

Respected Speaker Sir,

1. With your permission, I present the budget estimates for the year 2011-2012.
2. Our Government has completed more than three years in office and in this period, the State has seen a marked development in different sectors.
3. Himachal Pradesh, under the BJP Government, has emerged as a leader and a role model of development in the country. Various prestigious awards and accolades won by the State Government at the national level, speak of the spectacular progress and performance of the State in various fields.
4. The State Government has not only fulfilled most of the promises made to the people on the eve of last Assembly Elections, but has even gone much beyond in accelerating the pace of development and ensuring welfare of the people by initiating innovative programmes and ambitious projects. Roads, Education and Health are the thrust areas of the Government and *Self-employment, Self-reliance and Self-respect* its motto.
5. I would request for the support and guidance of this august House to sustain the high growth levels attained by us in different sectors, so that we can strive for even better performance in the coming years.

**Economic
Scenario**

6. As against 8.0% growth in National GDP in 2009-10, as per the Union Budget presented in the Parliament recently, the growth in 2010-11 is likely to be 8.6%. While this does indicate a turnaround in the economy, high rate of inflation is a matter of serious concern. The average inflation during 2010-11 is likely to be around 9% as compared to 3.6% in 2009-10. While the Union Budget projects a fiscal deficit of 5.1% of GDP during 2010-11, which is better than the budget estimate, however, the large current account deficit is a cause of concern.

**Financial
Scenario in the
State**

7. In my last year's budget address, I had brought out the adverse impact of the 13th Finance Commission recommendations on the State's finances. Thereafter, this issue has been discussed in this august house at various occasions. The State Government has been repeatedly taking up with the Government of India, the issue of erroneous recommendations made by the 13th Finance Commission. Due to these efforts of the State Government, the Government of India has constituted a Group in the Planning Commission to explore a reasonable way of handling the Plan financing problem of the Special Category States. We have requested Government of India to expedite the report of this Group and take immediate necessary action on this issue. We have urged upon the Government of India to give the

State Government a special financial package of ₹2500 crore to tide over this serious problem.

8. Though the adverse 13th Finance Commission recommendations have impacted the State's finances, we have been able to manage our finances well with prudent financial management. We have limited our borrowings within the limits prescribed by the Government of India. We have consistently ensured that our cash balances with the Reserve Bank of India remain positive and no recourse has to be made to take any ways & means advance or overdraft from the Reserve Bank of India. As per revised estimates for 2010-11, our fiscal deficit is projected to be 3.47% of our GSDP, which is much below the budget estimate of 5.08%. Against the National GDP growth estimates of 8.6% for 2010-11, our GSDP is likely to grow at 9.0%. This is an indication of efficient management of the State's economy, despite the severe fiscal constraints.
9. High rate of food inflation in the country is a cause of concern. The food inflation rose to 18.32% in the week ending 25th December, 2010. While recently it has moderated to 10.39% in the week ending 19th February, 2011, it is still too high. There is no mention of any concrete policy to contain the high food inflation in the Union Budget of 2011-12. We hope that the Central

Government will take this issue seriously and take immediate appropriate remedial measures.

10. One way to partially insulate a common man from the inflationary pressures on food prices is to have a robust PDS in place with adequate provisioning of essential commodities, on the basis of number of families dependent upon the system and their actual requirements. It is a matter of concern that despite our repeated efforts, the Central Government is not allocating foodgrains, sugar and kerosene oil to our State as per our actual requirements.
11. Our Government is committed to insulate the masses from the capricious effects of rising prices to the extent possible. Strict action, as per law, would be ensured in case anyone is found hoarding or black marketing essential commodities in the State. The sale of fruits and vegetables in the State is exempted from VAT, while the essential food items attract a VAT of only 4%. The market fee is just 1%, which is one of the lowest in the country. The State Government is committed to implement the State subsidy scheme on dals, edible oils and salt.
12. Speaker Sir, I wish to reiterate our Government's commitment that the financial constraints will not be allowed to obstruct our vision for faster development. The fast pace of ongoing projects in different sectors is a proof

that our Government is committed to implement the promises made to the people of this State.

13. Despite the fiscal pressures, we have provided for an Annual Plan outlay of ₹3300 crore for 2011-12, as against the current year's approved outlay of ₹3000 crore.
14. Sector-wise priorities have been decided for the next year based upon consultations held on 27th and 28th January 2011 with the Hon'ble members of this august House.
15. The Annual Plan 2011-12 lays higher emphasis on infrastructure sectors such as power, roads and tourism, and on externally aided projects. The ensuing year would see the execution of new externally aided projects in the agriculture, tourism and environment sectors. Our effort would be to consolidate the gains from various ongoing development works in the State. Priority would be given to those construction works in the State which are nearing completion. Greater emphasis would be laid for effectively utilizing the funds available under various centrally sponsored schemes.
16. Hon'ble Speaker, I would now outline our achievements and strategies in important sectors.
17. For the people of Himachal Pradesh, the activities in the Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sectors continue to be the mainstay of livelihood as almost 70% of the population is dependent on these sectors. Our Government, through

its policies and programmes, is committed to raise the farm income and usher in prosperity in rural economy. **“Pandit Deen Dayal Kisan Bagwan Samridhi Yojana”**, a flagship scheme under implementation for the last two years, is bringing in a silent revolution in crop diversification. During 2011-2012, this scheme will focus on small and marginal farmers and weaker sections of the society.

18. A project on **“Crop Diversification Promotion”** funded through Japan International Cooperation Agency has been finalized and will be launched in 2011-12. The total project cost is ₹321 crore and it will be implemented over a period of seven years in a phased manner. Water Harvesting, Irrigation, Organic Farming, Post Harvest Management, Farm Access Roads and Institutional framework will be strengthened through this project.
19. Our Government believes that increase in production and productivity should be accompanied with provisioning of better marketing facilities to the farmers. A whole sale market for Apples and Vegetables will be established at Parala in Shimla District. A whole sale market for citrus fruits would also be established in the lower belt. Sub Market Yards and Collection Centres will be developed as per the needs of the farmers.

