are on the verge of collapse. However, there is no mention of this in the address. I must say that we need to focus on employment for the youth. If they are not given employment, law and order in the country will deteriorate. We must also worry about inflation, but there is no mention of this in the address. The Smart Cities initiative has not been mentioned either. In the end, I only say that the Government must fulfill the expectations of the people.

SHRI A. A. RAHIM: This country has become a nation of those denied justice. Atrocities against Muslims, Christians, Dalits, and marginalized communities are increasing. The Economic Survey Report shows that the country's growth rate has been consistently declining. Instead of fueling riots and violence, the Government must focus on economic growth. The President's Address is filled with empty promises. It does not mention price hikes, unemployment, growing inequality, or climate change. The

Government has failed to fulfill its promises to the international community. Internship schemes alone will not solve the country's unemployment crisis. Farmers are struggling, workers are being exploited, and students face an uncertain future.

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P.: How can any address be more insensitive than this? Throughout this one-hour-long address, I kept waiting to hear the word "Manipur," but it was missing. Moreover, the highest constitutional authority of the country was constrained to deliver an address on behalf of this heartless Government. There is no doubt that Indian federalism is under strain. The speech lacks vision and is completely insensitive to people's issues. I, therefore, have no way to support this Motion.

SHRI RWNGWRA NARZARY: I express my profound sense of gratitude to the Hon'ble President of India for her address, which highlights the Government's consciousness towards the aspirations of the people of the North-East. The potential of the eight states of the North-East has been showcased before the entire nation. For the comprehensive development of the region, the first-ever *Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav* was organized at Bharat Mandapam, which is a historic step towards integrating the North-East into the national development framework. Jan Aushadhi Kendras and Ayushman Arogya Mandirs established across the country ensured better healthcare services to citizens. In the industry and commerce sector, the idea of Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Startup India, Stand-Up India and Digital India have created numerous employment opportunities for youth. There is an increase of loan limit from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakhs under PM MUDRA Scheme. There is Dharti Aaba Tribal Village Utkarsh campaign with an outlay of Rs. 80,000 crores to uplift five crore people from tribal communities. About one crore Lakhpati Didis are supporting their families as entrepreneurs. The Government has increased number of airport and its operation over the past decade. In the science and technology sector, hon'ble President has mentioned marvelous advancement in the space sector. The Address of the hon'ble President of India clearly defines the Government's commitment, responsibility and timely delivery of services to the fellow citizens.

DR. V. SIVADASAN: The world is changing and new technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, are emerging. In the health sector, researchers are developing many new medicines. On one hand, the Government is promoting pseudoscience and on the other hand, it is trying to utilize modern science and technology to promote its political ideology. The scientists, teachers, and other Government employees had an expectation of getting their pensions, but now their life is uncertain. The Government is talking about cooperative federalism but it is practicing corporate federalism. That is why the Government has introduced a draft guideline for the UGC. Tigers are attacking people in our country, but the Government is spending crores of rupees to bring in more big cats, cheetahs, from Namibia. India is a great nation with the legacy of anti-colonial struggles. But the Government, is continuously attacking the legacy of the nation.

SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: In this speech, hon'ble President has mentioned that this Government is committed for the person standing in the last row of the society. Our Prime Minister has taken many historic decisions. There is a historic decision for which our Prime Minister will always be remembered and thanked by crores of people of Bihar and outside Bihar. Our Government has given the title of 'Bharat Ratna' to Jan Nayak Karpuri Thakur ji. There is another request to the Government that a Bihta airport is being built near Patna in Bihar, which will be an international airport, so my suggestion is that that airport should be named 'Bharat Ratna' Jan Nayak Karpuri Thakur International Airport. Its not that the door is closed only for the Scheduled Castes, OBCs and women,

but it is also closed for the poor people of the upper castes. That door must be opened. I support the motion and conclude my speech.

