

Respected Speaker Sir,

1. With your permission, I rise to present the budget estimates for the year 2012-2013.
2. Our Government has completed more than four years of its tenure. On this occasion I am happy to state that, Himachal Pradesh in the last four years has emerged as a leading state in socio-economic development in the country. This fact is corroborated by the conferment of fifty eight awards to the State by various prestigious National and International agencies and Government of India in various fields such as Education, Health, Environment Conservation, e-Governance, Tourism, Women's Empowerment, Conducive Investment Climate, Employment Generation and Poverty Alleviation. I dedicate these awards to the officers, employees and common citizens of the state for their efforts which have brought these laurels to the State.
3. The State Government has been able to achieve remarkable progress in the thrust areas of health, education and environment, and we have also lived up to our motto of *self-employment, self-reliance and self respect*.
4. I request for the continued support of this august House for maintaining the momentum of growth in the State and taking the State on a path of yet greater progress and self reliance in the coming years. I would like to inform the House that this year for the first time we have introduced a consultation process with the citizens for preparation of the budget by inviting their suggestions.
5. Speaker Sir, we are committed to have a responsive, transparent and accountable government. In order to ensure the time bound delivery of services to the people of the State, we have implemented the **H.P. Public Services Guarantee Act, 2011** which stipulates the time limit within which the concerned Government servant has to provide the notified service to the applicant and it also prescribes penalties if the same is not done. In order to make the Act more effective we have made a provision of second appeal before the State Chief Information Commissioner, while in many other states these powers lie with the respective Heads of the Departments. So far we have brought the services of 12 departments under this Act.
We have also prepared Training Action Plans for all the departments under the State Training Policy so that the employees are equipped to live up to their responsibilities and deliver better services to the people.
6. Our government is committed to zero tolerance towards corruption and to achieve this objective we have passed the **Himachal Pradesh Special Courts (Attachment and Confiscation of Property) Bill, 2011** and sent it for the assent of H.E. the President of India. Under this bill, provision for attachment and confiscation of property acquired

**Good
Governance**

by a public servant through corrupt means has been made.

7. In order to bring more transparency and accountability in government functioning, we have adopted the Performance Monitoring & Evaluation System (PMES), under which all the Departments are required to prepare a Results Framework Document (RFD) every year to ensure that the agreed objectives, policies and programmes are achieved in a time bound manner. This process has already been started and 37 departments have prepared their RFDs for 2011-12 and these are available on their websites. In the next financial year all the government departments, boards and corporations will be brought under this system. I am sure this new system of result based monitoring will help in better delivery of services to the public.
8. The e-Samadhan system has been effective in redressing the grievances of public. So far, more than 33,000 grievances and demands received under this system have been resolved in the last three years. Further improving upon the system, now the applicant is even informed about the latest status of the grievance. In cases where mobile number of the applicant is available even automated SMS is sent.
9. For the convenience of the general Public, our Government has revived the "Prashasan Janta ke Dwar Par" scheme under which District and Sub-Divisional level teams hold field camps in remote areas at a focal point of 4 to 5 Panchayats to attend to the issues raised by the public on the spot.
10. In order to provide Government services at the doorstep of the citizen, Lok Mitra Kendras have been set up at the Panchayat level. Services such as issuance of Nakal Jamabandi, payment of water and electricity bills, submission of grievances through e-Samadhan are being provided through around 1281 Lok Mitra Kendras in the State. It will soon be possible to obtain copies of various certificates from the Lok Mitra Kendras. New services like issuance of Learner's License, Employment Exchange Registration, payment of BSNL bills etc. will be started soon.

A State Services Delivery Gateway (SSDG) will be established soon to enable citizens to apply online for various Government services. Payments, if any, can also be made online. We have already identified 49 services of 14 departments to be made available through this portal. Further, a Mobile Service Delivery Gateway (MSDG) will be started soon to enable the citizen to apply for various Government services through mobile phone also.

**Economic
Scenario**

11. Speaker Sir, I am concerned with the deteriorating national economic scenario. As the Hon'ble Members are aware, the central government had projected a GDP growth rate of 8.6%, in the year 2010-11 but actually the growth rate has been only 8.4%. The inflationary situation and investment slowdown has led to this downward revision. The growth rate is expected to further decelerate to 6.9% in 2011-12 due to the poor

management of the national economy by the central government. In the 3rd quarter of 2011-12 the growth rate has come down to a low level of 6.1%. The manufacturing sector grew by only 0.4% in the third quarter of 2011-12 which has adversely affected the collection of central taxes and our share in the same. The condition of Govt. of India can be summarised in the following lines:-

ता उम्र 'गालिब', यह भूल करता रहा।
धूल चेहरे पर थी, आईना साफ करता रहा।

**State
Economy**

12. The implementation of the Pay Commission recommendations has impacted the finances of all the States including Himachal Pradesh. Moreover, the erroneous recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission under-estimating the committed liabilities of the State have further adversely affected the finances of the State. Had the Thirteenth Finance Commission given us an increase equal to that of the other states, the state would have received an additional transfer of ₹10,725 Crore in five years. We have urged upon the Government of India to give us a special financial package of ₹5214 crore for two years to mitigate the impact of adverse recommendations of the Finance Commission. However, I regret to state that no assistance has been received so far in this regard.