20. In 2011-12, an "**Organic Certification Agency**" will be established in the State. We will further strengthen our capabilities for soil testing to ensure that all farmers in the State have Soil Health Card by the end of 2012.
21. 37 kinds of fruits are being cultivated in the state. Every year around 4000 hectares additional area is being brought under horticulture. During the coming year, 1000 hectare area would be covered under '**Apple Rejuvenation Project**', which has been launched in the current year. During 2011-12, selected Government orchards will be developed as '**Centres of Excellence**' so that sufficient quality germplasm is available to the fruit growers; and horticulturists are encouraged to adopt new cultivation techniques. Special attention would be paid towards diversification of horticulture through promotion of medicinal plants and fruits - like papaya, pomegranate, kiwi and strawberry.
22. Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry will start an '**Institute of Bio Technology and Environment Science**' at Neri, in Hamirpur. The Institute will be developed in phases and will provide graduate degree courses in the fields of Horticulture, Environmental Management, Biotechnology, Microbiology and Food Science & Technology. This Institute will be developed on self financing basis and two degree courses will be

started from the academic year 2011-12.

23. Under '**Mukhya Mantri Arogaya Pashudhan Yojna**', a Veterinary Dispensary will be opened, in a phased manner, in each of the Gram Panchayat that does not have a Veterinary Institution. 1,272 such Panchayats have been identified and 187 new Veterinary Dispensaries have become functional so far. Nine hundred trainees are undergoing Veterinary Pharmacist training and four hundred seventy candidates will be trained in 2011-12. Never in the past, has such a large number of Pharmacists been trained systematically in the State.
24. In order to improve Quality of livestock and Milk production in the State, **Embryo Transfer Technology** will be adopted in the State. An **Embryo Transfer Technology Lab** will be established at Palampur at a cost of ₹2.90 crore. An advanced **Multi-disciplinary Veterinary Services and Farmers' Capacity Building Centre** will also be established at Palampur at an estimated cost of ₹10.00 crore. A Dry Milk Powder making Plant is being established at Rampur by HP Milk Federation at the cost of ₹2.90 crore.
25. Our efforts to involve temple trusts in running Gosadans have started showing positive results and the temple

trusts in Kangra, Una and Hamirpur Districts have played a leading role in this. In order to redress the problem of stray cattle, “**Registration of Cattle Scheme**” will be extended to the remaining six districts in the State.

**Watershed
Development**

26. Under Watershed Development Programme, 44 new projects for 2 lakh 37 thousand hectare land with a cost of over ₹356 crore have been approved by the Government of India in January, 2011. With a view to bring in synergy among different departments, in planning and implementing watershed development programmes, a multi-disciplinary **Project Implementing Agency** will be established in all districts in the State in a phased manner.

**Irrigation &
Flood
Protection**

27. Our agriculture based economy can achieve higher productivity levels only when we give priority for making requisite irrigation facilities available. An area of 2.30 lakh hectares has been brought under the command of irrigation schemes up to 31st January 2011. An outlay of ₹180.65 crore has been proposed during 2011-12 under minor irrigation schemes. In addition, a provision of ₹109.97 crore is proposed under major and medium irrigation projects. Irrigation facilities would be provided for 7000 hectare area during year 2011-12.

28. The Shahnehar Project is likely to be commissioned by March, 2012 for which ₹35 crore has been allocated. Balh Valley (Left Bank) project will be commissioned by March, 2012, for which an allocation of ₹17.00 crore is being made. An allocation of ₹17.97 crore has been proposed for Sidhatha project. This project is likely to be commissioned by June, 2012. The Changar Area Medium Irrigation Project in District Bilaspur will be commissioned by the end of March, 2011. Environment Impact Assessment studies are being carried out for Phina Singh project and the execution of this project will begin in 2011-12. An allocation of ₹ 20.00 crore is being made for this project. An allocation of ₹10.00 crore is being made for Nadaun project. The work on this project will also start in 2011-12.
29. A provision of ₹99.54 crore is being kept for flood protection works. Swan Channelization phase-II Project will be completed by March, 2012, with an outlay of ₹35.00 crore. Under the Command Area Development & Water Management programme, an outlay of ₹10.00 crore is proposed. An allocation of ₹3.00 crore is proposed for channelization of Seer Khad.
30. Under MNREGA, up to January, 2011, Job Cards to 10 lakh 11 thousand rural households have been issued. The

participation of women in this programme is nearly 55%, which is above the national average. During 2010-11, over ₹600 crore is likely to be spent in the State under the programme. During 2011-12, **Geographical Information System** based mechanism for planning and monitoring of development works under this programme would be introduced.

31. At Present, two skill development projects are being implemented in the State at a cost of Rs.3 crore. Up to January, 2011, 547 rural youth have been trained, out of which 372 have been employed. During 2011-12, more such projects would be implemented in various parts of the State. '**National Rural Livelihood Mission**' and '**Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana**' will be launched in the State during 2011-12.
32. During 2010-11, 9789 houses are being constructed in rural areas under the **Atal Awaas Yojana** and **Indira Awaas Yojana**. During 2011-12, an allocation of ₹17.94 crore has been made in the State Plan for these programmes.
33. Provisioning of hygienic environment and proper sanitation is one of the top priorities of the Government. So far, nearly 9 lakh individual household latrines have been constructed in the State. By the end of the financial year 2010-11, the State would achieve **100% Open**

Defecation Free status. During 2011-12, the focus would be on the sustainability of the Open Defecation Free status and solid-liquid waste management.

34. Our Government is committed to strengthen the Panchayati Raj Institutions, as we recognize them as basic units of local-self Government. In the recently concluded Panchayati Raj elections, because of reservation for persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and increase in reservation quota for women, many of the newly elected representatives are first timers in the Panchayati Raj system. The State Government has prepared a comprehensive plan for the training of elected representatives as well as functionaries of PRIs in a timely manner.
35. Takniki Sahayaks, appointed by the Panchayat Samitis, supervise the construction works at the Panchayat level. A minimum monthly income of ₹2500 has been ensured for them, on a commission basis. We have decided to enhance this minimum assured monthly amount to ₹4000 in case of Takniki Sahayaks with less than 8 years of empanelment and ₹5000 in case of Takniki Sahayaks with eight years or more of empanelment. This enhancement will become applicable with effect from 1st April 2011.