SHRI NABAM REBIA: The main focus of Modi Government is on poor, middle class, youth, women and farmers. The same has been reflected in the Address of the hon. President also. But 'One Nation, One Election' is a very pertinent point and smaller States like Arunachal and even the North-East region and resource-crunch States welcome this proposal. The Modi Government will fulfil the promises. North-East has always been a priority of Modi Government. We see the changes, and the developments that are taking place in the region. The issue of Manipur can also be addressed by Modi ji. I would request all other political leaders not to politicize this. When politics comes in, things get spoiled. The most pertinent issue of the North-East is illegal migration from Bangladesh into Assam and the entire North-Eastern Region. I have mentioned how a design to carve out a Bengali speaking Muslim country in the North-East is working. This has also been reflected in the report of the Governor of Assam. Demographic change is a major threat to the people of North-East. It should be ensured that North-East does not become another Bangladesh. The Government could give strong directives to the State Governments of the region to ensure that this immigration issue is checked. The State of Arunachal Pradesh is geographically the biggest among all the North-Eastern States. Arunachal Pradesh is really seeing a lot of developmental changes. This Vibrant Village Programme is really helping our people. In Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana, there is population criterion. I request to relax this population criterion because ours is a sparsely-populated State. There are two major demands of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh about the creation of separate cadre of All-India Services for the State of Arunachal and inclusion of Arunachal Pradesh in the Sixth Schedule of the constitution. If the Government cannot create a separate cadre, at least, the duration of stay of All-India Services should be five years. Only then will development happen. Earlier, green bonus was given. This will encourage protection of environment. Besides this, Restricted Area Permit and Prohibited Area Permit should be relaxed, so that tourists could come to our region.

SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: I would like to thank the President for expressing her condolences in the very first paragraph of the Address for the accident that took place at the Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on the day of Mauni Amavasya. However, it took the Government, particularly the Uttar Pradesh Government, several hours to do this, and even now, it has failed to provide the correct number of casualties from that accident. I demand that the Government take responsibility, provide assistance to the injured, and disclose the accurate number of deaths. The Government does not fulfill its responsibilities in such events. Instead, it hands over such events to forces that create division in society. Recently, during the Kanwar Yatra, an atmosphere was created where Muslims were prohibited from setting up carts, stalls, or dhabas along the route, and people were discouraged from purchasing goods from them. A similar situation arose during the Kumbh Mela, where attempts were made to prevent Muslims from entering the event or setting up their shops. Who were these forces, and what was the Government doing to stop them? Our society is based on Hindu-Muslim unity. If discrimination is carried out in the name of religion, it will lead to undesirable consequences. Reservation is under continuous attack, and due to privatization, the number of jobs is declining. I demand that the backward classes be given representation in Government jobs in proportion to their population.

SHRI KESARIDEVSINH JHALA: Today, I stand proudly in this House and strongly support the motion of thanks on the President's Address. The Government, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has redefined public service and has established India as a global force that is now recognized worldwide. The journey

of the last ten years is not just a record of schemes and policies, but it is a story of hope, courage, and unwavering commitment to the people. This Government is not just about governance—it is a mission to restore India's pride, and fulfill the dreams of 140 crore Indians.

"Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas" is not merely a slogan; it is an ideology. Today, under the leadership of Modi ji, India has transformed from an emerging economy to the fifth-largest economy in the world. Our Government launched the world's largest healthcare initiative, 'Ayushman Bharat', under which 50 crore Indians are receiving free health services. Now, even people above 70 years of age will be covered under it. Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana', 4 crore families have been provided houses, realizing their dreams of home ownership. Through the 'Ujjwala Yojana', 12 crore women in rural areas have been given smoke-free kitchens. The '*Jal Jeevan Mission*' has provided clean drinking water to 15.3 crore rural households. These are not just welfare schemes—they are transformative initiatives that have changed lives.