Our government has also been taking up the issue of divergent pattern of funding under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) amongst the Special Category States. I would like to apprise this august House that the funding pattern under CSS for the Special Category States of North-Eastern region is 90:10 between the Government of India and the State Governments. However, the same has not been extended to Himachal Pradesh, despite our repeated requests. We are being given less central assistance under these schemes on the lines of non-special category states. Nevertheless, the following lines of Respected Atal ji gives us hope:

पुष्प कांटों में खिलते हैं, दीप अंधेरो में जलते हैं
आज नहीं प्रहलाद युगों से, पीड़ाओं में पलते हैं।

13. As we are all aware, Himachal Pradesh has finally been granted justice through the landmark judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on our long standing rightful claim on the BBMB project. We have sent a claim of ₹3997 crore to the Government of India as the claim due to us since 1966 as per this judgement.
14. However, despite the financial constraints we have ensured that there is no slowdown in the development of the State. Due to prudent financial management, the State Government has ensured that our cash balances with Reserve bank of India remained positive throughout the year and the State treasury functioned smoothly. Moreover, as

per the revised estimates for 2011-12 our fiscal deficit is projected to be within the ceiling of 3%, as per requirements of FRBM Act. On the other hand, the fiscal deficit of the central government for 2011-12, which was estimated to be 4.6%, will now actually be 5.9%. Thus Government of India is not following the same parameters which it is applying to the state governments.

15. The indicators of fiscal health of the State are the debt-GSDP ratio and debt servicing-GSDP ratio. The debt-GSDP ratio which stood at 63% in 2007-08 has come down to 46% in 2010-11. Further, the debt servicing (loan repayments and interest payments) to GSDP ratio has come down from 8% in 2007-08 to 5% in 2010-11. Speaker Sir, I would like to inform the House that in the past four years the debt liability of the State has increased by only ₹5366 crore while in the five year term of the previous government it had increased by ₹.8032 crore. This shows that we are managing the economy of the state well despite the severe financial constraints.
16. Speaker Sir, I would also like to inform this august House that in the past four years the State economy grew at an average rate of 8.3% taking the GSDP of the State from ₹33963 crore in 2007-08 to ₹54695 crore in 2010-11. Further, the growth rate in 2011-12 is expected to be 7.6% which is much higher than the national estimate of 6.9%. As a result of this fast pace of growth the per capita income of the State has increased from ₹43966 in 2007-08 to ₹65535 in 2010-11 and is expected to be ₹73608 in 2011-12 which is 20% higher than the national level of ₹60972. Thus in the last five years the income of the people of the State has increased by almost 30,000 rupees per capita which is a reflection of the growing prosperity of the people of the state.
17. The country's inflationary situation for food and other commodities has been bad in the last few years and is getting worse. The prices of essential food items have been persistently increasing which has badly affected the common man. In the absence of any concrete policy for management of prices by the UPA Government, there has been an increase of 57.6% in the inflation from 2007 to 2012. Speaker Sir, I would like to remind the Hon'ble members that during the five year period of NDA Government from 1999 to 2004 under the able leadership of Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the inflation was kept under control and this increase was only 20.8%.
Further, although the State has 11.17 lakh Above Poverty Line (APL) Ration Card holders, the Union Government is releasing rice and wheat quota to the State on the basis of only 7.43 lakh ration cards, despite our repeated requests. This has adversely affected the availability of food grains under the public distribution system. However, our Government is committed to insulate to the extent possible the masses from the capricious effects of rising prices. We are providing three dals, two edible oils and salt

**Inflation and
State Food
Subsidy**

to all the ration card holders at subsidized prices. In 2012-13, I am proposing a provision of ₹130 crore for this subsidy.

18. In order to streamline the Public Distribution System in the State, we will take up computerization of the PDS system to monitor the supply chain from FCI godowns to Fair Price Shops (FPS) so that the food grains reach the targeted population in time. Himachal Pradesh as we know is deficient in production of some food commodities and these have to be imported from outside the State. In order to ensure sufficient availability of stocks of such commodities, we will bring appropriate amendments in the existing control orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. This will not only improve the availability of these stocks but also serve as a check on the prices of these commodities.

