

**SPEECH OF SRI THANNEERU HARISH RAO,
HONOURABLE FINANCE MINISTER,
GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
WHILE PRESENTING THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
2023-24 TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE ON
6th FEBRUARY, 2023.**

Honourable Speaker Sir:

1. Under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Kalvakuntla Chandrasekhar Rao garu, Telangana has achieved significant development within a short period of eight and a half years. Both in welfare and development, Telangana is a role model for the entire country. We can rightfully claim that "Whatever is being implemented in Telangana is being followed by the entire country".
2. 'Telangana model', which combines humanitarian approach, constructive thinking, futuristic planning and transparent administration, is getting accolades both nationally and internationally.
3. Despite problems arising out of economic recession and Corona Pandemic, Telangana has been successful in withstanding their adverse impacts and emerged as a strong economic power. Only Telangana government has been able to efficiently manage its

economy and implement welfare programmes on a large scale even during the crisis period.

4. In conformity with the aspirations of all the sections of the society and giving equal importance to the development of rural and urban areas, Telangana is forging ahead with comprehensive development of the State. As part of the uninterrupted growth of the Telangana economy, I am presenting the Budget for the financial year 2023-24. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for providing me with this opportunity.

Growth of the State Economy

5. At the time of the formation of the State, the economy was in a pathetic condition. In the two years preceding the formation of the State, the annual average GSDP growth rate was only 12 per cent. This was much lower than the GDP growth of 13.4 per cent. After the formation of the State, with the Hon'ble Chief Minister focusing on strict financial discipline, efficient and time bound implementation of programmes, GSDP growth has been registering a gradual improvement. Most of the resources of the Government are being utilized for capital expenditure. With equal importance to development and welfare, there is inclusive development in the State. This development model is being discussed extensively in every village and every State. There is demand by people across the country for extending the Telangana model of development in all the States.

6. The average annual GSDP growth rate of the State from 2014-15 to 2019-20 had increased by 13.2 per cent. In the same period, the growth rate of GDP was lower at 10.2 per cent. The Corona Pandemic severely impacted the world economy. Telangana has recovered from this crisis within a short period and marching ahead steadily.

Telangana on a Higher Growth Path

7. Telangana has created history by recording the highest growth rate of 11.8 per cent in per capita income during the period 2017-18 to 2021-22 among the Southern States. NITI Aayog in its Report has observed that Telangana has emerged as one of the fastest growing States, after its formation as a separate State. After the formation of the State, Telangana has been recording higher than GDP growth rate every year.

8. The share of Telangana in GDP improved from 4.1 per cent in 2014-15 to 4.9 per cent in 2020-21. It is a matter of pride that Telangana is contributing 4.9 per cent to GDP though its share in national population is only 2.9 per cent. In comparison to 18 major States in the country, the growth performance of Telangana is impressive. Telangana stands at the third place with an average annual GSDP growth rate of 12.6 per cent from 2015-16 to 2021-22..

9. The growth of Telangana in all the major sectors and sub sectors is also impressive. For instance, in agriculture and its allied

sectors like Fishing and Aquaculture and Animal Husbandry, there has been a growth momentum. From negative growth rates, Fishing and Aquaculture sub-sector has been registering double digit growth rates. This has been possible because of the numerous irrigation projects taken up by the Government. In the same manner, the sub-sectors in the secondary and services sector like IT, trade, electricity, transport, hotels and others have been recording higher growth rates. With growing consumption and investment levels, GSDP growth in Telangana is poised for higher growth despite the possibility of recession threatening the growth across the globe.

Per Capita Income

10. A broad measure of welfare and development of the State is the growth of per capita income. The per capita income of Telangana is estimated to increase from Rs.1,12,162 in 2013-14 to Rs.3,17,115 in 2022-23. This is higher than the national per capita income of Rs.1,70,620 by 86 per cent. As compared with the national per capita income, per capita income of Telangana is higher by Rs.1,46,495. This is clearly an indication of the significant development of Telangana.

Hurdles created by Centre to the development of Telangana

11. Even while Telangana has been achieving significant development through its own efforts, the Central government has been creating hurdles after hurdles. In order to complete the

irrigation projects within the shortest time, Telangana government resorted to off-budget borrowings well within the limits of FRBM Act.

12. During the current year, based on our economic performance and borrowing limits, an amount of Rs.53,970 crore has been included in the Budget as borrowings. This was approved by this August House. But the Central government unilaterally imposed a cut of Rs.15,033 crore and reduced our borrowing limits to Rs.38,937 crore. This decision of the Centre is totally unjustified and uncalled for.

13. This kind of cuts are against the spirit of federalism and have eroded the rights of the States.

14. The government which is currently in power at the Centre has broken the tradition of implementing in toto the recommendations of the Finance Commission. The Fifteenth Finance Commission recommended a special grant of Rs.723 crore to Telangana and an amount of Rs.171 crore towards nutrition to ensure that the tax devolution should not be less than the amount of devolution received by the State in 2019-20. By not accepting these recommendations, the Central government denied Telangana of its due share in the Finance Commission grants. For the period 2021-26, the Fifteenth Finance Commission recommended grants amounting to Rs.5,374 crore to Telangana. By denying these grants, grave injustice has been done to Telangana. In the history

of the country, no government has ignored the recommendations of the Finance Commission in such a blatant manner.

15. Section 94(1) of the A.P.Reorganization Act mandates the Central government to provide tax concessions to the successor States in order to ensure industrialization and economic growth in the two States. By providing only nominal concessions, the Central government has ignored the interests of both the States.

16. Under section 94(2) of the A.P.Reorganization Act, the Central government shall provide funds for the development of backward areas. Though the Centre is supposed to release a grant of Rs.450 crore per annum, grants for three years amounting to Rs.1,350 crore have not been released.

17. NITI Aayog has recommended that a grant of Rs.19,205 crore for Mission Bhagiratha and Rs.5,000 crore for Mission Kakatiya may be released by the Centre to Telangana. But the Central government has not released even one paise so far.

18. The Thirteenth Schedule of the A.P.Reorganization Act has mandated the Centre to take necessary steps and to establish institutions for the sustained development of the State in the next ten years. The Centre by its negligent attitude has not resolved many issues so far.

19. Establishment of a Rail Coach Factory at Kazipet, Bayyaram Steel Plant and Girijan University have been specifically mentioned

in the Reorganization Act. These mandates have not been fulfilled even after eight and a half years. In addition, the ITIR sanctioned to Telangana has been shelved.

20. In accordance with section 3 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, the matter relating to the share of the new State of Telangana in Krishna Waters has to be referred to the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal by the Centre. Because of the undue delay on the part of the Centre, the interests of Telangana people are being adversely impacted. More importantly, such delay on the part of the Centre is affecting Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift irrigation project and Dindi project on the river Krishna. Telangana expresses its strong protest against delay running into decades in the name of Tribunals.

21. Another glaring instance of discrimination to Telangana is the order issued by the Union Power Ministry in August, 2022. In this order, Telangana government has been directed to pay pending dues of TS DISCOMs amounting to Rs.3,441.78 crore as principal and Rs.3,315.14 crore as late payment surcharge, totaling to Rs.6,756.92 crore to A.P.Genco within 30 days.

22. Though Telangana has been pleading with the Central government regarding dues amounting to Rs.17,828 crore payable by Andhra Pradesh to Telangana Power Utilities, the request has been ignored without any reason. Left with no option, Telangana government had to approach Court of Law.

23. In 2014-15, the first year of the formation of the State, the Ministries of Union Government inadvertently released Rs.495 crore, the Centre's share of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to Andhra Pradesh instead of Telangana. The Centre has been ignoring requests of Telangana for redressing the injustice done either deliberately or mistakenly. Central government has been totally indifferent in adjusting the amount credited to Andhra Pradesh account. Total indifference in the implementation of many provisions in the Parliament enacted A.P.Reorganization Act is totally undemocratic.

24. I am placing before this August House a brief account of the significant progress achieved by Telangana in the last eight and a half years despite lack of support from the Centre.

Agriculture

25. Agriculture growth supports the growth of other sectors of the economy. Profitable and sustainable agriculture in the State has become a torchbearer for the entire country. Farmers all over the country are demanding that the farmers' welfare schemes being implemented in Telangana should be implemented in their States.

26. Telangana government succeeded in making once crisis ridden agriculture vibrant and profitable and in instilling courage and self-confidence in the farmers who were in a state of despair. With the unstinted efforts of the government, the drought prone agriculture in Telangana with water availability has transformed

into a drought proof high production sector. This transformation is entirely conceived, conceptualized and implemented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Therefore, in Telangana he is treated with great respect as a protector of farmers interests. He is being showered with Heartful blessings by the farmers.

27. In the ten years preceding the formation of Telangana, an amount of Rs.7,994 crore was spent in the agriculture sector. In contrast, since the formation of the State, the expenditure incurred by the Telangana government on agriculture sector up to January, 2023 is Rs.1,91,612 crore, which is twenty times more than the expenditure incurred in the ten years prior to the formation of the State.

28. Under the able stewardship of Hon'ble Chief Minister who is a personification of a farmer, there is confidence in the eyes of the farmers instead of despondency.