36. The Tailoring Teachers working in the Panchayats have been demanding an increase in their honorarium. We had earlier enhanced their monthly honorarium from ₹900 to ₹1100 in April, 2008. We have decided to increase it further to ₹1400 per month with effect from 1st April 2011.
37. During the last many years, the State Government and the Government of India has started several development schemes in various sectors, such as, rural development, water supply & sanitation, health, agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture etc. It has been felt that right information regarding various development schemes is not properly available in rural and far flung areas. Therefore, we have decided that, in every panchayat a '**Vikas Mitr**' will be made available, who will work as Information, Education and Communication Coordinator.
38. Out of the total hydro power potential of about 23,000 MW in the State, 6728 MW has been harnessed so far. Himachal Pradesh has been a pioneer State in attracting private sector investment in hydro power generation. During the current year, 18 Hydro Electric Projects with 1385 MW capacity have been advertised for allotment through international competitive bidding route. We have received a very good response and the allotment of these projects will be done soon.

Power

39. A high level monitoring committee under the chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary has been constituted to monitor the progress of Hydro Electric projects, so that there is no time overrun in the execution of these projects. By the end of 2011-12, we expect to add above 2106 MW to our existing installed capacity with the commissioning of two central sector projects, i.e., Chamera III 231 MW and Parbati-III 520 MW; eight private sector projects with more than 5 MW capacity each, i.e., Karcham Wangtoo 1000 MW, Malana II 100 MW, Budhil 70 MW, Kut 24 MW, Neogal 15MW, Sumej 14 MW, Upper Joiner 12 MW, Beas Kund 9 MW; three State sector projects, i.e., Ghanvi 10 MW, Bhaba Augumentation 4.5 MW and Bassi Augumentation 6 MW; and a number of small hydro projects with a total capacity of 91 MW.

40. An outlay of ₹461.60 crore is proposed for the energy sector during 2011-12, which is ₹107.23 crore more than the outlay of 2010-11.

Roads

41. Roads are among the top most top priorities of the State Government. In order to augment the road network in the State, besides the funds available under the State Plan, which includes projects under World Bank, NABARD and Central Road Fund, the funds under PMGSY and those for National Highways are being fruitfully utilized. In order

to expedite the forest clearances for construction of roads, such cases are reviewed at the level of the Chief Minister on a regular basis.

42. During 2011-12, 450 km. of motorable roads and 32 bridges will be constructed. 650 km. of roads will be tarred and cross-drainage facility for 460 km. of roads will be provided. In addition to this, renewal tarring of 900 km. of roads will be done.
43. During the current year, about 30 Ton of collected plastic waste was used for tarring of 42 km. of roads. During 2011-12, plastic waste would be used in tarring of 150 km. of roads.
44. A major challenge before the State Government is to strengthen the existing network of over 31000 km. of roads in the State and to provide connectivity to the remaining villages in a timely manner. The State Government is fully geared to meet this challenge. During 2011-12, a special emphasis will be placed on timely completion of ongoing works.
45. I propose a plan outlay of ₹603.68 crore under “Roads and Bridges” during 2011-12, which is ₹73.68 crore more than the outlay of the year 2010-11.
46. The Government of India has sanctioned ₹14 crore for establishing a modern Institute of Driving, Training and

Research. This institute will be established at Sarkaghat. An Inspection and Certification Centre has also been sanctioned by the Government of India for ₹14.15 crore. This centre will be established at Taradevi in district Shimla.

47. The Public Works Department has prepared a plan of action to install steel crash barriers and strengthen parapets at 170 chronic accident prone sites during 2011-12, to provide safety to travelers. An amount of ₹31.25 crore is proposed to be spent for this purpose in the year 2011-12.
48. In the rail budget of 2011-12, Government of India has only allocated ₹23 crore for Nangal-Talwara railway line, whereas there was a provision of ₹50 crore in the rail budget of 2010-11. The issue of sharing the funding of Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri railway line is yet to be resolved by the Government of India. The Government of India has not yet taken any decision on the mode of execution of proposed railway line project up to Leh, which needs to be implemented in view of its strategic importance. The State Government has repeatedly taken up these matters with the Government of India, including Planning Commission, for their early resolution. The State Government is committed to provide full support for the execution of

these projects.

49. Providing safe drinking water to its citizens is one of the priorities of the State Government. Till January, 2011, 39,893 habitations have been provided with drinking water facilities under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme and 13,312 habitations are yet to be covered under this programme. There will be a target to cover 2500 habitations during 2011-12. In addition to this, 2500 hand pumps will be installed in 2011-12 to augment the drinking water facilities. The augmentation work of urban water supply scheme for Nahan will be taken up during the year 2011-12. It will be our endeavour to provide piped water supply to all households in the State in a phased manner.
50. Our Government has taken a policy decision to hand over 21734 hand pumps to the Panchayats and for the maintenance and minor repair of such hand pumps, Panchayats would be paid @ ₹200/- per hand pumps annually. We have decided to involve the Panchayats in the management, operation & maintenance of water supply schemes. There are 7940 such schemes in the department. Such schemes will be handed over to the Panchayats in a phased manner for maintenance and operation.

The Panchayats will engage “Jal Rakshaks”, for this purpose.

51. Under sewerage schemes, during 2011-12, the emphasis will be on completion of those schemes which are nearing completion and on providing the last mile connectivity from the sewerage lines to the households. A plan outlay of ₹224.50 crore is proposed for drinking water and sewerage schemes during the coming year.
52. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to the welfare of the underprivileged and weaker sections of the society. An amount of ₹816.00 crore will be spent during the year 2011-12 under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan.
53. Next year under social welfare pension scheme, a provision for providing pension facility to 25000 additional eligible applicants will be made so that no pension case remains pending and no eligible applicant has to wait for getting the pension benefit.
54. For the integrated development of villages with more than 40% population of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, a new scheme, namely “**Mukhya Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna**” will be launched. Under this scheme, during 2011-12, required infrastructural facilities in terms of road net work, water supply, sanitation and street lights will be developed in a coordinated manner in 136 villages so that

**Social Justice
and
Empowerment**

two villages in each Assembly Constituency can avail benefits under this scheme.