When the COVID-19 pandemic engulfed the world and many countries faltered, India stood strong. Under the leadership of Modi ji, more than 200 crore vaccines were administered in the world's largest vaccination campaign, helping India emerge successfully from the pandemic. At the same time, through the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana', food was provided to 80 crore Indians, ensuring that no one sleeps hungry. The Modi Government has also ensured that the poorest of the poor become part of the formal banking system by opening 50 crore Jan Dhan accounts. The UPI revolution in the country has been recognized as one of the biggest financial revolutions in the world. Over the last 10 years, national highways have increased by 60%, connecting the Northeast and Jammu & Kashmir to the rest of the country through infrastructure projects that were previously ignored. The number of airports has increased from 74 to 157, and after the UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme, India has become the third-largest aviation market in the world. Vande Bharat trains are not just high-speed trains; they symbolize self-reliant India. The Modi Government has placed the youth at the center of India's progress. With over 90,000 startups and more than 100 unicorns, India today has the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world. Programs like 'Skill India' and 'Startup India' are making Indian youth leaders in innovation and entrepreneurship. The Digital India initiative has ensured that Government services reach every corner of the country. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has eliminated middlemen and corruption, while '*Atmanirbhar Bharat*' has turned India into a global manufacturing hub. Earlier, our armed forces lacked essential military equipment and were dependent on foreign purchases. Today, through *Make in India* and self-reliance initiatives, India is strengthening its defence capabilities while reducing its dependence on imports.

Today, under the leadership of PM Modi Ji, Indian indigenous production and defence exports have increased manifold compared to the year 2014. The North-East has always received its share for primary development, but beyond that, the regional budget allocation, which stood at ₹1,770 crore in 2014, has now been increased to ₹5,900 crore by the Modi Government. Due to the foresight and wisdom of Modi ji, when the Government abolished Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir began to emerge as a region of expansion, where democratic governance has been restored. Along with economic growth, sectors like tourism have also flourished again. Today, India stands as the fifth-largest economy in the world. I also express my gratitude to the Finance Minister for presenting an excellent budget. The income tax exemption of ₹12 lakh is no small thing; it will significantly propel India's economy forward in the coming years. Capital expenditure, which once stood at ₹2 lakh crore, has now surged to ₹12 lakh crore. India's voice now resonates on

global platforms. Our G20 Presidency was not just symbolic, but a testament to the fact that Modi ji has the ability to lead on crucial global issues. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi ji, India has embarked on a journey to reconnect with its glorious past. The Ram Temple in Ayodhya is not just a temple—it is a symbol of faith and justice. The comprehensive redevelopment of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor and Kedarnath Dham has ensured the preservation of India's cultural and spiritual heritage. His bold decisions, from the abrogation of Article 370 to the implementation of GST and the abolition of Triple Talaq, have transformed India, making it a nation known for transparent governance, accountability, and efficient policy implementation at the grassroots level. The resolve of Modi ji to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of the nation has awakened the spirit of India. Let us all come together to build an India that not only becomes a global superpower, but also a beacon of hope for the world. Let us all join hands to fulfill the vision of our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, to make India a developed nation by 2047.

SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN: The President, in her address, stated that the minimum support prices (MSP) of Kharif and Rabi crops have been continuously increased to enhance farmers' income. However, the question is not how much the MSP has been increased, but rather whether the farmers have actually received its benefits. I must say that they have not. The Shanta Kumar Committee, formed by the Government, had concluded that only 14% of farmers benefit from MSP. In 2020-2021, farmers led a major protest, during which about 700 farmers were martyred. Criminal cases were filed against many farmers, and to this day, the Government has neither provided assistance nor withdrawn these cases. The most concerning issue is that the committee formed at that time did not make any meaningful efforts in the interest of farmers. Even today, 46% of the population remains engaged in agriculture, yet the sector's contribution to GDP is only 18%. Meanwhile, the Government has waived massive corporate loans, but it has not extended the same relief to farmers. If similar efforts had been made for farmers, it would have been understood that the Government stands for farmers and the poor, but this did not happen. Farmers across India have been protesting for a long time, and it is well known that Jagjit Singh Dallewal's hunger strike has been ongoing for months. I firmly believe that there is no problem in the world that cannot be solved through dialogue, provided the intentions of those in power are right. I must allege that even after such a long time, the Government has not made any sincere efforts to resolve the farmers' issues. From 2014 till now, 57,104 farmers have committed suicide. There exists a committee that determines the MSP for farmers' crops, which is chaired by a secretary under the Ministry of Agriculture. However, it does not include representatives of farmers or agricultural experts, which is a very serious concern. This Government is playing with the interests of farmers. Only one or two members from the ruling party have spoken about the issue of farmers. They are unwilling to discuss farmers' concerns. I strongly urge that farmers' loans be waived, and more importantly, that until MSP is given legal guarantee, the condition of farmers will not improve at any cost. The Government must establish meaningful dialogue with farmers, and the sooner these issues are resolved, the better it will be for the country.