29. Unlike any other Chief Ministers in the past, Hon'ble Chief Minister introduced numerous schemes one after the other for the welfare of farmers and development of agriculture. These programmes include Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bhima, free 24-hour uninterrupted quality electricity, farm loan waiver, renovation of tanks, completion of pending projects, distribution of fertilizers in a timely manner, seed distribution, control of spurious seeds, appointment of Agriculture Extension Officers, Rythu Vedikalu, drying platforms, Rythu Samanvaya Samithies and

implementation of other agricultural reforms. Government is extending a helping hand to the farmers right from the stage of ploughing to purchasing every seed offered for sale by the farmers.

30. Telangana is the only State in the country which is supplying electricity and water without any charges to farmers. As a result of these important initiatives, the growth rate of agriculture in Telangana is nearly double the growth rate in the country.

31. While the growth average growth rate of gross value added by agriculture and allied sectors at constant prices in the country is 4 per cent from 2015-16 to 2021-22, it is 7.4 per cent in Telangana. This is proof of Telangana's significant achievement in agriculture sector under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

32. The area under cultivation has increased significantly from 131.33 lakh acres in 2014-15 to 215.37 lakh acres in 2020-21 as a result of the programmes taken up by the Telangana government for the development of agriculture sector. The production of paddy increased three-fold from 68.17 lakh M.T in 2014-15 to 2.02 crore M.T in 2021-22. Today, Telangana has emerged as 'Annapurna' for the country.

33. I will now place before you a brief account of the welfare programmes taken up in Telangana State.

Rythu Bandhu

34. In the history of the entire nation, Telangana is the only State to provide investment support of Rs.65,000 crore to 65 lakh farmers.

35. Rythu Bandhu, which is the brainchild of our Hon'ble Chief Minister has received appreciation all over the world. This scheme has lit the lamp of hope in the hearts of the farmers, who were once trapped in debt burden forcing them to commit suicides. In addition to reassuring them, the scheme has wiped away tears from the eyes of the farmers. As soon as they hear the tring tring sound of the phone conveying the message that the amount has been credited to their bank accounts, the faces of lakhs of farmers brighten up.

36. Despite cuts in the resource transfers to States on account of non-fixing of meters to electric pump sets, unilateral cuts in the FRBM limits and Corona Pandemic, government made available investment support of Rs.10,000 per acre on a timely basis. This clearly demonstrates the affection of Hon'ble Chief Minister towards farmers.

37. The Rythu Bhima scheme is providing immense comfort to the farmers' families. In the event of unfortunate death of a farmer, an amount of Rs.5 lakh is made available to the farmer's family within 10 days. Without imposing any burden, 100 per cent of the premium amount is being paid by the government to the Life

Insurance Corporation of India. There is no instance of any other government providing assistance to farmers' families as is being done in Telangana. To get the insurance amount, there is no need to go to any office, no need to file an application and no involvement of middle men. So far, assistance of Rs.5,384 crore has been made available under this scheme to about one lakh families of farmers.

38. Telangana government has purchased every grain produced by the farmers in the last eight and a half years. While 24 lakh M.T of paddy was procured in 2014-15, 65 lakh M.T of paddy has been procured in 2022-23 till now. Even during 2020-21, when the Covid Pandemic was at its peak, government procured 141.04 lakh M.T to ensure that farmers do not face any difficulties.

39. In the last Yasangi season, the Central government deliberately created a problem by not procuring paddy from Telangana. This was done under the lame pretext that the Yasangi paddy produced in Telangana has more broken rice component. The comment made by the Union Minister that Telangana people should cultivate the habit of eating broken rice has deeply hurt the sentiments of Telangana people to no end. I may recall that though the Centre washed off its hands, the entire paddy was procured by the State government without bothering about the financial burden on the instructions of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Incentives for the cultivation of Oil Palm

40. The moisture content in the air in Telangana has increased significantly following the construction of irrigation projects, renovation of tanks and construction of check dams. As a result, Telangana has become suitable for the cultivation of oil palm. Today, the country is importing palm oil on a large scale. There is good demand for oil palm in the market. By cultivating oil palm, farmers are likely to get a net income of Rs.1,50,000 per annum per acre. Keeping this in view, the State government has set a target of extending oil palm cultivation to 20 lakh acres. The government is extending incentives on a large scale to motivate the farmers to take up oil palm cultivation which yields high income to the farmers. For subsidizing oil palm plants, fertilizers and drip irrigation, State government is providing separate budgetary allocations.

Total an amount of Rs.1,000 crore is proposed in the Budget for oil palm cultivation.

Rythu Vedikalu

41. With a view to providing a common platform to the farmers and to foster coordination among themselves, one Rythu Vedika has been constructed for every 5000-acre cluster. So far, 2,601 Rythu Vedikas have been constructed at a cost of Rs.572 crore.

Amount proposed in the Budget for the Agriculture Department is Rs.26,831 crore.

Irrigation

42. Overflowing tanks even in summer season and river waters being stored in Reservoirs through Lift Irrigation Projects clearly demonstrate the spectacular achievement of Telangana in the irrigation sector.

43. In the combined State, injustice was done to Telangana in the irrigation sector. With dependence on wells and bores, farmers were debt ridden and forced to commit suicides. With dilapidated houses and parched lands, Telangana was in dire straits. Today, in our own State, we are witnessing a golden era in irrigation. Following the construction of major and medium irrigation projects, all over the State there are green fields and Telangana has transformed into 'Annapurna' for the country.

Mission Kakatiya

44. The tanks constructed from the era of Kakatiyas to Asaf Jahis have become dilapidated due to utter neglect by the democratic leaders in the combined State. Soon after assuming office, Hon'ble KCR garu introduced Mission Kakatiya for the renovation of dilapidated tanks. This has yielded good results. With the renovation of tanks, storage capacity has increased. With their linkage to irrigation projects, there is sufficient water in the tanks even during the summer season. There is an increase in the ground water levels. An ayacut of 15 lakh acres has been stabilized.

45. Mission Kakatiya became a role model for Central government's Amrit Sarovar scheme. It is a matter of pride to all of us that many States are renovating their tanks on the lines of Mission Kakatiya.

46. Telangana government expeditiously completed the pending projects of Kalvakurthy, Bhima, Nettempadu, Koil Sagar, Yellampalli, Mid Manair, Devadula and others. With this, new ayacut of 20 lakh acres has been created. There are green fields all over the combined Palamuru district which was known for recurring droughts and out migration. The fact that agriculture labour from other States are coming to the district clearly demonstrates the transformation.

47. The State government has taken up construction of 1200 check dams involving an expenditure of Rs.3,825 crore. In the first phase, 650 check dams have been completed. The construction works of remaining check dams are in progress.

48. The Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Project has been taken up to revive the agriculture sector in the combined Palamuru and Ranga Reddy districts. Nearly, 60 per cent of the works have been completed. At this stage, some unscrupulous people are conspiring to stall the project by filing cases in Courts of Law. The government is determined to complete the project very soon after obtaining the necessary environmental clearances.

49. With a view to providing irrigation facilities and greenery across the combined Khammam district, works relating to Sita Rama Project are going on at brisk pace. During the current financial year by completing the project, in addition to providing irrigation to the drought prone areas in the combined Khammam district, Paleru Reservoir will be linked to the project to stabilize the ayacut when there is shortage of water in the NSP. With this linkage, farmers in Khammam district will be able to cultivate two crops without bothering about the rainfall.

50. In the history of the entire country, the construction of Kaleshwaram Project is a milestone. With the determined efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, expertise of the irrigation engineers and the efforts of thousands of workers, the multistage major lift irrigation project has been completed within a short period of three and a half years.

51. Today, the irrigation facilities are available to 73,33,000 acres. In the next two to three years, an additional 50,24,000 acres will be brought under irrigation. The vision of the Ho'ble Chief Minister to provide irrigation to over one crore acres will soon become a reality.

52. Telangana government is proceeding with the construction of irrigation projects with all determination. The Central government is creating hurdles by not giving clearances in a timely manner besides not extending any assistance. On the issue of determining

the share of Telangana in the Krishna waters, the Centre has been adopting an indifferent attitude. Though Telangana has made many requests to the Centre to give national status to atleast one irrigation project in the State, there is no response from the Centre. By giving national status to projects in U.P and Karnataka, the Centre has demonstrated its discriminatory attitude.

53. Come what may Telangana government is determined to provide irrigation to 1 crore 25 lakh acres within a short period treating the blessings of the people as its main support and strength. An amount of Rs.26,885 crore is proposed for the Irrigation Sector.

Power Sector

54. Telangana is the only State in the country providing uninterrupted 24-hour quality power supply to all the sectors of the economy and free power to the agriculture sector. The achievement of Telangana in the power sector has spread all over the country. Hon'ble Chief Minister has created history by permanently putting an end to power cuts and power holidays.

55. At the time of the formation of the State, the installed power capacity was only 7,778 M.W. Following the numerous initiatives taken under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, today the installed capacity has reached 18,453 M.W. After the formation of the State, the government has spent an amount of Rs.38,070 crore for strengthening the power sector, transmission and distribution.

56. Four units of Bhadradi Power Plant with an installed capacity of 1,080 M.W have commenced power generation. Power generation has also commenced in Kothagudem Power Plant with a capacity of 800 M.W. The Jaipur Power Plant in Mancherial district with a capacity of 1200 M.W constructed by Singareni Collieries has also commenced generation of power. In addition to this, power plants with a generating capacity of 8,085 M.W are under construction.