55. With a view to relieving the poor women belonging to below poverty line scheduled caste families from the drudgery of collecting fuel wood, we have decided to launch “Mata Shabri Mahila Shashaktikaran Yojana”, under which 50% subsidy will be given to such women for purchase of a new LPG gas connection and stove. This will also facilitate improvement of environment. During 2011-12, 5000 families will be assisted under this scheme.
56. **“Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls”-SABLA** will be implemented on pilot basis in Solan, Kangra, Kullu and Chamba Districts, selected by the Government of India. Under the scheme, an integrated package of services like supplementary nutrition with iron-folic acid and health education, vocational and skill development training and referral services will be provided to adolescent girls through the network of ICDS.
57. We have approved a new policy for the welfare of disabled persons in the State. The vision of this policy is to see Himachal Pradesh as an inclusive and enabling society where persons with disabilities get adequate opportunities and their participation at all levels in the

society is ensured.

58. Our Government is committed to comprehensive development of poor sections of the society. We will consider setting up of “Saamanya Nirdhan Varg Kalyan Aayog” in the State.
59. From the next year, appropriate mechanism will be established to implement Gender Responsive Budgeting in the Departments of Social Justice & Empowerment, Drinking Water, Sanitation, Health, Higher Education, Technical Education, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.
60. Our Government is committed to the socio- economic development of tribal people. An outlay of ₹297.00 crore has been kept for the Tribal Sub Plan during 2011-12. An amount of ₹12.50 crore will be spent for the improvement of Roads & Bridges and strengthening of electricity infrastructure in the border blocks of Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti Districts in 2011-12.
61. The construction of one Eklavya Model Residential School each in Pangti-Bharmour and Spiti is proposed during 2011-12. 40 new handloom weaving and hand knitting centres for scheduled Tribes women will be opened during 2011-12 at the cost of ₹1.65 crore.

**Tribal
Development**

62. Himachal Pradesh's achievements in the education sector have been well recognized at various forums. State Government is focusing on improving the quality of education at all levels. An allocation of ₹307.01 crore under plan and ₹2857.53 crore under non-plan, i.e., a total allocation of ₹ 3164.54 crore has been made for the education sector in 2011-12, which is ₹597.54 crore more than the previous year.
63. The Information Communication Technology project is being implemented in 628 Government senior secondary schools in the State with the objective to improve and strengthen the teaching-learning activities. 618 more schools will be covered under the project during 2011-12. Vocational courses will be introduced in 63 Government senior secondary schools in 2011-12 with a view to improving the employability of students after they pass out from the schools. 10 Degree Colleges at district level will be strengthened as Centres of Excellence by providing better infrastructural facilities. Career counselling cum guidance cells will be set up in all colleges.
64. While the Government has opened up a large number of schools all over the State, still at some places, the students have to travel a long distance to attend the school. With a view to encourage such students to attend

the school, we have decided that the students attending a school which is between 5 to 8 km. from their home by bus, will be entitled for a “**Protsahan Chhatravriti**” of ₹200 per month and the students travelling beyond 8 km will be entitled for ₹300 per month. The actual amount to be given per month to a student will be in proportion to his attendance in the school in the previous month.

65. The honorarium of part time water carriers, appointed after 2001, was increased by our Government from ₹750 per month to ₹1000 per month on November 1, 2008. We have decided that their honorarium will be enhanced to ₹1200 per month w.e.f 1st April, 2011. This will benefit nearly 7323 part time water carriers.
66. The contract teachers in the education department have been asking for salary of the vacation period for quite some time. The education department also has para teachers, primary assistant teachers and gramin vidya upasaks, who are not entitled for the salary of vacation period under the present policy. We have considered the matter and have decided that the contract teachers, para teachers, primary assistant teachers and gramin vidya upasaks will be eligible for salary of the vacation period from the next academic session. This will benefit 5431 contract teachers, 3582 primary assistant teachers, 1322

gramin vidya upasaks and 2050 para teachers who will now get salary for 52 days' vacation period in a year. Therefore, a total of 12385 such teachers will receive a financial benefit of about ₹25 crore per annum.

67. Gramin Vidya Upasaks have been asking for regularization, upon completion of 8 years of service. We have decided that Gramin Vidya Upasaks, who have completed 8 years of service as on 31st March, 2011, will be regularized.
68. During 2011-12, 5000 new PGT, TGT and C&V teachers will be recruited.
69. The primary assistant teachers have also been asking that they should be provided requisite training, so that they could be eligible for the post of JBT. We have decided that 3582 primary assistant teachers working in the education department would be provided training in a phased manner to enable them to discharge their duty effectively.
70. For such school buildings in the State, which are in dilapidated condition, the existing mechanism of declaring such buildings "Unsafe" will be simplified and the powers to declare buildings unsafe will be delegated to the concerned Head of Department and the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned districts.

71. Technical Education has received a major boost during our Government's time. The newly established Technical University at Hamirpur has started functioning. B-Tech. course in Chemical Engineering will be started in the Government Engineering College, Sundernagar from the academic session 2011-12. The I.T.Is at Ghumarwin & Sandhole will be made functional from the academic session 2011-12. We are actively pursuing with the Government of India to set up an IIIT in the State.
72. The State Government has decided to establish '**Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Institute of Engineering & Technology**' at Pragati Nagar, District Shimla. This institute will be run on the pattern of Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, Punjab. This Institute will impart technical education in Certificate, Diploma and Degree courses. The main focus of this Institute will be on those disciplines which will provide greater job opportunities to students in Hydro Power Projects. Three trades at certificate level and two trades in Diploma will be started from the academic year 2011-12.
73. Speaker Sir, Our health sector indices are one of the best in the country. During the last three years, we have taken several initiatives to improve the health facilities in the State. "**Atal Swasthya Sewa**" provides a single number facility by which free ambulance service is made available

in the State, in case of medical emergencies, by dialing 108. This service is available round the clock with state of art facilities including well equipped ambulances and trained manpower. As of now, this service is at present available in ten districts and it will be extended to the whole State, with the total number of ambulances increasing to 108.