SHRIMATI REKHA SHARMA, making her maiden speech, said: I feel proud to participate in the discussion in favour of the Hon'ble President's Address in this House. This is my maiden speech as a Member of Parliament, and on this historic occasion, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, who has accomplished for the poor, farmers, women, and tribals what had remained limited to mere announcements and promises for decades. Who would have imagined that the poor in this country would have a concrete roof over their heads? Who would have thought that they would have a gas stove in their homes, clean drinking water, and access to electricity?

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, more than four crore houses have been built, fulfilling the dream of home ownership for millions of poor families. The primary difference between a Modi-led Government and a Congress-led Government is that the Modi Government takes decisions—bold and fast—even if they are tough ones like the abrogation of Article 370, which the Opposition believed was impossible. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat' has prioritized good governance by abolishing the license raj and initiating the 'Ease of Doing Business' reforms. His commitment to reform, perform, and transform has empowered marginalized communities. His biggest gift to the youth, women, and underprivileged communities is that he has instilled in them the confidence to dream big and believe that dreams do come true. Schemes like Startup India, Stand-Up India, *Lakhpati Didis*, and *Drone Didis* have been launched to help them realize their aspirations and uplift their lives.

What was stopping Congress-led Government to give One Rank One Pension for so many years and why Army officers had to struggle? Only PM Modi could think of giving OROP to the Army. During the Indo-China war, firstly, the then Government led by Jawaharlal Nehruji was misguided by China with a mere slogan 'Hindi Chini Bhai Bhai'. The Government neither had farsightedness, nor were they prepared for the war with the mighty Army. This august House must know that when the soldiers at Rezangla were out of ammunition, they fought with their bayonets. When bayonets broke, they fought with their bare hands. These young men from my State Haryana had probably never seen mountains so high. After the ceasefire, when the Indian Army along with International Red Cross went to the location, they broke in tears when they found brave soldiers frozen holding their empty broken guns. Every man died there as a hero. But who was responsible for the lives we lost without giving them support to win and who was responsible for this humiliating defeat for the nation? Only and only one man was responsible for the blunder and that was Shri Jawaharlal Nehru. Now let us compare with the surgical strike in 2016 where our well-equipped, well-planned and well-prepared Para unit crossed LoC, and the enemy was killed inside their house in such a way that they could not understand what had happened? After the successful operation, they were safely back to the base while the nation was still sleeping. It could only be possible because a strong leader was there to support and lead, lead from the front. A strong message was given by the leadership to the world that they dare not look to our nation, Bharat. In Galwan Valley, Col. Santosh from my regiment, which is Bihar Regiment, taught a tough lesson to Chinese encroachers in fierce hand-to-hand battle. he and his battalion gave a big dent to Chinese army. Chinese army lost many men and officers. A clear and strong message was given by our leadership and our Leader, Shri Narendra Modi that India will not tolerate border incursions. Sir, in these ten years, long-awaited appointment of CDS took place. provision of personal safety body armour for troops in forward areas were given; better quality personal weapons for special forces, troops in war and close quarter combat was given. The requirement of a personal weapon for these different types of operations are provided. Great emphasis and delivery on indigenous manufacture of all defensive equipment and other specialized vehicles to enable forces to fight for longer duration without fear of supply interruption got procured, manufactured and given to the Army. Integrating defence units with tallest technology, computers, drones and intelligence gathering equipment have been provided at unit level for greater efficiency and enhanced fighting capability. Border security, infrastructure, communications and connectivity have been vastly improved. Agni Veer is a national game changer. This scheme of enrolment is being effectively executed. Future will prove the efficacy and very positive results of this amazing change. Induction of nari shakti in armed forces is a great boost to the female population of the nation and shows the nation's confidence in their ability to participate in all spheres of national development. It

is a matter of great national pride to see the names of war heroes displayed on the locomotives of Indian Railways. A war memorial to commemorate those Indians who had fallen in battle for their motherland, Bharat, was a national need and has been fulfilled by Modi ji. Tightening the grip of anti-India forces, both within and outside, getting eliminated. These include, both the naxals as well as militants and terrorists Under Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Defence sector has undergone a remarkable transformation since 2014.