57. The construction of Yadadri Ultra Mega Thermal Power Plant at Damaracharla in Nalgonda district with a capacity of 4,000 M.W is in the final stages. I am very happy to inform that power generation from this plant will commence from this financial year itself.

58. Telangana State has been in the forefront in the generation of renewable sources of energy. At the time of the formation of the State, solar power generation was only 74 M.W. As a result of the efforts taken by the government, today the generation of solar power stands at 5,741 M.W.

59. The per capita consumption of electricity is an indicator of economic progress. The per capita consumption of electricity in 2014-15 was only 1,356 units. By 2021-22, the per capita consumption has increased to 2,126 units. The per capita consumption of electricity in the country is 1,255 units. It is a

matter of pride that the per capita consumption of electricity in Telangana is 69 per cent higher than the national average.

An amount of Rs.12,727 crore is proposed for the Energy Department.

Mission Bhagiratha

60. An examination of the history of independent India reveals that all the governments in the office so far have failed to provide the basic necessity of drinking water to the people of this country. The suffering of the people on account of shortage of drinking water and diseases caused by impure water are beyond description. Telangana is the only State in the country to have overcome completely the problem of drinking water.

61. Under Mission Bhagiratha, the brainchild of Hon'ble Chief Minister, piped drinking water is being supplied to every household. Telangana has fully succeeded in controlling all water borne diseases. There are no fluoride affected areas in the State now. The Central government has stated in the Parliament in September, 2020 that Telangana is supplying piped protected drinking water to households.

62. Inspired by Mission Bhagiratha, Central government is implementing 'Har Ghar Jal Yojana'. NITI Aayog has also commended Mission Bhagiratha, which has become a role model

for the entire country. Mission Bhagiratha was awarded the first prize under Jal Jeevan Awards on October 2, 2022.

63. I am happy to share with the Hon'ble Members that Mission Bhagiratha has been completed not only in the shortest time but with utmost economy in expenditure. As against the administrative sanction of Rs.44,933.66 crore, the actual expenditure incurred on the Mission at the closure of the project is only Rs.36,900 crore. Thus, with immaculate planning the project was implemented in a very cost effective manner and thereby the Government was able to save an amount of Rs.8,033.66 crore.

Civil Supplies

64. After the formation of Telangana, caps on the distribution of ration rice to the poor have been removed. Each member of the family is being supplied ration rice of 6 kg per month.

65. For the distribution of ration rice, the government has so far incurred an expenditure of Rs.20,638 crore. During the Corona period, free rice was distributed incurring an expenditure of Rs.4,072 crore.

An amount of Rs.3,117 crore is proposed in the Budget for Civil Supplies Department.

People's welfare – Aasara Pensions

66. Hon'ble Chief Minister is of the opinion that any development which does not address the welfare of the people is not sustainable and even not legitimate. In the country, few political parties are ridiculing welfare programmes by calling them as 'revadi'. Welfare programmes are being ridiculed as freebies.

67. Public administration is not a commercial activity which looks at everything from the point of view of loss and gain. Instead of viewing the welfare programmes from the point of view of loss or gain, they should be looked from humanitarian angle. It is very unfortunate that some of the political parties lack this wisdom. Hon'ble Chief Minister in his interaction with the Finance Commission in 2019 had categorically stated that "Hum Sarkar Chala Rahe Hai..Vyapaar Nahi".

68. By making administration humanitarian, the Government of Telangana has been allocating a lion's share of its resources to welfare programmes. In a symbolic manner, the previous governments distributed only Rs.200 as monthly pension. Telangana government has increased the Aasara pensions from Rs.200 to Rs.2016. The amount of monthly pension for physically challenged people has been increased to Rs.3,016.

69. As the government knows the difficulties of people, the Aasara pension of Rs.2,016 per month has been extended to Bidi workers, single woman, filaria patients and dialysis patients though

such a promise was not included in the manifesto and though there was no such demand.

70. In 2014, the number of pensioners was 29,21,828. The expenditure incurred on their pension per year was Rs.861 crore. After the formation of Telangana, the number of Aasara pension holders has increased to 44,12,882. Towards their pension, the government is incurring an expenditure of Rs.11,628 crore per annum. Since the formation of the State, new Aasara pensions amounting to Rs.54,989 crore has been made available to the beneficiaries.

71. As promised in the last Budget, Aasara pensions are being made available to all the eligible people, who have crossed the age of 57 years. Accordingly, 8,96,592 people have been sanctioned Aasara pensions in 2022.

An amount of Rs.12,000 crore is proposed towards Aasara Pensions.

Dalit Bandhu

72. In independent India, Dalits are facing discrimination. Following the efforts of the architect of the Indian Constitution Dr.B.R.Ambedkar, there has been some improvement in the lives of Dalits. But these efforts are not being continued by the successive governments. As a result, the Dalit habitations continue to remain in poverty.

73. The revolutionary scheme introduced by the Telangana government to promote the development of suppressed and oppressed Dalits is Dalit Bandhu. This scheme has been conceived and designed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in order to enable Dalits to develop economically with their own efforts and self-employment.

74. The State government is extending financial support of Rs.10 lakh to each Dalit family, in a first of its kind such initiative in the entire country. The assistance extended under Dalit Bandhu will not only enable them to improve their financial position but also help in strengthening the State economy with their collective investments.

75. The government is providing reservation to Dalits in profitable business activities which require licensing.

An amount of Rs.17,700 crore is proposed for Dalit Bandhu scheme.

76. With a view to ensuring the development of Scheduled Castes and Tribes, the State government has brought in SC, ST Special Development Fund Act. Funds are allocated in the proportion of SC/ST population in the State.

77. There is statutory protection to ensure that the funds allocated for the welfare of the SCs and STs are not diverted to other schemes. In case, funds are not fully utilized in a financial year, the

Act ensures that these unspent funds are carried forward to the next year. The details of the amounts spent by the government under the SC, ST Development Special Fund have been made available to the Hon'ble Members in a pen drive.

In the Budget, an amount of Rs.36,750 crore is proposed as Special Development Fund for Scheduled Castes.

78. The government is extending Ambedkar Overseas Scholarship of Rs.20 lakh each to Dalit students to enable them to pursue their higher studies abroad. So far, scholarships to 953 students have been sanctioned.

79. At the time of the formation, the number of SC Residential Schools was only 134. After the formation of the State, their number has increased to 268. The number of students in residential schools has increased from 71,688 to 1,55,863.

80. For domestic use, up to 101 units of electricity is being made available free of cost to a Dalit household. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs.251 crore has been spent.

Tribal Welfare

81. In fulfillment of his promise, Hon'ble Chief Minister has taken a revolutionary decision to provide 10 per cent reservation to Girijans in educational institutions and government employment, thereby, more than meeting their aspirations.

82. By converting all the 2,471 Girijan thandas and gudems with population of more than 500 into Gram Panchayats, Hon'ble Chief Minister has fulfilled their aspirations to have their own rule in their own thandas. At present there are 3,146 Girijan Gram Panchayat Sarpanches in the State. For every newly established Girijan Gram Panchayat, an amount of Rs. 20 lakh has been sanctioned for the construction of Panchayat Bhawan. In the liquor shop licenses, reservation has been provided to Girijans.

83. The government has sanctioned 1,650 posts in the Tribal Welfare Department. To provide transport facilities to 1,287 thandas and gudems, the government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.1,385 crore for the construction of roads with a total length of 2,500 KMs.

84. For providing three phase current to 3,467 Girijan habitations, government spent an amount of Rs.221 crore. One lakh Girijan families in the State are being supplied free electricity up to 101 units per month and the amount incurred so far is Rs.192 crore.

85. To provide quality education to Girijan students, the government has established 183 Tribal Welfare Residential Institutions. Such a facility is not available anywhere in the country. In these institutions 75,410 students are receiving high quality education.

86. With a view to instilling self-respect among Adivasies and Banjaras, the State government has not only allocated costly land

in the middle of the city but constructed Adivasi and Banjara Bhavans on a grand scale. These Bhavans named after Komaram Bheem and Sevalal Maharaj have been provided with all modern facilities. These Bhavans have been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister himself. This is a matter of pride to the entire State.

87. The government is celebrating Adivasi Hero Komaram Bheem's Jayanti and the Jayanti of Banjara's saint Sevalal Maharaj as State festivals.

88. Considered as Kumbha Mela of Telangana, Samakka Saralamma Jathara is being celebrated by the government as an official event. For this jathara, which is celebrated once in two years, the government is providing facilities to lakhs of people. So far, an amount of Rs.354 crore was incurred to provide amenities to pilgrims.

89. In addition to these, Nagoba, Bourampur, Jangu Bhai, Nancharamma and other Jatharas are being celebrated officially.

In the Budget, an amount of Rs.15,233 crore is proposed as Special Development Fund for Scheduled Tribes.

B.C.Welfare

90. Telangana government is working in a committed manner in launching special programmes for the development of weaker sections of the society, who depend mainly on traditional occupations for their livelihood. In order to develop the economy

of the villages, government is giving incentives to those engaged in traditional occupations.