**Annual
2012-13**

Plan

19. Speaker Sir, I would like to reiterate the commitment of our Government that fiscal constraints will not be allowed to hinder the fast pace of development in the State. Sir, I would like to say that:

मँजिलें उन्हीं की होती हैं,
जो राहों में जोखिम उठाते हैं।
कांटों की सेज पर ही,
फूल ज़िन्दगी के मुस्कराते हैं।

20. The year 2012-13 is the first year of the 12th five year plan. We have proposed a total outlay of ₹22800 crore for the 12th plan to the Planning Commission, which is an increase of 65% over the 11th Plan. In this plan our focus areas will be education, health, roads, energy, irrigation, drinking water supply and agriculture. I would like to add here that the 10th Five Year Plan prepared by our Government in its previous tenure was 70% higher than the 9th Plan while the previous Congress government had increased the 11th plan by only 33% over the 10th plan.

21. We have provided for an annual plan outlay of ₹3700 crore for 2012-13 as compared to the current years approved outlay of ₹3300 crore which marks an increase of 12.12%. The Annual Plan for 2012-13 lays higher priority on sectors such as agriculture, power, roads, education and health. I would like to inform the Hon'ble Members that 12.98 % of the annual plan has been allocated by us for agriculture and allied activities which is much higher than other states and has even been appreciated at the national level.

22. Many international agencies have come forward to partner the State in its growth efforts due to our Government's performance. Externally Aided Projects are being implemented in the sectors of Agriculture, Forests, Irrigation, Power, Roads and Tourism with assistance from World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Japan

International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The World Bank has also extended the Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project (MHWDP) with an additional funding of ₹175 crore and an extended coverage of 102 additional Panchayats in the State.

Besides this, in 2012-13 we expect to get funding under a ₹950 crore Development Policy Loan (DPL) from the World Bank for the Green Growth of the State. Also, the Government is at an advanced stage of negotiations with Asian Development Bank for the Urban Development Policy Loan of ₹450 crore to strengthen the Urban Local Bodies in the State. Similarly, in the power sector, negotiations have been completed for funding from KfW (Germany) for ₹950 crore to the HP Power Corporation Ltd. to give a boost to power generation. All these new EAPs are also expected to be sanctioned in 2012-13.

23. Sector wise priorities of the 2012-13 plan have been decided based on the consultations held with the Hon'ble members of this house. Accordingly, I am proposing an allocation of ₹450 crore for 2012-13 under RIDF compared to ₹350 crore in 2011-12, to give a further boost to infrastructure development in the State.

24. As the Hon'ble Members are aware, the **MLA Local Area Development Fund** of ₹30 lakh per year is allotted for every constituency which at present can be spent within the constituency only. I now announce that from the next financial year this fund will be enhanced to ₹50 lakh and the Hon'ble members will also be authorised to recommend funds for development works anywhere within the district.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would now like to present our major achievements and strategies for development in the coming year in the different sectors:

**Information
Technology**

25. The State Government has been making steady advances in e-Governance for efficient and speedy delivery of Government services to the citizens in a transparent manner. We have successfully implemented e-Procurement in PWD, IPH and Controller of Stores. I would like to inform the Hon'ble Members that as per analysis done by IPH and PWD, almost 10% of savings have been made through e-Procurement. Seeing its success this system will be rolled out in more Departments, Corporations and Boards in a phased manner.

**Judicial
Administration**

26. We are committed to improving the infrastructure of the judicial courts and to take measures for improvement in delivery of justice. I am proposing a provision of ₹15.64 crore in 2012-13 for State Judicial Academy, Alternate Dispute Resolution Centres Lok Adalats/Legal Aid, Mobile Courts and Training of Judicial Officers. In addition, I propose an outlay of ₹13 crore for construction of judicial buildings.

Agriculture

27. Agriculture, Horticulture and Allied sector continues to be the mainstay for the people of Himachal Pradesh as almost 70% of the population is dependent on it. Our

Government is committed to increasing agricultural income and prosperity in the rural areas. The Government of India has fixed a target of 4% for agriculture growth rate. In comparison the growth rate of agriculture in Himachal Pradesh is more than 5% whereas at the national level the agriculture growth rate this year has been only 2.5%. Thus agriculture is growing at a fast pace in Himachal Pradesh.