There is a State, where the goddess is worshipped. Today its condition and direction are both deteriorating. There is neither sewerage nor drinking water outside the capital. The dirt is so much that you cannot walk on the road. Animals and humans bathe together in the water and they also take drinking water from here. Women are not safe there. After every election, they are attacked in every way, houses are burnt, they have to be shifted to shelters. Be it rapes or murders, the police only plays the role of a mute spectator. Media is threatened.

SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA: The President's Address articulates our grand vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 -- a dream that hon'ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi ji, has placed before us, a dream that calls upon each and every citizen of our nation to rise and contribute to the emergence of prosperous, self-reliant, and globally influential Bharat. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India is rapidly progressing toward becoming the world's third-largest economy. In Andhra Pradesh, the synergy between Modi Ji and Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu is driving industrial growth, infrastructure development, and technological advancements. Naidu, who transformed Hyderabad into an IT hub, now envisions Andhra Pradesh as a leader in green energy and industrial expansion. Key investments include ₹15,000 crore for Amaravati, ₹12,000 crore for Polavaram, ₹11,400 crore for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, ₹1.8 lakh crore for the Green Hydrogen Hub, and ₹95,000 crore for BPCL Oil Refinery, aimed at economic growth and job creation. Additionally, ₹5,387 crore has been allocated to education under the 'Super VI Guarantee - Talliki Vandanam Scheme,' with policies targeting 20 lakh jobs and ₹30 lakh crore in investments. Claims that the TDP government reduced the Polavaram project's height are false. Between 2014-2019, Naidu government ensured 71.84% of its completion at the approved 45.72 meters. Delays and cost overruns occurred between 2019-2024 under the YSRCP government, which proposed reducing the reservoir level. During this period, the YSRCP misused power and suppressing opposition. The people decisively rejected this misrule, giving TDP a historic mandate. Andhra Pradesh now moves toward progress, with the state capital and pending projects set for completion.

DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI: The way for permanent houses for poor and tribal brothers and sisters has been cleared even in the third term. When 4 crore 10 lakh houses have already been built, this time a resolution has been taken to build 3 crore more houses. This is a historic initiative for those who lived in kutcha houses, under tin roofs for years. The previous governments never cared for them, but this government ensured that every poor gets a respectable house. Earlier, the poor did not even get land to build houses. As they did not have any rights on government land, their houses were considered encroachment and demolished. But Prime Minister Modi ji found a solution to this problem and issued 2 crore 25 lakh property cards under the 'Swamitva Yojana', out of which 70 lakh cards were given in just 6 months. Our farmers are the backbone of the country, but in the past they never got respect. The Modi government took care of the farmers and gave direct financial assistance to more than 11 crore farmers under the 'Kisan Samman Nidhi'. Similarly, the government also did the work of filling the tribal society with pride by declaring the birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda as 'Tribal Pride Day'. A

provision of Rs 80,000 crore has been made in the budget for 'Dharti Aba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan', due to which basic facilities like water, road, ration and electricity are reaching the tribal areas. The biggest thing is that there has been a revolutionary change in health facilities for the poor. Earlier people had to sell their land for treatment, but under the 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana', free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh was provided, due to which more than 53 crore cards were issued. Now senior citizens above 70 years of age are also getting the benefit of this scheme for the first time. This change shows that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, every poor, farmer, tribal and senior citizen of the country can live a safe and dignified life. This is not just the result of the policies of the government, but is a proof of our self-reliant resolve moving towards a new India.