91. In Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Telangana government have achieved significant progress. The contribution of animal husbandry sector to the GSDP of the State increased from 6.3 percent in 2014-15 to 9 per cent in 2021-22. The value of Animal Husbandry sector stood at Rs.93,599 crore in the year 2021-22.

92. Telangana government has taken up distribution of sheep on a large scale to help the Golla Kuruma communities, whose main occupation is rearing of sheep. With an outlay of Rs.11,000 crore the government is proceeding ahead with a target of distributing 7.3 lakh units of sheep.

93. The number of sheep with the Golla Kuruma Community in our State is the highest in the country. The meat production has increased from 5.05 lakh M.T in 2014 to 10.85 lakh M.T in 2022. By standing at fifth place in the production of meat in the country, Telangana ushered in pink revolution.

Fish Rearing

94. From importing fish to meet the requirements of the people, Telangana has emerged as a fish exporting State. Fish rearing is taken up in all the waterbodies in the State. With the foresight of Hon'ble Chief Minister, tanks have been revived under Mission Kakatiya. New check dams have been constructed. With the

construction of Reservoirs as part of irrigation projects and linking the tanks with irrigation projects, fish rearing has picked up significantly. The government has been distributing fish seedlings free of cost and provided opportunities to the members of local Gangaputra and Mudiraj communities to catch and sell their fish.

95. In 2016-17, the fish production was 1.93 lakh tones valued at Rs.2,190 crore. The production increased to 3.9 lakh tones which is valued at Rs.5,860 crore in 2021-22. This wealth is the result of Blue Revolution ushered in by the Telangana government.

Assistance to Handloom weavers

96. The State of Telangana is well known for its handloom products. Handloom centers at Pochampally, Narayanpet, Gadwal, Siricilla, Siddipet and other places have received national and international recognition.

97. Before the formation of Telangana, the lives of handloom weavers were like lamps in the open field. There was not enough work. With no marketing facilities, sales were very poor. With lack of support from the government, the handloom sector was in deep crisis. The situation was so bad that suicides were considered as the only option available. Telangana government is extending all support to the handloom sector. With this, there is significant improvement in the lives of the handloom workers. There is no scarcity of employment. State government is procuring sarees for distribution during the Bathukamma festival from handloom and

power-loom sectors. With this, there is enough work for handloom workers although the year.

98. After conducting a digital survey, the government has identified 21,585 handloom workers and 43,104 power-loom workers and provided them with geo tagging numbers. As a result, the incentives and the benefits being provided are being credited to the bank accounts in a transparent manner.

99. The government is providing 50 per cent subsidy for the purchase of yarn and chemicals under Chenetha Mithra Scheme. Under this scheme, so far, Rs.33.17 crore subsidy has been disbursed to 20,501 handloom workers.

100. In addition to providing Aasara pension to handloom workers, they are being provided with an insurance amount of Rs.5 lakh. For the insurance of handloom workers, the government is incurring annual expenditure of Rs.21 crore towards premium. In the event of unfortunate death of a handloom worker, insurance amount of Rs.5 lakh is being made available within 10 days of his death to the family members.

101. Outstanding loans up to Rs.1 lakh have been waived to benefit handloom workers. So far, loans amounting to Rs.29 crore have been waived. The government is extending loans to handloom workers and societies under 'Pavala Vaddi Scheme'. So far, such loans amounting to Rs.120 crore have been extended to 523 societies.

102. By establishing Kakatiya Mega Textile Park and Sircilla Apparel Park, the government has given a boost to the handloom industry. In order to provide special incentives to handloom workers, the government launched 'Nethannaku Cheyutha' Savings Scheme.

103. The government has unveiled the statue of Acharya Konda Laxman Babuji, a well-wisher of handloom workers at Jala Drushyam. His Jayanthi is being celebrated every year officially.

104. While the State government is making every effort to promote handloom industry, the Centre is doing exactly the opposite. The handloom sector, which is already witnessing fewer sales and in its last breath, is burdened with the imposition of 5 per cent GST by the Centre. This is a matter of serious concern.

Toddy Tappers' Welfare

105. After the formation of Telangana, the government has taken special measures for the welfare of Toddy tappers. Tax arrears on toddy trees have been completely waived. The practice of levying taxes on toddy trees is done away with. The government has facilitated the formation of new societies.

106. In order to provide additional benefits to the toddy tappers, the government has taken up a project to convert Neera into a soft drink. For this purpose, an amount of Rs.25 crore has been spent.

Along with Neera production, processing units and Neera cafes are ready for inauguration.

107. In case of accidental death of toddy workers, their families are being provided with a compensation of Rs.5 lakh. Telangana government has provided 15 per cent reservation to Gowda community in the allocation of liquor shops which is not being implemented in any other state in our country

108. Jayanthi and Vardanthi of Sardar Sarvai Papanna, who is the personification of Gowda community pride are being celebrated officially. For the laundries run by Rajakulu and saloons run by Nayee Brahmins, electricity up to 250 units per month is being provided free of cost.

B.C.Residential Institutions

109. The Telangana government has increased the number of B.C.Gurukulas substantially. Prior to 2014, there were only 19 Gurukulas and in these institutions only 8,000 students were getting educational facilities. Telangana government increased the number of B.C.Residential educational institutions to 310. Among these institutions, the number of residential schools and junior colleges is 294, the number of women agricultural colleges is 2 and the remaining 14 institutions are residential degree colleges. The number of students in these institutions is 1,65,160.

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Overseas Vidya Nidhi

110. Telangana government is implementing Overseas Vidya Nidhi named after Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, who had devoted his entire life for the upliftment of downtrodden people in the society. BC students who are pursuing higher education abroad are being given a scholarship of Rs.20 lakh each. In the last eight and a half years, the government has spent Rs.264 crore benefiting 2,976 students.

Atma Gowrava Bhavans for BCs

111. In the capital city of the State, the government is constructing Atma Gowrava Bhavans for 41 categories of BCs. For this purpose, 87 acres of most expensive land in Ranga Reddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts has been allocated. An amount of Rs.95.25 crore has been allocated for this purpose. Some of these Bhavans will be inaugurated shortly.

An amount of Rs.6,229 crore is proposed in the Budget for the welfare of BCs.

Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaaadi Mubarak

112. Moved by the plight of the poor families in performing the marriage of their daughters, Hon'ble Chief Minister has introduced Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaaadi Mubarak scheme, though there was no such assurance given in the election manifesto. Under this scheme, for meeting the expenditure for the marriage of girls of poor

families, an assistance of Rs.1,00,116 is being extended, notwithstanding their religion and caste.

113. Since the inception of the scheme, for the marriage expenses of 12 lakh 469 girls, an amount of Rs.10,416 crore assistance has been extended. As this scheme is applicable for girls above 18 years of age, child marriages have completely reduced in the State.

For Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaaadi Mubarak scheme an amount of Rs.3,210 crore is proposed in the Budget.

Women and Child Welfare

114. For the comprehensive and inclusive development of the country, there should be involvement of women in all the sectors. Committed to the welfare of women, the government is implementing many schemes on a large scale for the welfare of women.

Aarogya Lakshmi

115. Before the formation of the State, nutritious food was only provided in 56 per cent of the Anganwadi Centers. Now nutritious food consisting of milk and eggs is being supplied in all the Anganwadi Centers to pregnant and lactating women. This scheme being implemented for the welfare of women has been appreciated by NITI Aayog.

116. 2,356 posts of Anganwadi workers which have been vacant for many years have been filled up in the current year. In addition, 568 Supervisors have been appointed.

Balamrutham Plus

117. The government is taking steps to ensure that there is no malnutrition in children below five years belonging to poor families. In the first phase, highly nutritious food Balamrutham Plus has been made available in the districts of Gadwal and Asifabad. With this, the problem of malnutrition has been overcome within a very short period. This scheme has been extended in last August to all the districts in the State. Balamrutham is being supplied even to our neighbour Andhra Pradesh also, by Telangana Foods today.

118. In Telangana Foods, a new plant with a production capacity of 2,500 M.T has commenced operations from December 16 last year. Nutritious Balamrutham is being supplied by Telangana Foods to all the 35,700 Anganwadi Centers located in the State.

Increase in the Honorarium to Anganwadi Teachers and Asha Workers

119. Government of Telangana is paying an Honorarium of Rs.13,650 per month to Anganwadi teachers. This is much higher as compared with the amount of Rs.7,000 paid in Uttar Pradesh, Rs.7,500 paid in Rajasthan and Rs.8,325 paid in Maharashtra. I

am happy to state in this august house that the honorarium paid by Telangana State is amongst the highest in the country.

120. The Honorarium of Asha Workers which was only Rs.2,000 in 2014 has been increased to Rs.9,750 per month. The amount of honorarium paid to Asha workers is Rs.3,000 in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, Rs.6,700 in Gujarat, Rs.4,000 in Karnataka and Haryana, and Rs.5,000 in Kerala. Though the Telangana government is paying higher amounts to employees at the lower level, some people with vested political interests are commenting baselessly. We expect that atleast from now onwards they will desist from doing so.

121. The government is giving top priority to the protection of women. For this purpose, SHE Teams have been formed. These Teams are working effectively to prevent eve-teasing. Those behaving in an obscene manner with women are being controlled.