74. The “**Matri Sewa Yojana**” has been combined with the transportation assistance under “**Atal Swasthya Sewa**” scheme, which has resulted in increase in institutional deliveries from 52% to about 63%, and this is likely to increase to 75%. Number of hospitals for institutional deliveries will be increased from 75 to 100. With the increase of institutional deliveries, we hope that there will be a major reduction in the Infant Mortality Rate and Maternal Mortality Ratio in the state.
75. Initial months in the life of a new born baby are important for his or her well being. Many children suffer from various diseases during this time and their timely care is of utmost importance. We will start a new scheme in 2011-12 to provide free medical care in all Government Health Institutions in the State for all infants.
76. Our Government has achieved many mile-stones in field of medical education. A new Cath laboratory will be started in IGMC, Shimla from the next year. A ₹ 150 crore

project has been sanctioned under “**Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha**” Yojana to develop Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda on the pattern of AIIMS. Under this project, foundation stone has been laid for establishing a 200 bedded Super Specialty Hospital with an estimated cost of ₹80 crore. We will start Doctorate of Medicine (DM) in Cardiology and Master of Cheirology (M.Ch.) in Cardio-Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) in IGMC, Shimla.

77. With sustained efforts of the State Government including “**Beti Hai Anmol**” scheme, the sex ratio in the State has improved and it is now 922. Our efforts in this direction will continue in future.
78. The facilities for ayurvedic treatment have been expanded in the State so that the people could choose between allopathic and ayurvedic treatments. A Plan outlay of ₹156.42 crore is proposed for Health and Ayurveda sectors in the next year.
79. Tourism is a major industry in the State. During 2011-12, our priority will be to develop those projects which contribute substantially to the economy, without altering our unique culture, social, architecture and environmental heritage, through the Tourism Development Board. For promoting rural tourism and to generate employment opportunities in the rural sector, we plan to converge the

role and activities of Tourism Department with the other related Departments. The State Government will publicise and promote the brand “**Unforgettable Himachal**” in a big way.

80. The Asian Development Bank has approved a financial assistance of about ₹428 crore to the State for developing tourism related infrastructure. The project aims at improving the economic growth and provisioning of livelihood opportunities for local communities through tourism infrastructure development, with a focus on preservation of cultural heritage. The execution of the first phase of the project has already been initiated. The works under this phase include development of parking lots, tourist information centres, camping sites, treks, birds watching towers at Pong Dam and restoration of Masroor temple, etc.
81. We plan to develop way-side amenities along the National and State Highways in the State. The facilities like parking, eating joints, information kiosks, gift shops, toilets etc. would be developed under this scheme.
82. Our Government has been according high priority to the promotion of art and culture in the State. To preserve valuable ancient Monuments and Archival collections, an Archival Museum will be established in the State. We will take further steps to promote Pahari Miniature Art form.

83. Our Government is extremely sensitive and sincere towards preserving the forest wealth, protecting the environment and maintaining ecological balance. Our vision is to conserve the pristine Himalayan environment and to keep the wheels of progress constantly moving.
84. Controlling the monkey menace has emerged as a big challenge for the State Government. 26969 monkeys have been sterilized till the middle of January 2011 at the centres at Tutikandi, Sastar and Gopalpur. About 7200 more monkeys are targeted for sterilization by the end of March 2011, by when another centre at Una will also become operational.
85. During 2011-12, the allocation of funds to the State under CAMPA is likely to be over ₹40 crore. Our effort has been that these funds are fruitfully utilized for the welfare of people. Next year we will start “**Congress Ghaas Hatao – Charagah Badhao**” scheme under which, congress grass, lantana etc. will be comprehensively removed from the affected areas. This will result in improved pasture availability for thousands of migratory grazers and local villagers across the State. Planting of trees and bamboo in these areas will further benefit the rural poor and boost their livelihood enhancement options. Water conservation works under CAT Plan schemes will help in improving the availability of water during summer months and

complement the VAN SAROVAR scheme taken up by the forest department under MNREGA.

86. The Plan outlay for the Forestry and Wild Life sector for the year 2011-12 has been kept at ₹120.08 crore.
87. We have decided to set up “**Aryabhatta Geo-Informatics & Space Application Centre**” at Shimla, in collaboration with “Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Application & Geo-informatics”, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, to facilitate the use of spatial and geo spatial technologies for decision making and planning of developmental activities in the State. The Centre would function as a nodal agency for the use of these technologies for the sustainable development, besides serving as a repository of data relating to natural resources in the State.
88. We have also decided to set up another “**Centre for Climate Change**” to enhance the capacity of the State to respond to and meet the challenges and opportunities provided by climate change. The Centre would promote research and generate reliable scientific data base relating to the sectors vulnerable to climate change like agriculture, horticulture, forest, etc. Besides carrying out active research in the areas of disaster management and glaciers, the Centre would also work towards evolving appropriate strategies towards climate change.

89. The State Government has posed a project proposal, amounting to ₹900 crore, to the World Bank for environmentally sustainable development of Himachal Pradesh. This project proposes research in environmentally sustainable development and strengthening knowledge base for improved decision making, strengthening river basin management approaches for improved water resources management, promoting energy efficiency and conservation through renewable and alternative sources of energy for low carbon economy, etc.

Industries

90. Speaker Sir, this august house is well aware that the incentives, to the industries in the State, of exemption from Central Excise Duty were curtailed up to March, 2010 by the Government of India. We have been making earnest efforts to get these incentives restored up to March, 2013 and have been repeatedly requesting the Government of India for the extension of the industrial package up to 2020.

91. The work of setting up of an Inland Container Depot (ICD) at a cost of ₹58.00 crores at Baddi by the Container Corporation of India is nearing completion. For setting up of “**Common Effluent Treatment Plant**” in Baddi area, a proposal of ₹80.50 crore has been sanctioned by the

Government of India and work has been started. The work on construction of labour hostel for women at the cost of ₹11.00 crore and setting up of trade centre at the cost of ₹10.81 crore is in progress at Baddi. Good quality power supply is being ensured to the industries in the State. A land bank, comprising of 7945 bighas of land, has been created for setting up of industrial units.

**Employment
Generation and
Labour Welfare**

92. Increasing self employment opportunities, strengthening the industrial development and incentivizing the investments in the hydro power and tourism sectors are the cornerstones of the Government's policy to further the employment opportunities for the youth and unemployed in the State.
93. For the benefit of the youth seeking employment, the position of vacancies in different private sector institutions is being listed on the website of the Department of Labour and Employment. For meeting the requirements of unskilled manpower in the private sector, the interviews are being organized at different employment exchanges and Rozgar Melas are being organised in association with the private sector. The Department of Labour and Employment is closely monitoring the implementation of the Government policy to provide 70% employment to Himachalis in industrial establishments and hydro electric projects.