28. Our Government is implementing the ₹353 crore Pandit Deen Dayal Kisan Bagwan Samridhi Yojna for the last three years which has revolutionized the economy of farmers and orchardists. Up to December 2011, a total of 9610 poly houses and 4171 Micro farm Irrigation Systems have been established under this scheme. For 2012-13 I propose a budget outlay of ₹50 crore for this scheme.
29. We have launched a ₹321 crore technical assistance programme with the support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in order to give further boost to crop diversification. The project focuses on crop diversification, water harvesting, organic farming, irrigation etc. It is being implemented in five Districts viz. Kangra, Mandi, Hamirpur, Una & Bilaspur.
30. We are making efforts to provide marketing facilities to the growers close to their farms to enable the farmers to get remunerative prices. The rate of market fee in the State is lowest (1%) as compared to the neighbouring States, being 4.5% in Punjab and 4% in Haryana. The construction of 6 Sub Market Yards at Chauri Bihal, Bandrol, Haripurdhar, Nohradhar, Jukhala and Tapri has started at an approximate cost of ₹ 13.33 crore. We are encouraging the private sector also to put up marketing infrastructure in the State for which necessary provision has been made in the APMC Act.
31. Soil Health Management and Organic Farming shall continue to be the major focus areas of our Government. These initiatives shall improve the soil fertility status which will help in higher productivity. So far 25000 farmers have been registered for organic farming and an area of 12000 ha has been brought under organic farming in the State. 4.09 lakh vermi composting units have been set up upto 2011-12. Soil Testing Service has also been included in the Service Guarantee Act. So far, more than 5 lakh 'soil health cards' have been issued.
32. Watershed development programmes have enabled multi-cropping and the introduction of diverse agro-based activities thereby providing sustainable livelihoods to the people residing in the watershed area. For watershed development, the State Government has prepared a perspective plan for development of 31.12 lakh hectare land at a cost of ₹4668 crore for which in-principle approval has been received. Out of this in the last three years 131 projects have been sanctioned at a cost of ₹1035 crore.

**Watershed
Development**

Horticulture

33. We are taking measures for diversification of horticultural activities in the State and for increasing productivity through special emphasis on promotion of advanced horticulture technology. I am glad to inform this august House that in recognition of the meritorious performance by the State in the field of '**Adoption of Integrated Approach in Development of Horticulture**', the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, has awarded Himachal Pradesh as one of the best performing States under the Horticulture Mission.
34. For diversification in horticulture, an additional area of 4000 ha. is being brought under different fruit crops. Under 'Apple Rejuvenation Project', assistance amounting to ₹10.50 crore has been provided for rejuvenation of senile apple orchards to increase their productivity in 1500 ha area in the last two years.
35. Under the Market Intervention Scheme, for 2012-13, I propose a budget of ₹14 crore. If necessary additional budget shall be provided for this purpose to ensure timely payment to the orchardists. Apart from this, to facilitate orchardists to transport fruits from interior areas to the markets, a survey will be conducted for possibility of use of Aerial Ropeways for transporting their produce to the road heads.
36. To compensate for losses caused to Apple crop by the vagaries of weather, the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme shall be extended to insure against hail storms in the development blocks of Theog, Jubbal Kotkhai, Narkanda and Rohru and to insure against cloud bursts in the blocks of Rampur and Chirgaon in Ravi 2012-13 on a pilot basis.

Animal Husbandry

37. Speaker Sir, Livestock sector plays an important role in the improvement of the economy of farmers. Animal Husbandry Department is providing Animal Health and Veterinary Services through a network of 2137 Veterinary Institutions and 1012 Veterinary Dispensaries opened under Mukhya Mantri Arogya Pashudhan Yojana in the Gram Panchayats. During the next financial year, Veterinary Dispensaries in the remaining 230 Gram Panchayats will be opened under this scheme.
I propose a budget outlay of ₹224.20 crore for Animal Husbandry for the year 2012-13.
38. A project amounting to ₹8.67 crore under Integrated Dairy Development Project (IDDP) has been approved for Hamirpur, Kinnaur & Solan districts. A new project amounting to ₹2.95 crore for Bilaspur District under IDDP and another amounting to ₹4.51 crore under Clean Milk Program (CMP) for Sirmour, Mandi & Shimla will be taken up in 2012-13.
39. The H.P. State Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation is promoting Dairy Development through 759 societies having a total membership of 34909. I would like to inform the Hon'ble Members that as a consequence of the steps taken by our

government, milk procurement has increased by 76% from 139 lakh litres in 2007-08 to 245.00 lakh litres in 2011-12.