122. The government is following the policy of providing 33 per cent reservation for women in Civil Police recruitments from 2015. In Armed Battalions, women are being provided reservation of 10 per cent.

123. With a view to enabling women to become industrialists, WE-Hub has been established to provide encouragement and support to their startups.

124. Reservation to women has been introduced in the Market Committees. As a result, women are provided with the opportunity of becoming Chairpersons of these committees.

For Women and Child welfare an amount of Rs.2,131 crore is proposed in the Budget.

Welfare of Minorities

125. Telangana government treats all religions equally. Without discrimination to any section of the society, the benefits of government programmes are made available to all. Before the formation of Telangana, the previous governments were not even spending Rs.300 crore per annum for the welfare of Minorities.

126. Since the formation of the State in June, 2014 to January, 2023, an amount of Rs.8,581 crore has been spent by the government for the welfare of Minorities. The fact that an amount of Rs.1,286 crore was spent in 2021-22 for the welfare of Minorities is a strong proof of the commitment of the Telangana government.

127. The government is implementing Shaadi Mubarak Scheme for the Muslim girls since 2014. In the last eight and a half years, for the marriage of 2,32,713 girls, an amount of Rs.1,903 crore was spent. Due to increased demand from the poor beneficiaries Rs 450 crore is being proposed including an additional amount of Rs.150 crore.

128. For the disbursement of loans by the Minorities Welfare Corporation in the current and the ensuing Financial year, an amount of Rs.270 crore is proposed to be spent. This is an increase of Rs 239 crore from the previous year budget.

129. The government has taken a decision to distribute 20,000 sewing machines to the poor Muslim women through the Minorities Welfare Corporation.

130. The number of Minority Residential Educational Institutions in our State is much higher than in other States. Initially, the government established 203 Minority Residential Schools and later they have been upgraded into Junior Colleges.

131. For the higher education of students belonging to Minority communities in other countries, each student is made available a scholarship of Rs.20 lakh.

132. On the occasion of celebration of festivals of all religions, gifts are given to the poor. New clothes are being distributed to 4,50,000 Muslims during Ramzan and the number of Christians receiving new clothes is 3,00,000 as special gifts. On the occasion of Bathukamma festival, which is being celebrating on a grand scale in Telangana, the government is distributing new sarees to women.

An amount of Rs.2,200 crore is proposed in the Budget for the welfare of Minorities.

Welfare of Journalists

133. For the welfare of journalists, the government has allocated Rs.100 crore as a Corpus Fund. A building for the Media Academy is being constructed at a cost of Rs.15 crore. The construction work is in the last stage. I am very happy to share with the journalist friends that this Bhavan will be inaugurated very shortly.

Welfare of Brahmins

134. The government of Telangana has spent Rs 51 crore for the welfare of the Brahmins through Brahmin Samkshema Parishad. Through this Parishad, financial assistance is being made available to poor Brahmins for self-employment. Under Vivekananda Overseas Vidya Pathakam, a scholarship of Rs.20 lakh is being made available to each student.

135. Brahmins Sadan, which was constructed in 6 acres of land in Gopannapalli with an amount of Rs.20 crore, is ready for inauguration. For the welfare of Brahmins, an amount of Rs.160 crore has been spent by the State government in the last five years.

Improvement of Judicial Services

136. The government has taken a decision to establish District Courts in accordance with the number of districts. Following this decision, in 23 newly created districts, District Courts and Legal Services have already been established. 1,721 new posts have been sanctioned for the functioning of these courts. Construction of

Court buildings will commence with an estimated outlay of Rs.1,050 crore.

137. The government has taken a decision to establish 60 Junior, Senior and District Judge Courts in 2023-24.

Welfare of Advocates

138. In a first of its kind initiation, the Telangana government has provided an amount of Rs.100 crore for the welfare of Advocates. With this fund, Advocates' Welfare Trust has provided Health and Accidental Insurance to 22,000 Advocates. Under this Insurance Scheme, 8,053 Advocates and their family members have received a benefit of Rs.38.45 crore.

Telanganaku Haritha Haram

139. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister, who firmly considers that it is the responsibility of every human being to protect the environment, has introduced 'Telanganaku Haritha Haram' on a large scale. It is no exaggeration to say that such a programme for planting trees and protecting them has not been taken up by any other government.

140. The people of Telangana stood in full support of Hon'ble Chief Minister in his commitment. People are participating in Haritha Haram in the spirit of a movement. In the new Municipal and Panchayat Acts, it is mandated that Municipalities and Panchayats should allocate 10 per cent of their Annual Budget to

Green Budget and develop greenery. With the involvement of local bodies, there is abundant greenery in every village of the State.

141. As per India Forest Report, 2021 prepared by the Forest Survey of India, green cover in Telangana has increased by 7.70 per cent. This is equivalent to 5.13 lakh acres.

142. Haritha Haram has received recognition at the international level. The Food and Agriculture Organization, a constituent of United Nations Organization has described Hyderabad as 'Tree City of the World' twice. Hyderabad is the only city in the entire country to receive this recognition.

143. The Sustainable Development Report brought out by NITI Aayog has placed Telangana in the first place on the basis of improvement in the greenery. The International Association of Horticultural Producers in South Korea has conferred 'World Green City Award-2022' to Hyderabad.

144. With a view to involving every citizen in the environmental protection, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has introduced 'Haritha Nidhi' in a novel manner. Donations are received from public representatives, government employees, government departments, students and others for Haritha Nidhi.

145. The Government of Telangana by taking up afforestation has rejuvenated 13 lakh acres of forest land by incurring an expenditure

of Rs.1,500 crore. Fences have been erected with a length of 11,000 KMs for the protection of forests.

146. As a result of the efforts taken by the State government to protect forests, there has been a significant increase in the number of wild animals. The number of Tigers has increased to 26 and the number of leopards to 341. Many species of birds on the verge of extinction have regained their habitats.

147. I convey my heartfelt thanks to the representatives of local bodies, employees of the Forest Department for their devoted work as 'Haritha Sainiks' to bring about Haritha Telangana under the able guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister.

An amount of Rs.1,471 crore is proposed for the Forest Department and Haritha Haram.

Education

148. Education is the key to gain knowledge. With education, man gets recognition. It improves self-confidence. The society which is full of educated people will forge ahead in development at a faster pace. The societies that excel in education are also ahead in other sectors.

149. Our government is working with dedicated efforts to strengthen the education system in the State. From schools to universities, the government is going ahead with a development plan.

150. With the firm conviction that poor student can achieve excellence only through Residential Schools, Hon'ble Chief Minister has accorded priority for the development of Residential Schools. At the time of the formation of the State, there were only 293 Residential Institutions with insufficient facilities with a student strength of 1,31,000.

151. Soon after the formation of Telangana, Hon'ble Chief Minister took firm steps for the development of Residential Educational Institutions. Today the number of Residential Educational Institutions stands at 1,002 imparting education to 5,59,000 students.

152. The allocation for Residential Schools which was Rs.784 crore in the initial years of the formation of the State has been substantially increased. In the year 2022-23, the allocation for Residential Institutions has been increased to Rs.3,400 crore. This demonstrates the commitment of Telangana government to provide quality education to the poor children.

Mana Ooru Mana Badi

153. With a view to improving the facilities in government schools in a phased manner, the government has introduced a very important programme of 'Mana Ooru Mana Badi'. This scheme with 12 components such as, providing digital education, improving drinking water facilities, construction of toilets etc, is being implemented.

154. For providing basic amenities in 26,065 schools across the State in three phases, an amount of Rs.7,289 crore has been allocated. In the first phase, basic amenities are being provided in 9,123 schools with an allocation of Rs.3,497 crore. So far, works have been completed in many schools. These facilities have been inaugurated in a festive environment in the villages..

Basic Amenities in Universities

155. An amount of Rs.500 crore is proposed for providing basic amenities such as, modernization of hostels and construction of new buildings in the universities across the State. This is the first time in the history of the State that such a big allocation is being made.

English Medium

156. Training has been imparted to all the teachers in the State to enable them impart education in English Medium. The Prestigious Tata Institute of Social Sciences has evaluated and complimented the quality of our textbooks.

157. In our State, 9,48,321 students are receiving education in 2,962 Intermediate colleges. Government is providing coaching facilities to students completing their Intermediate for preparing themselves for EAMCET, NEET, JEE and other entrance examinations.

Technical Education

158. The State government has accorded importance to Technical Education. In the last eight and a half years, 14 new Polytechnic colleges have been established. From the academic year 2023-24, Polytechnic colleges will be established at Maheshwaram in Ranga Reddy District and at Manuguru in Bhadrachalam District.

159. In the jurisdiction of JNTU, 4 new Engineering colleges are being established. Among these, colleges at Sircilla and Wanaparthy have already started functioning. Colleges at Mahabubnagar and Kothagudem will start functioning shortly.

160. Keeping in view the development of the Pharma Sector in Telangana, University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences affiliated to JNTU has been established in Sultanpur.

Sanna biyyam (fine rice) food to students

161. Food cooked with sanna biyyam is being provided to 25.26 lakh students receiving education in 28,606 schools apart from students numbering 9.77 lakh in 4,237 hostels and other educational institutions. The government is supplying 21,868 M.T of fortified rice and sanna biyyam for this purpose.