94. The law and order situation continues to be good and is well under control. Constant vigil is being ensured so that emerging security challenges are effectively handled. Our security forces continue to maintain round the clock vigil in Chamba district along J&K border.
95. Police recruitment is being done on a regular basis. Recruitment of 1309 constables for the 6th IRB has been recently completed and 300 more constables would be recruited in the next few months. ₹18 crore has been earmarked for police housing and thana buildings in the next year. We have prepared a Police modernization plan of ₹26 crore for 2011-12 to improve mobility and communications, buy modern weapons and improve the capabilities of forensic laboratories. ₹ 21 crore has been earmarked during 2011-12 for upgradation of judicial infrastructure.
96. Speaker Sir, the Government is committed to keep high morale of the forces. The daily rank allowance of the home guard volunteers had not been revised for the last 22 years. We have decided to increase the daily rank allowance of Company Commander, Senior Platoon Commander, Havaldar and Section Leader from ₹5 to ₹25, ₹4 to ₹20, ₹3 to ₹15 and ₹2.5 to ₹10 respectively.

97. In order to improve the capacity of Civil Defence Volunteers, we will establish a State Level Training Institute near Shimla. The land for this purpose has been earmarked and the civil work will begin shortly.
98. We are committed to provide a clean and responsive administration and will not tolerate any corruption in the public services delivery. Strenuous attention is being given to improve conviction rates in criminal cases including those involving narcotics smuggling.
99. Our Government has decided to implement the e-stamping system to replace the existing non-judicial stamp papers. In the first phase, the system will be introduced in the selected Sub-Registrar Offices in Shimla and Solan Districts. “Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited” will be the Central Record Keeping Agency to over see this project.
100. The survey and settlement operations, using the latest “Electronic Total Station” and “Global Positioning System” technology, are proposed to be taken up in a phased manner, in Sirmour, Mandi and Hamirpur districts of the State. The tender for procurement of modern equipments has been finalized and work will be started shortly.
101. **“Digitization of Cadastral Maps”** is nearing completion in Sirmour and Chamba districts; 100% scanning work of available Musavis has been completed and the

digitization and integration of Musavis with Records-of-Rights is in progress. Now it has been decided to take up the digitization work in Mandi and Hamirpur Districts.

**Urban
Development**

102. The State Government is committed to ensure greater public participation, especially of the women, to strengthen the urban local bodies for meeting the challenges of urbanization. For the first time in the State of Himachal, direct elections were held for the posts of President and Vice President across the Municipal Councils and Notified Area Committees.

103. With a view to decentralizing the planning functions to the local bodies, the State Government is in the process of revamping the existing Town & Country Planning Act. There is a need to rationalize multiplicity of map approval authorities and to simplify the regulatory regime to cater to the contemporary realities. Accordingly, a notification has been issued to transfer the task of map and building plan approvals to **Single Umbrella Committee** in Municipal Corporation Shimla, along-with rationalization of the regulatory regime. This will bring urban governance and planning closer to public and provide relief to common man. Soon, the rationalization of regulatory regime will be expanded to all urban local bodies in the State.

**Information
Technology**

104. We are committed to use IT as a tool to promote transparency and accountability in Government. An e-

Procurement mechanism is being set up for procurement and tendering process in the Departments of PWD, IPH and Controller of Stores. In order to facilitate citizens to make payments of various Government charges and dues through online payment mode, a **State e-Payment Gateway** portal is being developed. The facility for online payment has already been started this year, for the assesseees in the Department of Excise and Taxation. The examination process of HP School Education Board is being computerized.

105. In order to provide specialized information on crop management to the farmers, AGRISNET portal has been developed which provides online expert advisories in the field of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and fisheries. All 77 block development offices in the State are being connected through the Video Conference facility.
106. The project for providing Unique Identification Number to the citizens has been launched in five districts of Hamirpur, Una, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi in the State in collaboration with the Unique Identification Authority of India. The entire population of the State, including those living in remote areas, is targeted to be covered by June 2012. This project would be of great help in properly targeting the genuine beneficiaries under various Government programmes.

**Youth Affairs
and Sports**

107. State of the art sports infrastructure is being developed in the State. Astro-turf hockey court will be laid at Una. Taraflex Volleyball, Howa Badminton courts and Judo mats will be provided in all the indoor stadia. Play grounds will be developed in all Panchayats to promote sports activities and to facilitate all round development of children. Indoor stadium facilities will be provided at District headquarters in a phased manner, depending upon the availability of land. The Ice-Skating facilities at Shimla will be improved. Adventure sports like Paragliding, River Rafting and other adventure activities will be organized, especially in the remote and tribal areas with a view to boost adventure tourism and to provide employment opportunities to the local youth.

Sainik Welfare

108. The welfare of Ex-Servicemen, serving soldiers, war widows and gallantry award winners has always been our priority. We would undertake the construction of composite Sainik Welfare Bhawan at Dharamshala. We have requested the Government of India for establishing a CSD Depot in Himachal Pradesh.

109. At present Dogra Regiment is located at Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh. Himachali Ex-Servicemen from Dogra Regiment face problems in availing various facilities being extended by the Regimental Centre. We have taken up the matter with the Defence Ministry for shifting the Dogra Regiment

Centre from Faizabad to a suitable place in Himachal Pradesh.

110. Our Government remains committed to increase employment avenues for Ex-servicemen both in the Government and non-Government sectors. Our Government has been continuously pursuing the case with Government of India to increase the recruitment quota in the Armed Forces for Himachal Pradesh.

**Employees and
Civil Service
Pensioners
Welfare**

111. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to the well being and welfare of its employees and pensioners. Even before the 5th pay commission recommendations were received, we had released 20% interim relief to our employees and pensioners in anticipation of increase in salaries and pensions. Previous Government made no such attempt to release any interim relief. Due to release of 20% interim relief by our Government, ₹1140 crore had already been paid on account of arrears of salary and pension.

112. After revising the salary and pension in line with 5th pay commission recommendations, we have released ₹20,000 each to every employee as part of pay arrears and 20% arrears to pensioners so far. This resulted in an out go of about ₹525 crore. The prevailing high rate of inflation leading to release of 18% DA in the current year would

result in an outgo of about ₹1000 crore on this account. Had the inflation stayed within normal limits, a substantial portion of this amount could have been utilized for part payment of arrears of salary and pension.