40. A Milk Processing Plant and Milk Powder Plant at Rampur and a new Cattle Feed Plant near Bhoranj will be made operational soon. Milk Chilling Plants are being set up in Chauntra and Seraj Blocks and Milk Processing Plants are being set up at Nalagarh and Jangalberi which will be made operational in 2012.
41. Our Government has progressively increased milk procurement rates from ₹10.80 in 2007-08 to ₹16.80 per litre in 2011-12. This is giving direct financial benefits to nearly 35000 families. I announce a further increase in the procurement price of milk by ₹1 per litre w.e.f. 1st April 2012. To ensure this I am increasing the grant to the Milkfed from ₹10 crore in 2011-12 to ₹11 crore in 2012-13.
42. Sales of sweetmeats and milk products at present are taxed at 13.75%. In order to encourage local production and marketing of these products, I announce that the rate of VAT on sweetmeats and milk products manufactured and sold by manufacturers, milk federations and co-operative societies will be reduced from 13.75% to 5%.
43. In order to give a further boost to milk production in the State and encourage local initiative in processing and marketing, I announce that all Cooperative Societies engaged in milk collection, processing and marketing will be given a grant equal to the market fee deposited by them with the Agriculture Marketing Board by the State Government.
44. Wool Fed procures wool from the sheep herders in the state in order to ensure that they get proper returns for their produce. I announce that procurement price shall be increased by 10% for which a grant will be provided to the Wool Fed. This shall benefit 14000 sheep herders of the state. Sir, I would like to say:

जिन्दगी की असली उड़ान अभी बाकी है,
इरादों का इम्तहान अभी बाकी है,
अभी तो नापी है मुट्ठी भर जमीन,
अभी सारा आसमान बाकी है।

Fisheries

45. Himachal Pradesh possesses vast resources in the shape of rivers, streams, lakes, reservoirs, and village tanks/ponds which provide great potential for development of fisheries. There are around 6000 fishermen who operate in our river waters. Fishermen welfare schemes such as accident insurance, close season assistance and risk fund shall be continued in the next financial year also.
46. A new project namely 'Cage Culture' has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of ₹6.68 crore. This shall be implemented through 4 fishermen co-operative societies in

Gobind Sagar and Maharana Pratap Sagar reservoirs.

47. The Fisheries department provides the feed for the farming of trout fish. To encourage this activity I announce a reduction in the sale price of trout feed by 15%. This will reduce the cost of the feed for the people doing fish farming.
48. Speaker Sir, in order to provide more transport facility in rural areas and to provide self employment opportunities we have started the “**Mukhya Mantri Gramin Parivahan Yojna**” under which route permits for operation of buses will be granted. These permits will be given at reduced rates of taxation. Further, for meeting the social obligation towards concessional pass holders a payment of a fixed monthly amount of ₹1000 for 17 seater, ₹1500 for 22 seater and ₹2000 for 29 seater buses shall be made. In order to simplify the procedure for grant of these permits, district level committees have been constituted.
49. During 2011-12, ISBT Tutikandi and bus stands at Sundernagar, Rampur and Anni have been made operational. In 2012-13, new bus stands at Dharampur , District Mandi and Jubbal will be made operational. Besides this to ensure safe bus travel in the state a Model Inspection and Certification Centre will be established at Taradevi, Shimla at a cost of ₹12.6 crore.
50. We shall give priority to construction of new and modern bus stands in 2012-13 for the convenience of the passengers. Construction of bus stands at Hamirpur, Una and Parwanu has been awarded on PPP basis. Also, modern bus stands on similar basis are proposed to be developed at Manali, Chintpurni, Baddi, Rohru, Bilaspur, Nalagarh and Baijnath. Besides these, the development of bus stands at Swarghat, Mehre, Sandhol and expansion of bus stand at Karsog, Barcchwad (Sarkaghat) and Kotli shall be taken up by the H.P. Bus Stands Management & Development Authority.
51. HRTC plays a very important role in providing passenger transport to all parts of the State and also extends concessional travel facility to various categories. To further facilitate the passengers, 100% online booking for all types of buses originating from various locations in the State has been started. This facility is also available through Lok Mitra Kendras. Besides this, HRTC is also operating 21 taxis in Shimla town for the convenience of Senior Citizens, Patients and Persons with Disabilities. In view of the services being rendered to the people of the State by HRTC, I announce the enhancement of their grant and equity from ₹113.65 crore in 2011-12 to ₹135 crore in 2012-13.

**Health and
Ayurveda**

52. Speaker Sir, our health indices are among the best in the country and continue to improve due to our sustained efforts during the last four years. As a result of interventions like Atal Swasthya Sewa Yojna, Matri Sewa Yojna and setting up of Matri

Sewa Kendras, the State has recorded a drop of 15% in IMR in the last three years and there has been a drop of 11% in the last one year only which is the highest in the Country. The child sex ratio has increased from 896 to 906, institutional deliveries have gone up to 71%; fertility rate has dropped to 1.9 and population growth rate from 2001-11 has been only 12.81%. All these indices indicate the continuing success of initiatives taken by our Government. During 2012-13, in order to provide best possible health care services to the people, I am proposing a budget of ₹1054.27 crore for the Health Sector. This constitutes an increase of almost 25% over the last year.