162. To provide good quality food to the future citizens of the State, Hon'ble Chief Minister has introduced this scheme on humanitarian grounds. Telangana is the only State in the entire

country which is providing quality food with sanna biyyam to the students.

163. So far, 54,201 Cooks working under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme were getting an honorarium of Rs.1,000 per month. As announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in this House, I am happy to inform that their honorarium is increased to Rs.3,000 per month.

164. For providing educational facilities in Telangana, apart from the Education Department, expenditure on a significant scale is also being incurred through Agriculture, Health, Forest, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Labour and through SC, ST, BC and Minorities Welfare Departments.

For the Education Department an amount of Rs.19,093 crore is proposed in the Budget.

Health

165. Telangana has emerged as a foremost State in the improvement of medical facilities. NITI Aayog placed Telangana at the third place based on the provision of free medical care to the poor people. As a result of the efforts taken by the State government in the Health sector, the maternal mortality rate has come down from 92 to 43. Today with very few maternity deaths, Telangana stands at the third place. Similarly, the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), which was 39 in 2014 has reduced to 21 now.

166. With 19 MBBS seats per one lakh population, Telangana occupies the first place in the country. In the same way, Telangana stands at second place with 7 Medical PG seats per one lakh population.

167. At the time of the formation of the State, there were only 1,400 Oxygen beds. Their number has increased by 20 times to 27,966.

Kanti Velugu

168. The most important organ of the human body is the eye. If the vision of the eye is poor, life is filled with darkness. For those suffering from eye related problems, Telangana government has introduced 'Kanti Velugu' scheme. Encouraged by the success of the first phase, the government is implementing the second phase of the scheme on a large scale.

169. To address eye related problems, the State government is conducting eye tests all over the State and providing free spectacles. This has become an inspiration for the entire country.

170. Under this scheme implemented in 2018, by conducting eye tests covering 1 crore 54 lakh people and distributing spectacles to over 40 lakh people, Telangana has established an unprecedented record.

171. The second phase of the 'Kanti Velugu' scheme has been taken up on the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and

inaugurated by Sri Pinarayi Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala in Khammam.

172. It is a matter of pride to all of us that Sri Arvind Kejriwal and Sri Bhagwant Mann, the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Delhi and Punjab, respectively, who participated in the inaugural function have indicated that they too will introduce 'Kanti Velugu' in their States.

Super Specialty Hospitals

173. The government is establishing Super Specialty Hospitals on a large scale with the objective of bringing super specialty health care within the reach of the common man. In all the four corners of Hyderabad, namely, Gachibowli, L.B.Nagar, Alwal and Sanathnagar Super Specialty Hospitals are being constructed. Of these, the construction work of three hospitals has commenced with an expenditure of Rs.2,679 crore. With the construction of these hospitals, 4,200 additional beds will be made available. By next financial year, the works are expected to be completed and the facilities will be made available. Along with these Super Specialty Hospitals, it is proposed to provide additional 2,000 beds in NIMS.

Health City in Warangal

174. Telangana government has taken up the construction of Health City in Warangal with international standards. As part of this, construction of Super Specialty Hospital at an estimated

expenditure of Rs.1,100 crore with a capacity of 2,000 beds is going on at fast pace. The government is determined to complete the construction and commence the activities in the coming Financial year.

175. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, whether the government is constructing hospital buildings, school buildings, Vaikuntadhamams, Dump yards, Rythu Vedikas, Integrated District Offices complexes, Adivasi Banjara Bhavans named after Komaram Bheem and Sevalal Maharaj, modern building for Secretariat, reconstruction of Yadagiri Laxmi Narasimha Swamy temple, Martyrs Memorial or Sky-high Babasaheb Ambedkar Statue, these are all meant for providing better facilities to people. These are also meant for promoting Telangana's self-respect and identity before the world community

Medical College in each District

176. The government has taken a decision to establish a Medical College in each district of the State with the objective of making the medical facilities available even in the remotest areas of the State. In the combined State, there were only three Medical Colleges.

177. After the formation of Telangana, we have established Medical Colleges at Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, Suryapet and Siddipet. In this academic year, 8 new Medical Colleges located at Sangareddy, Mahabubabad, Mancherial, Jagtial, Wanaparthy, Kothagudem, Nagarkurnool and Ramagundam have started

functioning. Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated these institutions at the same time.

178. In 2023, government has taken steps to establish another 9 new Medical Colleges at Nirmal, Asifabad, Bhupalpally, Jangaon, Kamareddy, Karimnagar, Khammam, Sircilla and Vikarabad. With this, the number of Medical Colleges in Telangana State will be increased to 26. It is proposed to establish nursing colleges attached to the medical colleges in each district.

179. The number of MBBS seats in Government Medical Colleges increased from 850 in 2014 to 2,915 in 2022. The increase in the number of PG seats is from 515 in 2014 to 1,208 in 2022. Including government and private Medical Colleges, the total number of MBBS seats available is 6,715 and the number of PG seats is 2,548.

Basthi Dawakhanas and Palle Dawakhanas

180. In the case of any illness of the people living in the Basthis of Hyderabad City, the only alternative was private hospitals in the past. The credit for providing modern medical facilities in the Basthis goes entirely to our Hon'ble Chief Minister. Today there are 342 Basthi Dawakhanas in urban areas providing better medical care to the poor. On a cumulative basis, these Basthi Dawakhanas have provided services to over 2 crore out- patients.

181. In addition to the existing Basthi Dawakhanas, the government has taken a decision to extend these facilities to all the

towns in the State. Motivated by the success of the Basthi Dawakhanas, Hon'ble Chief Minister decided to upgrade ANM Sub-Centers into Palle Dawakhanas. With this, better primary care facilities will be available to people living in the villages.

Dialysis Services

182. In the combined State, there were just 3 Dialysis Centers in the entire Telangana region. Moved by the plight of patients, the government has extended dialysis facilities at 104 Centers. The decision to extend Aasara pensions to dialysis patients generously by the Hon'ble Chief Minister has provided them a lot of solace. The facility of free bus- passes has also been provided to these patients.

Health of Mother and Child – Nutritious Food

183. One of the development indicators is that Maternal Mortality Rate per one lakh deliveries should not exceed 70. Now, the state's MMR stands at 43 and thereby our government has already reached this target. This has been possible only because of the commitment of the government and constant supervision.

KCR Kit

184. With the lofty objective of protecting the income foregone by women during days of their pregnancy, the government has introduced KCR Kit Scheme on June 2, 2017. Another objective of

this scheme is to ensure safe delivery for poor pregnant women in government hospitals.

185. The government is providing 16 articles in the KCR Kit for the use of child and mother. Under the scheme, 13.91 lakh women have received the benefit so far.

186. In 2015-16, only 30.5 per cent of the deliveries used to take place in government hospitals. With the introduction of KCR Kit and strengthening of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Hospitals, deliveries in government hospitals have more than doubled to 61 per cent.

KCR Nutrition Kit

187. In order to ensure that pregnant women do not suffer from malnutrition, government has started KCR Nutrition Kit Scheme. This scheme was launched in 21st December 2022 in Adilabad, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Jogulamba Gadwal, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mulugu, Nagar Kurnool and Vikarabad districts, where the incidence of Anemia is the highest among the pregnant women.

188. Speaker Sir, this scheme was launched by you in Kamareddy district. I am happy to inform the people of the State through this House that the Hon'ble Chief Minister has decided to extend the scheme covering all the 33 districts from this year.. Nearly 4 lakh

pregnant women are likely to be benefited by this scheme every year.

For this Scheme, an amount of Rs.200crore is proposed in the Budget.

Palliative Care

189. In consonance with the thinking of Hon'ble Chief Minister, who personifies humanitarianism, our government has taken up Palliative Care for patients of Cancer, AIDS and other chronic diseases, who are in the final stages of their lives. These Palliative Care Centers apart from monitoring their health status, provide other services to enable them to spend their last days peacefully. So far, 33 such Centers have been established. Out of the 168 Centers in the entire country, one-fifth of them are located in Telangana State.

For the Medical and Health Department, an amount of Rs.12,161 crore is proposed in the Budget.

Palle Pragathi

190. I am happy to convey another good news to the local bodies on behalf of Telangana government. It has been decided by Hon'ble Chief Minister that from the coming Financial Year, along with the grants released by the State government, Finance Commission grants will be transferred directly into the accounts of local bodies. With this administrative reform, the representatives of

local bodies without waiting for the approval of Finance Department and Treasuries, will be able to use the funds in an independent manner.

191. Due to Palle Pragathi, basic amenities, sanitation and greenery has been provided to all villages. As compared with the progress achieved in 12,769 villages, no other State in the country comes closer to Telangana.

192. For providing sanitation services in villages, government has provided all the facilities to Gram Panchayats. All the villages have been provided with dump yard incurring an expenditure of Rs.279 crore. A tractor along with a trolley has also been provided to each village. With these facilities, there is cleanliness in the villages and thereby, there is an improvement in the health of the villagers. To improve greenery in the villages, government has established nurseries. Crores of plants have been planted and are being protected. An amount of Rs.710 crore has been spent for this purpose.