113. I can understand the anguish of employees and pensioners for the delay in release of their outstanding amounts. In the JCC meeting held on 5th March 2011, the employees have once again raised their pending issues with the Government, including the release of 5th pay commission arrears. I must thank the employees for cooperating with the Government and appreciating our problem due to inadequate financial devolution by the 13th Finance Commission.

114. We realise that the Class IV employees are relatively more in need of release of these arrears. I accordingly announce that 100% arrears of Class IV employees will be released in this month itself. For Class III employees, their arrears will be released in this month to the extent that the total released arrears, including ₹20,000 per employee released earlier, come to 40% of the total arrears. On similar lines, the officers will be paid 30% of the total arrears. In case of all pensioners, 20% additional arrears will be released in this month, thereby, making a cumulative release of 40% of arrears. The payment of

these arrears would result in an out go of about ₹550 crore. In unfortunate cases, where an employee or pensioner has died, the entire outstanding amount of arrear will be paid to the legal heir(s) in lump sum within a month.

115. Regularization of contractual employees and daily waged employees is being done as per a fair and transparent policy. In the next year, contract employees and daily wagers who have completed eight years service on 31st March 2011 would be regularized.
116. The process of filling up 800 posts of clerks in different departments, through limited direct recruitment from amongst eligible Class-IV employees has already been started. Another tranche of 800 posts of clerks would be soon filled through this mechanism. Apart from increasing the promotion avenues for Class-IV employees, this would go in a long way in better utilization of existing manpower with the Government.
117. Housing facilities for the non-gazetted employees need to be augmented at the District and below District levels and there is also a need to properly maintain these houses. An allocation of ₹10 crore is being made for this purpose for the next year. Out of this, ₹8 crore will be spent on augmentation of housing facilities and ₹2 crore on

maintenance. To begin with, such construction work would be taken up on priority at Dharamshala in Kangra District. For the welfare of employees, our Government will consider creation of a Employee Welfare Board.

**Administrative
Reforms &
Grievances
Redressal**

118. We have decided to enact legislation namely “**Himachal Pradesh Public Services Act**”, for ensuring the delivery of certain key public services to the citizens within the prescribed time frame. Simultaneously, thrust will be given for capacity building of the Government employees responsible for the delivery of these services. The Office Manual would be updated to bring it in line with the contemporary practices and to facilitate the use of modern technological tools.

**Excise &
Taxation**

119. Most of the tax revenue of the State is collected through the Excise and Taxation Department. While making efforts to broaden the tax base, it will be our constant endeavour to simplify various procedures and bring in transparency and efficiency in tax administration. The Department will make more use of information technology, make efforts to curb tax evasion and leakages, and modernize the interstate check posts. The e-return and e-registration facilities will be made available to all the dealers in the State. The facility of e-declaration will be made available to all the dealers and industrialists importing goods from other States so that entry at the

check posts is smooth and least time consuming.

120. Speaker Sir, I now come to the macro budget estimates. As required under the FRBM Act, I am separately presenting the Medium Term Fiscal Plan of the State Government for the period from 2010-11 to 2013-14.
121. As per budget estimates for 2011-12, the total revenue receipts are estimated at ₹14093.51 crore and the total revenue expenditure is estimated at ₹14042.46 crore, leaving a surplus of ₹51.05 crore on the revenue account. On the capital account the total expected receipts shall be ₹2076.82 crore and total capital expenditure including loan repayments is ₹2666.01 crore. The fiscal deficit for 2011-12 is expected to be 2.70% of the Gross State Domestic Product.
122. Total expenditure estimate for 2011-12 is ₹16708.47 crore. The estimated expenditure on salaries is ₹5881.66 crore, estimated interest payments are ₹2150.58 crore, loan repayments are expected to be ₹960.84 crore and pension expenditure is estimated at ₹2210 crore.
123. As per the budget estimates, against an expenditure of every 100 rupees, the State will have 84.35 rupees as total revenue receipts including transfers from the Centre. The gap of ₹15.65 will have to be met by borrowings. Out of every 100 rupees of State revenue receipts, 28.67

rupees will accrue from own tax revenues, 14.15 rupees from non-tax revenues, 14.62 rupees from share in Central taxes and 42.56 rupees from Central grants. Out of every 100 rupees spent, salaries will account for ₹35.20, interest payments ₹12.87, loan repayments ₹5.75, pensions ₹13.23 and the remaining ₹32.95 will be spent on developmental works including other activities.

Conclusion

124. The full details of the next year's budget are available in the comprehensive budgetary documents being tabled in this august House. I would now like to summarize the main highlights of this Budget and our Government's achievements and initiatives:

- **Himachal Pradesh has won various prestigious awards and accolades at the national level.**
- **Against the estimated national GDP growth rate of 8.6% during 2010-11, the State's GSDP growth rate is likely to be 9%.**
- **Total Budget outlay for 2011-12 is ₹16708.47 crore.**
- **Annual Plan size for 2011-12 proposed at ₹3300 crore.**
- **State's fiscal deficit for next year projected to be**

2.7% of GSDP.

- **State expected to remain in revenue surplus for 2011-12.**
- **To combat food inflation, the State subsidy on dals, edible oils and salt will continue.**
- **Infrastructure sectors of Power, Road, Tourism and externally aided projects to receive higher emphasis in Annual Plan 2011-12.**
- **“Pandit Deen Dayal Kisan Bagwan Samridhi” Yojana to focus on small and marginal farmers along with weaker sections of society.**
- **“Crop Diversification Promotion” project of ₹ 321 crore to be launched in 2011-12.**
- **Organic Certification Agency to be established in 2011-12.**
- **“Apple Rejuvenation Project” to cover additional 1000 hectares in next year.**
- **Wholesale market for Apples and Vegetables to come up at Parala, Shimla. For citrus fruits, wholesale market will be established in lower hills. Sub market yards and collection centres**

will be developed as per requirements.