53. During 2012-13, I propose to further strengthen the on going programmes so as to provide better healthcare to women and the new born. Under the Matri Sewa Yojna I announce that free healthcare will be provided in the Government Health Institutions to all new born babies and their mothers up to age of one year.
54. Speaker Sir, the Atal Swasthya Sewa Yojna has proved very effective in the State. In the last two years nearly 1.20 lakh patients have availed the benefit of this free service. I propose to further expand the fleet of ambulances from 108 to 135 in 2012-13. These 27 new ambulances will provide inter-facility transfer services from District/Sub District Level to Higher Health Care Institutions. An expenditure of approximately ₹17 crore shall be incurred on this scheme in 2012-13.
55. To meet the health needs of the students the Mukhya Mantri Vidyarthi Swasthya Karyakaram shall be further strengthened. Convergence would be built with other programmes so as to give greater focus on preventive care of every child going to Government Educational Institutions. All children shall be provided de-worming medicines free of cost and special attention shall be paid to their dental health.
56. For strengthening the reach of health services in tribal and remote areas our Government proposes to put in place mobile diagnostic units with fixed day services. Efforts will also be made to setup Telemedicine Centres to provide Specialist Medical advice to our medical practitioners posted in these areas. We also propose to build residential accommodation in remote and these areas for the employees of the Health Department.
57. Continuing with our efforts to ensure availability of health care to all, the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana will be expanded to cover more than 3 lakh additional beneficiaries taking its total number to more than 4 lakh by extending the scheme to MGNREGS workers, building and other construction workers, domestic workers, street vendors, Ekal Naris & persons with more than 70% disability. As you may be aware Sir, the scheme only provides for a cover of ₹30,000 per family for expenses on hospitalization in Government and recognized hospitals. Beside this, the State

Government has made provision for a further cover of ₹1,75,000 at its own level for expenses on critical ailments like cancer, renal failure and cardiac problems to the smart card holders.

58. We have been making sustained efforts to strengthen medical education in the State. During the last four years the total number of M.B.B.S seats in the two Government Medical Colleges has gone up from 115 to 200. Similarly Post Graduate/Diploma seats have gone up from 39 to 127 which is more than a 3-fold increase. We have also introduced Super-Specialty Medical Education [MCh/DM] in IGMC. Further, two new Medical Colleges at Nerchowk and Kumarhatti will become functional in the state during 2012-13. Work on the new Super-Specialty block at Dr. RPGMC, Tanda at a total cost of ₹150 crore will be completed during the coming year.
59. Post Graduate students and Senior Residents in medical colleges besides pursuing their PG/teaching activities are also actively involved in patient care services. They have been requesting for enhancement of their stipend. I, therefore announce that the stipend paid to first year PG students will be increased from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 PM, for second year students from ₹16,000 to ₹27,000 PM and for third year students from ₹17,000 to ₹30,000 PM. Similarly, the remuneration of Senior Residents will be increased from a fixed ₹35,000 PM to ₹40,000 in first year, ₹42,500 in second year and ₹45,000 PM in the third year.
60. Keeping in view the emergency services provided by the allopathic doctors I announce a bi-monthly reimbursement of ₹350/- for use of mobile phone under the HP Government CUG scheme. I also announce that the higher education allowance of post graduate doctors shall be enhanced.
61. Demands have been received from staff nurse, pharmacist, and lab technician cadres to have them changed from state cadre to district cadre. Hence I announce that Health department shall take necessary steps for declaring them as district cadre in discussion with their respective associations.
62. We have also taken several steps to strengthen the Ayurvedic system of medicine in the state. A new integrated Ayurveda Hospital with a capacity of 50 beds at Hamirpur and a B.Sc. Nursing College in Paprola are being established. We also propose to strengthen 300 Ayurvedic Dispensaries in the State for which an allocation of ₹15.15 crore has been made. Steps will be taken to remove the anomaly in the pay of the lecturers in the Ayurvedic college vis-a-vis the Ayurvedic Medical Officers.
63. Revenue Administration is an area in which people have their greatest interaction with the government. It is the constant effort of our government to bring about improvements in the policies and procedures governing this interaction. We have

amended the HP Land Revenue Act, 1954 making it possible to enter and attest mutations at Tehsil level. Consequent changes in HP Land Records Manual have been made making it possible for registered transactions related to land to be immediately entered in the land records. New Land Records and Registration Manuals will be brought out in 2012-13 so that trouble free service to the public can be given using information technology.