193. All the villages in the State have been provided with Palle Prakruthi Vanams at a cost of Rs.238 crore. In addition, 2,725 large Palle Prakruthi Vanams have been established at the rate of 5 per each Mandal. The government has planted trees on both sides of 9,243 K.M roads and also protects them. To facilitate performance of funeral rites of deceased persons in an honourable way, Vaikunta

Dhamams have been constructed in all the villages at a cost of Rs.1,330 crore.

194. In 2022-23, Telangana villages secured 13 Awards under Swachh Bharath Mission. The representatives of these Gram Panchayats have received the Awards from the Hon'ble President of India.

195. Five phases of Palle Pragathi programme have been completed so far. Since the inception of the scheme, an amount of over Rs.10,000 crore has been transferred to Gram Panchayats.

196. Since the formation of the State, construction of 8,160 K.Ms of roads has been taken up with Rs.4,209 crore. Out of this road length, the construction of 6,075 K.Ms of Panchayat Raj roads has already been completed. The construction of the remaining roads is going on at a faster pace.

197. For the repair of old Panchayat Raj roads and for their maintenance, an amount of Rs.2,000 crore is proposed in the Budget.

The amount proposed for the Panchayat Raj Department in the Budget is Rs.31,426 crore.

Pattana Pragathi

198. Taking into account ever increasing urban population, the government has focused attention on the provision of basic amenities in the urban areas. With the initiatives taken by the

government, there is improvement in the finances of municipalities. Under Pattana Pragathi, so far, an amount of Rs.3,855 crore has been made available to Municipal Corporations including Hyderabad. Improved sanitation, greenery and public services are being made available through this scheme.

199. The government has taken up construction of 144 integrated veg and non-veg markets in all the municipalities and corporations at a cost of Rs.522 crore. The works are being executed in a speedy manner. An amount of Rs.346 crore has been allocated for the conversion of cemeteries into Vykunta Dhamams with all the modern facilities. These works are going on at a brisk pace.

200. Under Urban Mission Bhagiratha, the government has taken up provision of safe drinking water in 141 municipalities at a cost of Rs.6,578 crore. Of these municipalities, works have been completed in 103 municipalities and drinking water is made available. In other municipalities, the works are in the final stages.

SRDP

201. The Government has taken up various programmes for the improvement of basic amenities in Hyderabad. To ease traffic congestion in Hyderabad, construction of 42 K.Ms of roads, flyovers, underpasses and ROBs have been taken up under SRDP. Out of these, 31 works have already been completed and the remaining works will be completed in this year.

202. The construction of the link road has been completed with an expenditure of Rs.275 crore. As a result, along with the reduction in travelling distance and traffic congestion, there is reduction in air pollution. Out of the 22 FOBs taken up with an estimated expenditure of Rs.76.65 crore, 9 have been completed so far. The remaining works are in final stages.

Metro Connectivity to the Airport

203. The number of air travellers using the international airport at Shamshabad has been increasing day by day. The expansion facilities at the airport at a cost of Rs.7,500 crore have been taken up to meet the requirements even if the air traffic goes up to 4 crore per annum. The expansion facilities will be completed by June for the use of air passengers.

204. With the objective of facilitating the passengers to reach the airport in the shortest possible time from different areas, it has been envisaged to extend metro rail services to the airport. This metro lane will commence from Raidurg and terminate at Shamshabad airport covering a distance of 31 K.Ms. Recently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has laid the foundation for metro connectivity to the airport. This project will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 6,250 crore with own resources of the State government and will be completed within the next three years.

Development of Hyderabad

205. The Government of Telangana has taken up numerous projects in the jurisdiction of HMDA with a cost of Rs.387 crore. Under Haritha Haram, 63 lakh saplings have been planted in Hyderabad. The solar roof cycle track taken up as a pilot project in Kokapet layout will be a trendsetter. The 23 K.Ms stretch will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs.95 crore.

206. The Hyderabad Metro Water Board has taken up a project to provide drinking water facilities to people living within the limits of Outer Ring Road at a cost of Rs.1,956 crore.

207. The Sunkishala intake works taken up at an estimated cost of R.2,214 crore to provide continuous drinking water supply in Hyderabad city will be completed in this year

208. Sewerage master plan is being implemented in Hyderabad to address the problem of sewerage water. In the first phase, sanction has been accorded for the construction of Sewerage Treatment Plants (STP). As part of three packages, construction of 31 STPs with a capacity of 1259 million liters per day has been taken up with a cost of Rs.3,866 crore.

209. The construction of 67,782 double bed room houses has already been completed in the GHMC area. Construction of 32,218 houses is at different stages.

210. Central government has awarded 23 awards under various categories to cities and towns in Telangana under Swachh Survekshan and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Similarly, under the awards given by the Union Urban Development Ministry for the cities developing at a faster pace, the municipalities in Telangana have secured 7 awards.

211. Under national level Swachhata League, Korutla, Alampur and Peerzadiguda have secured awards. In the awards under urban development, Telangana State stands at the second position. This is the result of various development programmes taken up by the government. I congratulate the officers and the organizations, who have secured these awards.

An amount of Rs.11,372 crore is proposed for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department in the Budget

Yadadri Divyakshetram

212. After the formation of Telangana, under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, another marvel unveiled before our eyes is the reconstruction of Yadagiri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple. This temple is one of the five Narasimha temples and is known for fulfilling the prayers of Telangana people. Yadagiri Narsanna is a household deity.

213. Hon'ble Chief Minister with his devotion and determination has transformed Yadagiri temple into heaven on the earth

considering that protection of sanatana dharma is a necessity and not a political exigency. With sapta tala gopuras, Krishna stone sculptures, the temple is full of spiritualism and is a feast to the eyes of the devotees.

214. After the Maha kumbh Samprokshanam in 2022, the devotees are having divya darshanam of the Lord. There is substantial increase in the number of devotees visiting the temple. There is no doubt that Hon'ble Chief Minister has secured a permanent place in the history of Telangana by reconstructing Yadagiri temple, which is a symbol of Telangana's spiritual eminence.

Construction of Buddhavanam

215. Since ancient times, Telangana was a major centre of Buddha and Jain religions. In the middle of Nagarjuna Sagar, which at one time was an abode of Acharya Nagarjuna, Telangana government constructed Buddhavanam in a magnificent manner. In an area of 274 acres, the Buddhavanam was constructed at a cost of Rs.71 crore. This project with special attractions and facilities is being visited by Buddhists and tourists from all over the country and the world.

Roads and Buildings

216. At the time of the formation of the State, the road length under the jurisdiction of Roads and Buildings Department was only

24,245 K.Ms. After the formation of the State, construction of 1,875 K.Ms of double lane roads has been taken up at a cost of Rs.2,727 crore. Construction of 1,684 K.Ms of roads has already been completed. Out of the 717 bridges taken up for construction at a cost of Rs.3,134 crore, construction of 350 bridges has been completed.

217. The government has taken up construction of integrated district offices complexes in 29 districts at a cost of Rs.1,581 crore. Out of these, 17 buildings have already inaugurated. The construction of 11 office complexes is in the final stage. Many prominent people have appreciated that the integrated district offices complexes in Telangana are much better than some of the State Secretariat buildings.

218. The naming of new Secretariat building constructed by the Telangana government after Dr.B.R.Ambedkar has received appreciations from all over the country. This seven-story building has been constructed with all modern facilities with a built-up area of 7 lakh square feet. The new Secretariat building will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on February 17,2023. I express appreciation to the officers, engineers and the workers for ensuring the construction of this building within a short period racing against the time.

219. Closer to the new Secretariat building, the government is erecting the Statue of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar with a height of 125

feet at a cost of Rs.147 crore. This statue of Babasaheb will stand as a symbol of pride for the entire nation. The government is determined to complete all works by this March end.

220. For perpetuating the memory of all those who sacrificed their lives for the attainment of statehood for Telangana, the government has constructed Martyrs Memorial at a cost of Rs.178 crore. This Memorial is ready for inauguration.

221. An amount of Rs.2,500 crore is proposed for maintenance and repair of roads by the Roads and Buildings Department.

Administrative Reforms

222. Hon'ble Chief Minister's aspiration is to ensure that government administration should be closer to the people and should discharge its duties in a very transparent manner. For administrative convenience, the erstwhile 10 districts have been reorganized into 33 districts.

223. In the State, new administrative units have been formed. These new administrative units include 153 Mandals, 35 Revenue Divisions, 8 Municipal Corporations, 87 Municipalities, 4,914 Gram Panchayats. Following the creation of these new units, administrative services are available at the doorstep of the people.

224. In accordance with the work load in the Roads and Buildings Department, there has been total reorganization along with the sanctioning of new posts.

225. With the reforms in the Revenue department through **DHARANI**, the number of cases relating to land disputes has come down to the minimum. With the integration of new registration system with the Revenue department, there has been an increase in transparency and check to corrupt practices.

Industry and IT Sectors

226. Telangana State has emerged as an attractive destination for national and international investments. The TS-iPASS Act has brought in revolutionary changes. It has improved significantly the ease of getting permissions for setting up industries. With the availability of 24-hour electricity, better law and order, stable and efficient administration, prominent national and international firms are showing interest in setting up units in Telangana. Under TS-iPASS, 22,110 industries have been given permissions so far. In the last eight and a half years, from the IT and other industrial sectors, Telangana attracted Rs.3,31,000 crore (USD 40 Billion) investments. With this, 22 lakh 36 thousand employment opportunities have been created.