There were no paved roads in our poor and tribal areas, but this Government has done the work of building paved roads there. For this also, approval of about 70 thousand crore rupees has been given. Earlier Governments only cheated in the name of bringing railways. Today, more than 18 thousand crore rupees have been approved for the Indore-Manmad railway line connecting Nimar and Malwa, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, Indore and Mumbai and work has been done to connect five tribal districts. If anyone has given the gift of trains like Namo Bharat Train and Vande Bharat Train, then it is the honourable Prime Minister of the country. The Dalit, backward and tribal society of the country is getting the most benefit from the efforts of the Government. 'Dharti Aba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan', 'PM Janman Yojana' are visible examples of this. This Government has done the work of providing Eklavya Adarsh Residential School equipped with all the facilities, due to which the lives of our tribal brothers and sisters of India are changing. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has also taken up the task of building medical colleges in districts like Khandwa, Khandwa, Khandwa, Dhar, Jhabua and Ratlam near me. Health facilities are being continuously improved in the tribal areas and these facilities are being provided continuously. There was a serious disease like sickle cell anemia in the tribal society, Modi ji has taken a pledge to eradicate that disease from its roots. I feel proud that our Government has resolved to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda Ji as *Janajati Gaurav* Year across India. This Government has provided crores of concrete houses, Ayushman cards, Kisan Samman Nidhi to crores of farmers, and brought crores of countrymen out of poverty. Many such works have been done, but the opposition never praised this. Our government is honouring our tribal brothers, our great men, even in the last village of the society, in the hilly region. Today, with these words, I thank the President and conclude my speech.

SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA: This is the first time I have got the opportunity to speak in this House. We all should keep positivity in mind while speaking about the achievements of the Government. Such a feeling should be there in all of us and in the opposition as well. Our Hon'ble President has made some references to rural development, one of them is Swachh Bharat. Under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, toilets have been built in crores of houses in the last ten years. The country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked for the development of the poor. The benefit of development is reaching the person standing at the last rung. Late Deendayal Upadhyaya had a vision to take the country forward. He had given a new principle for that, which was the principle of Ekatmavad, in which it was mentioned that how we can take the country forward by uplifting the person sitting in the last row. The Government worked to provide Ujjwala gas connections to 10 crore families. The needs of the poor were fulfilled by accelerating the scheme of providing tap water to every house through Jal Jeevan. Today, under this scheme, the facility of clean drinking water is being provided.

The drinking water problem of the villagers has been resolved. So far, more than 15 crore rural families have been provided with clean drinking water. In this budget, additional three crore families will be provided new houses. An allocation of Rs 5.36 crore has been made under this. The Government of India has also established an e-NAM portal to ensure that farmers get a fair price for their crops. Budget has been allocated for the work of linking rivers. The Ken-Betwa Link Project will be built at a cost of Rs 44,605 crore. In Rajasthan too, one of our schemes has been added to it, which is called Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal Link Project. It includes both the states of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

SHRI DEVENDRA PRATAP SINGH: The policy directions given by Hon'ble President are proof of the fact that the main objective of the government is to empower the poor, farmers, youth, women and especially our tribal community. A budget of Rs 80 crore has been allocated under the *Pradhan Mantri Janajati Adivasi Nyay Maha Abhiyan* and *Dharti Aaba Janajati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan*, which will directly benefit more than 5 crore people of the tribal community. The government has taken many revolutionary steps for tribal welfare. More than 470 Eklavya Model Residential Schools have been opened, where more than 1.25 lakh tribal students are receiving quality education. Health facilities have been increased by setting up 30 new medical colleges in tribal areas. To increase employment opportunities especially for our tribal youth, an internship program has been started for one crore youth in 500 companies. Modi ji has expanded the scope of Ayushman Bharat, Jan Arogya Yojana and included all senior citizens above 70 years of age in it. They are now getting the benefit of treatment up to Rs 5 lakh. Hon'ble President has also emphasized in his address that the final phase to end Left Wing Extremism has also started. Due to the efforts of the government, the number of Left-Wing Extremism affected districts has now come down from 126 to 48. Our government is succeeding in freeing Bastar from terrorism. *(Speech unfinished)*

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