64. **We have for the first time laid down guidelines for the issue of Dogra, Sikh, and Muslim certificates. Now these certificates can be issued on the basis of certification by their respective notified organisations/local bodies. This will facilitate the people belonging to these communities to avail benefits of various government schemes, especially that of recruitment in Military and Para-Military forces. These certificates shall have a life time validity.**
65. The rate of Stamp Duty on mortgage deeds (without possession), family settlement deeds and exchange of land in the villages has been reduced with a minimum of ₹100 and maximum of ₹1000. This has brought enormous relief to the rural population of the State.
66. We have started the e-stamping system in Shimla and Solan Districts on pilot basis and will now extend it to the whole of the State. This will obviate the need for repeated visits to the treasury offices.
67. Digitization of Cadastral Maps being an integral part of computerization of Land Records, it has been decided to convert the existing musavis into digital form so that copies of Records of Rights along with maps could be made available to the land owners. Besides Digitization of Cadastral maps in Chamba & Sirmour, this work has also been taken up in Hamirpur & Mandi. An estimated expenditure of ₹6.88 crore will be incurred in these four Districts for this purpose.
68. Presently, there are 924 revenue chowkidars working in the department. The services of 650 of them have been converted to daily waged. I now announce that the remaining 274 revenue chowkidars will also be converted to daily wager in the next financial year. The Government will be spending an amount of ₹3.62 crore in 2012-13 for this purpose.
- The Nambardars have been playing an import role in Revenue and other matters. Keeping in view this service being provided by them I announce that the Senior Nambardars will be given 'Samman Rashi' of ₹2000 per year.
69. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to the welfare of underprivileged and weaker sections of the society. To give a further boost to this commitment, this year we have created separate departments for Woman and Child Development and for

SC, OBC and Minority Affairs.

70. I have allocated an amount of ₹914.64 crore under Schedule Caste Sub-Plan during 2012-13 as compared to ₹816 crore for 2011-12 which marks an increase of over 12%.
71. Providing Social security to the needy has been the top priority of our government. Since our Government took over, the benefit of social security pension has been extended to nearly 1,04,156 new beneficiaries and the total number of beneficiaries in the State has increased to 2,77,817. As soon as we took over we enhanced the monthly support from ₹200 to ₹300 and then to ₹330. Now I announce a further increase in the monthly pension from the present ₹330 to ₹400 per month with effect from 1st April 2012. I also announce that pension for older persons above 80 years of age will be raised to ₹600 pm.

The persons with severe disability have to face many difficulties in life irrespective of their economic status. I announce that from next financial year all those persons with more than 70% disability and who are not in Government employment and not receiving any other pension will be given social security pension without any income restriction. I have kept a budget provision of ₹147 crore for providing social security pensions in 2012-13. Sir,

ज़िन्दगी के पथ पर, कुछ ऐसा किया जाए।
जो वेद पुराण की तरह, सुबह शाम पढ़ा जाए।

72. The population of senior citizens in the State is growing rapidly and is about 9% of the population of the State. To strengthen their legitimate position in the society and help them lead a life of dignity and peace, it is proposed to formulate a **State Policy for Older Persons**. For proper running and maintenance of old age homes and day care centres for older persons, 'An Integrated Scheme for Senior Citizens' will be introduced which will prescribe minimum standards to be maintained in such institutions and financial norms for release of grant to NGOs.
73. Drug abuse amongst the youth has emerged as a serious problem in some parts of the State. In order to create awareness about the ill-effects of drug abuse we will launch a special mass awareness campaign in schools, colleges and through the mass media. Voluntary organisations will be encouraged to set up De-addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centres. Effective steps shall also be taken to cut the supply chain of drugs through strict legal and punitive action. To check the use of tobacco in the state, I propose to increase the VAT on cigarettes and other tobacco products from 16% to 18% and on Bidis from 9.75% to 11%.

74. To keep the youth away from drugs and for their physical development it is necessary to provide a direction to their energies by providing them with appropriate opportunities. In order to do so I announce the establishment of a Gymnasium in every Panchayat and Urban Body at a cost of ₹50,000/- each for which nearly ₹17 crore shall be spent. Apart from this, provision shall be made in the guidelines for sanction of funds for this purpose under MLA Local Area Development scheme.
75. Our Government has taken several policy decisions for improving the condition of women and children in the State so as to ensure healthy nation building. We are implementing various schemes aimed at empowerment of women. We are introducing provisions for grant of two additional increments to the employees who adopt permanent family planning measures after the birth of upto two children, both of them being girls. Similarly several steps have been taken to curb female foeticide in the State such as monitoring of ultrasound clinics, incentive of ₹25000 and ₹20000 for adopting permanent family planning after birth of first girl child and second girl child respectively and award of ₹10,000 to informer under PNDT Act.
76. We have also started the **Beti Hai Anmol** scheme in which an amount of ₹5100 each is deposited in post offices on birth of upto 2 girls in BPL families. Further they are given an education scholarship of ₹300 to ₹1500 per annum for education upto Class XII. Now I announce that under Beti Hai Anmol scheme, ₹10,000 will be deposited in the post office for the girl child in place of ₹5100/-.
77. The Government proposes to start a new scheme "**Bal Balika Suraksha Yojana**" (Sponsorship and Foster Care) to ensure holistic development of destitute children. This scheme will provide financial assistance to the families which look after orphan/destitute children so that the children instead of being sent to institutional care are brought up in a family environment. An assistance of ₹500 per child per month is proposed to be provided under the scheme.
78. The scope of "**Self Employment Assistance to Women**" will be expanded to include Self Help Groups of women which will be given assistance upto 50% of project cost or ₹25,000 whichever is lower as back-ended subsidy through the bank from where they avail loan for self employment ventures subject to fulfilment of prescribed eligibility criteria.
79. Speaker Sir, our government is committed to the welfare of ex-servicemen, serving soldiers, war widows and gallantry awards winners. Immediately after taking over the reigns of the government we created a separate department of Sainik Welfare to look after their welfare needs.