- **Dr. Y.S. Parmar Horticulture and Forestry University will start “Institute of Bio Technology and Environmental Science” at Neri, Hamirpur, next year.**
- **“Mukhya Mantri Arogaya Pashudhan Yojana” being implemented successfully; all Panchayats to have veterinary dispensaries in a phased manner.**
- **“Embryo Transfer Technology Lab” and “Multi-disciplinary Veterinary Services and Capacity Building Centre” to come up at Palampur.**
- **Multi-disciplinary Project Implementation Agency will be established in each district for watershed development works.**
- **An outlay of ₹180.65 crore for minor and ₹109.97 crore for medium & large irrigation schemes.**
- **Balh Valley (Left Bank) project to be completed by March, 2012.**
- **Changer Area Medium Irrigation project to be completed by March, 2011.**

- Shah Nehar project to be completed by March, 2012 and Siddhata project by June, 2012.
- Swan Channelization Phase-II to be completed by March, 2012. Flood protection works worth ₹ 99.54 crore to be taken up.
- “National Rural Livelihood Mission” and “Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana” to be launched in 2011-12.
- Allocation of ₹17.94 crore under “Atal Awaas Yojana” and “Indira Awas Yojana” for providing rural housing.
- State to become open defecation free by March, 2011.
- Minimum assured monthly allowance of Takniki Sahayaks to be increased from ₹2500 to ₹5000 for those with eight years or more empanelment. For Takniki Sahayaks of less than eight years of empanelment, the assured minimum monthly allowance to be increased to ₹4000.
- Honorarium for Tailoring Teachers to be increased to ₹1400 per month w.e.f. April 1, 2011.
- Outlay of ₹461.60 crore for power sector next

year – an increase of ₹107.23 crore over current year.

- Addition of 2106 MW to the installed capacity expected in year 2011-12.**
- Allocation for roads and bridges proposed at ₹603.68 crore next year – an increase of ₹73.68 crore over current year.**
- 450 km. of roads and 32 bridges to be constructed next year.**
- Tarring of 150 km of roads to be done using plastic waste during 2011-12.**
- ₹31.25 crore for improvement of identified 170 chronic accident prone sites in 2011-12.**
- Allocation of ₹224.50 crore next year for drinking water and sewerage.**
- State committed to provide piped water supply to all households. Target to provide drinking water facilities to 2500 habitations next year.**
- 2500 hand pumps proposed for 2011-12.**
- Greater participation of Panchayats in management and maintenance of water supply**

schemes and hand pumps. Panchayats to engage Jal Rakshaks.

- **Schedule Caste Sub Plan size increased to ₹816 crore for the next year. Tribal Sub Plan increased to ₹ 297 crore.**
- **Provision for providing social security pension to 25000 additional eligible applicants, next year.**
- **“Mukhya Mantri Adarsh Gram” Yojana to be launched to provide infrastructure facilities in villages with more than 40% SC and ST population.**
- **50% subsidy to be provided on purchase of LPG connection and stove for SC women living below poverty line under “Mata Shabri Mahila Shashaktikaran Yojana”.**
- **SABLA to be implemented on pilot basis in Solan, Kangra, Kullu and Chamba districts.**
- **Outlay for education sector increased by ₹597.54 crore. For 2011-12, ₹3164.54 crore outlay proposed.**
- **“Protsahan Chhatravriti” to encourage students**

to attend schools.

- Honorarium for water carriers increased from ₹ 1000 per month to ₹ 1200 per month.
- Vidya Upasaks completing 8 years of service by March 31, 2011 to be regularized.
- 5000 new PGT, TGT and C&V teachers to be recruited in 2011-12.
- Salary for vacation period of 52 days, to be provided to contract teachers, primary assistant teachers, gramin vidya upasaks and para teachers. 12385 teachers to get a total benefit of about ₹25 crore per annum.
- “Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Institute of Engineering and Technology” to come up at Pragati Nagar, Shimla.
- Special emphasis on maintenance of school buildings.
- Plan outlay of ₹156.42 crore for Health and Ayurveda sector.
- “Atal Swasthya Sewa” to be extended to the whole state next year.

- Free medical care for all infants in Government Health Institutions from next year.
- “Unforgettable Himachal” brand to be promoted in a big way to boost tourism.
- ₹428 crore to be spent on developing tourism related infrastructure through ADB assistance.
- Way side amenities to be created along highways across the State.
- Plan outlay of ₹120.08 crore for Forestry and Wild Life for next year.
- To remove congress grass, lantana etc. from affected areas at comprehensive level – “Congress Ghaas Hatao - Charagah Badhao Yojana” started.
- “Aryabhata Geo-Informatics & Space Application Centre” to be set up at Shimla.
- “Centre for Climate Change” to be established to evolve appropriate strategies towards climate change.
- An Environment Plan of ₹900 crore to be implemented in ensuing years through World

Bank.

- **The construction of Common Effluent Treatment Plant at Baddi to be expedited.**
- **Police Modernization plan of ₹26 crore for next year.**
- **Rank allowance of Company Commander, Senior Platoon Commander, Havaldar and Section Leader of Home Guards to be increased.**
- **Modernization of Revenue administration will be a key priority.**
- **100% payment of arrears to Class IV employees.**
- **Class III employees to get 40% arrear payments and officers to get 30% payment of arrears.**
- **All pensioners to get 40% arrears.**
- **Contract employees and daily wagers, completing 8 years of service by March 31, 2011 to be regularized as per norms.**
- **1600 posts of clerks to be filled from among Class IV employees through limited direct recruitment.**

- **₹10 crore allocated for augmentation of housing facilities of non-gazetted employees, next year.**

125. Speaker Sir, I have delineated multifarious achievements of our Government along with our vision of spearheading a fast pace of inclusive development of the State. Our emphasis is to bring the benefits of development to uplift the welfare of “*Aam Aadmi*”. Despite the adverse award of the 13th Finance Commission and the financial constraints, we have ensured comprehensive development through prudent financial management. Numerous achievements during the last three years of our Government, speak of our commitment to deliver the promises that we made to the people of Himachal Pradesh. We will not only consolidate upon the progress made so far but also ensure that the pace of development is further accelerated.
126. We are committed to providing clean administration and good governance by involving greater public participation. Our founding belief is of promoting an environment friendly inclusive socio-economic development of the State.
127. This budget must be viewed as a statement of our pledge to serve the people of Himachal Pradesh. I dedicate this budget to the people of my State and seek the

cooperation of everyone to join hands in building “**Sabse Upar Himachal**”.

128. With these words Mr. Speaker Sir, I commend this budget to this august House.

Jai Hind.

Jai Himachal.