227. Hyderabad has created a record in the utilization of office space as per the report prepared by the Oxford Economics. In the last eight and a half years, the value of annual IT exports from Telangana increased from Rs.57,258 crore to Rs.1,83,569 crore. Thus, there is an increase of 220 per cent in IT exports from Telangana.

228. It is also significant to note that there is an increase of 156 per cent in IT jobs in the State. The IT jobs in Telangana increased from 3,23,396 to 8,27,124 now. While the number of new IT jobs in the entire country was 4.50 lakh in 2021-22, Telangana alone accounted for 1,49,506 new IT jobs.

229. Telangana stands at first place by clocking a growth rate of 26.14 per cent in IT exports in 2021-22.

230. Apple, Google, Amazon, Microsoft and Facebook, the world's top 5 IT companies establishing their offices outside their main campus in Hyderabad is a significant development. Out of these, 4 companies have established their offices in Hyderabad after the formation of Telangana.

231. With the foresight of Hon'ble Chief Minister to spread the IT industry to tier-2 cities, IT towers have been constructed at Warangal, Karimnagar and Khammam. IT towers at Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda and Siddipet are under construction. These will become operational in the coming Financial year.

232. At the recently held World Economic Forum at Davos, Telangana attracted huge investments. Commitments have been made to invest Rs.21,000 crore in Telangana. My appreciation to the industries department for their efforts in attracting such investments.

233. Our government has established Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge to equip students with latest technical skills to enable them to secure suitable jobs. This Academy has trained 7,09,530 students so far.

T-Hub

234. Government is supporting young entrepreneurs with innovative ideas. Through T-Hub, WE-Hub, T-Works and RICH, the government is extending help to convert their ideas into innovations and to enable them to implement their ideas, which are useful to the society. After creating records in the country with novel innovations, T-Hub has now extended its activities. Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the innovative T-Hub 2.0. In the National Startup Awards, 2022 announced by the Government of India, T-Hub has secured the first place as 'The Best Incubator'.

235. Works relating to Pharma City, NIMZ, Kakatiya Mega Textiles, Electronic Manufacturing Clusters and in other industry clusters are going on at a brisk pace. In the next five years, the Government of Telangana has set a target of establishing 70 new industrial parks through TSIIC.

236. For small and medium industries, a Green Industrial Park has been established at Dandu Malkapur in an area of 570 acres. In this park, 400 MSMEs have invested Rs.1,200 crore. 15,000 people are employed in this park.

237. With a view to encouraging food processing, government has decided to establish 21 new special food processing zones in the erstwhile 9 districts of Telangana except Hyderabad. These processing zones will be established in an area of 7,150 acres. The necessary approach roads, internal roads, electricity, water facilities, go-downs, cold storage facilities will be provided to these parks.

An amount of Rs.4,037 crore is proposed for the Industries Department in the Budget.

Law and Order

238. Comprehensive development is only possible with the efficient maintenance of law and order. If the State is attracting investments like no other State, it is entirely on account of better law and order.

239. The government has created 31,198 new posts of police personnel till now. As part of Mega City Policing, it has been decided to further strengthen Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda Police Commissionerates. In these three Commissionerates, 56 law and order, 19 traffic police stations, 4 traffic ACP police divisions, 2 traffic DCP zones have been established. At the State level, Narcotics Control Bureau, Cyber Safety Bureau and Command and Control Centre have been established.

240. For proper surveillance, 9.8 lakh CC cameras have been installed in the State. Telangana has created a record in the country of installation of such a large number of CC cameras.

241. The building of the prestigious Command and Control Centre was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on August 4, 2022. The Command-and-Control Centre is working as a Hub with 24-hour state wide surveillance, monitoring and coordinating with other departments in the event of any calamity.

242. The State police personnel have received many national and international awards. Telangana police has become a role model for other States.

243. To take up effective measures in the event of any calamity, 18 new fire stations have been established in 2022. With this, the establishment of fire stations in all the Assembly Constituencies has been completed. All the fire licenses are being issued through the Web Portal.

An amount of Rs.9,599 crore is proposed for the Home Department.

Employees Welfare

244. Employees play a key role in the development of the State and they are partners in progress. Today, it is a matter of pride that the highest paid employees in the country are Telangana employees. Telangana employees are getting better salaries

compared with Central government employees and employees of other State governments. The extension of benefit of fitment to outsourcing, Anganwadi teachers, Asha workers and other lower-level employees along with government employees at the same time is done for the first time in the country.

245. Though the Centre has been imposing cuts in the release of funds and imposing various restrictions and despite huge commitments on account of welfare and development programmes, Telangana has never compromised the interests of employees and teachers.

246. On the request of employees and teachers, it has been decided to introduce new Employees Health Scheme (EHS) in the coming financial year. Employees Health Care Trust will be formed with the representatives from government, employees, teachers and retired employees. The modalities relating to this Trust will be formulated shortly.

Government Appointments on a Large Scale

247. Telangana government is implementing an effective mechanism to ensure that there is full justice to the local people in the government jobs. In accordance with this, with the determined efforts of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Article 371-D of the Constitution has been amended. This is an historic achievement for the Telangana government. Following this amendment, 2 Multi

Zones and 7 zones have been established in 33 districts. New recruitments are being done in accordance with this.

248. Previously, there was only 60 to 80 per cent reservation for locals. Under the new recruitment system being implemented now, 95 per cent of the government jobs will be filled up by the locals. This is a historic victory achieved by the state of Telangana.

249. The government has accorded sanction for filling up of 1,61,572 posts through direct recruitment from June, 2014 to February, 2022. Out of these, selection process has been completed for 1,41,735 posts. In addition to this, in March 2022, Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that 80,039 posts in different categories will be filled up. The recruitment process is actively going on. For the salaries of newly recruited employees, an additional amount of Rs.1,000 crore is proposed in the Budget.

250. As promised earlier, from April, 2023, the contract employees will be regularized and the pay scales of employees of SERP will be revised.

Concluding Remark

251. Whatever scheme that is taken up by the Hon'ble Chief Minister is only meant for the welfare of the people and not for any electoral gains. Along with the implementation of commitments made in the election manifesto, many schemes which find no mention in the manifesto, have also been introduced on

humanitarian grounds. Besides Dalit Bandhu, Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bhima, Kanti Velugu, KCR KIT, Nutrition Kit, Amma Vodi, Kalyanalakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, Aasara pensions to Bidi workers, Single women, Filaria patients and Dialysis patients, Rythu Vedikas, abolition of water cess, distribution of sheep to Golla Kuruma communities, distribution of fish seedlings, abolition of tree tax for toddy tappers, insurance scheme for handloom workers, many other schemes such as, 5 lakh accidental insurance to toddy tappers, drivers, building workers, fishermen, journalists, home guards and others, free pattas to those who constructed houses in government lands, construction of Atma Gourava Bhavans, increase in the honorarium to Anganwadi and Asha workers, home guards, supply of sanna biyyam to hostels, one medical college to each district have been taken up without any promise made in the election manifesto. In fact, the list of programmes not included in the manifesto but being implemented can go on and on. The credit goes to Hon'ble Chief Minister KCR and BRS government.

252. Facing many obstacles and challenges, Telangana is progressing well in an inspiring manner. The State has achieved many firsts within the short period of eight and a half years. The entire nation is in awe of the developments achieved in Telangana. Having led the movement for Telangana statehood, today the Hon'ble Chief Minister is piloting the chariot of development and leading the State with his foresight, creative thinking and

administrative acumen and is a constant source of inspiration to all of us.

253. Eight and a half year old Telangana has set an example to the entire country in development. It has ushered in a golden era in welfare programmes. Many programmes conceived and introduced by Hon'ble Chief Minister have received international recognition. People from other States are also demanding development on the lines of Telangana. Telangana model of development is getting accolades across the country.

254. Despite restrictions and discrimination by the Centre, Telangana has not compromised on the development and welfare programmes of the people.

255. Though disruptive elements in the country are trying to disturb communal and social harmony. Telangana is maintaining social and communal harmony by following 'Ganga Jamuna Tehzeeb'. There is no let up in our efforts to maintain self-confidence and people continue to repose their full confidence on our government.

256. Being satisfied with whatever progress we have achieved is not the character of a performing State like Telangana. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister always aims at new goals and takes strides towards achieving them. Let us dedicate ourselves to fulfill the lofty goals of our Hon'ble Chief Minister with the blessings of our people.

257. Telangana will forge ahead and play an important role in nation building in the years to come. Let us continue to work together without any rest for the upliftment of dalits, tribals, minorities, backward and weaker sections and poor people among the upper castes. In this noble and uncompromising task, I humbly request all the people of the Telangana to extend their full support and cooperation.

2023-24 Budget Estimates

258. In the Budget 2023-24, the total expenditure proposed is Rs.2,90,396 crore, Revenue Expenditure is Rs.2,11,685 crore and the Capital Expenditure proposed is Rs.37,525 crore.

259. I commend the Budget for 2023-24 for the approval of this Honorable House.

Jai Telangana

Jai Hind.