Welfare of Ex-Servicemen and Freedom Fighters

80. There are a large number of serving and retired personnel from the Central Police Forces in Himachal Pradesh. It is their demand to reduce the VAT on the Central Police canteens being run in the state. Accepting their demand I declare that the VAT being levied on these canteens will be reduced to 4%.
81. Ex-Servicemen and their widows who are above the age of 60 years and not getting any other pension have also been granted pension at the rate of ₹330 per month w.e.f.1st July, 2009. I announce a further increase in this pension amount to ₹400 per month with effect from 1st April 2012.
82. We had increased the financial assistance for the Second World War veterans and their widows from ₹200 to ₹500 per month in 2008. I now announce that this assistance will be increased to ₹750 per month from 1st April 2012.
83. Our Government holds our Freedom Fighters in the highest of esteem. It is our responsibility to take care of them and their families. Our Government had enhanced the amount of 'Samman Rashi' being given to the Freedom Fighters from ₹4000 to ₹5000 P.M. in October 2011. I now announce an increase of this amount from 1-4-2012 to ₹7500/-. Along with this I also announce that the 'Samman Rashi' for the widows and unmarried daughters of the freedom fighter will also be enhanced from ₹3000 per month to ₹3500 per month with effect from 1st April 2012. Thus, the total benefits percolating to Freedom fighters and their families in 2012-13 under this scheme will be nearly ₹4.5 crore.

Here, I would like to recite a few lines of National poet Makhanlal Chaturvedi:

मुझे तोड़ लेना वनमाली, उस पथ में देना तुम फेंक,
मातृभूमि पर शीश चढ़ाने, जिस पथ जावें वीर अनेक।

Forest and Wild Life

84. Our Government is very concerned about the need for maintaining ecological balance through appropriate & innovative conservation measures in the catchments of the Satluj, Beas, Ravi, Chenab and Yamuna so as to ensure sustainable development in the State. Speaker Sir, I am happy to inform that as per India State of Forest Report 2011, the forest cover in the State, has shown a gain of 11 square km as compared to the previous report whereas it has shown a decline of 367 sq.km. at the National level.
85. I am happy to inform this august House that Himachal Pradesh has become the first State in the country to sign a forestry based Bio-Carbon project with the World Bank under the Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project (MHWDP). The project will be implemented over an area of 4003 ha covering 177 Panchayats of the State and is the biggest forestry based Bio-Carbon project in the World. Funds received under this project will go directly to the Gram Panchayat for the benefit of the rural population.

86. Our Government has also successfully negotiated funding support of ₹160 crore for the Swan watershed project from JICA which will cover 96 Panchayats of Una District.
87. Under the Sanjha Van Sanjivani Van Yojna, more than 32.5 lakh medicinal plants have been planted in the current year. We propose to continue this scheme with a target of planting another 45 lakh in 2012-13.
88. Speaker Sir, our government has taken various farmer friendly decisions. We have enhanced the price of resin procured from private areas from ₹5250 to ₹7000 per quintal. It has also been decided to release their full payment on the spot. De-control of Bamboo has been done for private areas too. Farmers are now at a liberty to sell their bamboo from their private land. Grazing permits to the migratory grazers are now being issued for three years instead of one year thereby benefitting approximately 50,000 families.
- Khair growing on government land is not being put to use due to the ban ordered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and this valuable resource is getting wasted in the forests. It would be our endeavour to raise this issue fully supported by facts and figures before the Hon'ble Supreme Court so that they can be scientifically exploited.
89. I would now like to announce that people will be encouraged to take up plantation of sandal wood on private land by simplifying the rules for allowing the same, in order to increase the income of the farmer.
90. Monkey menace in the State is a matter of concern for all of us. For controlling this nuisance, at present monkey sterilisation centres are already functioning at Tutikandi, Gopalpur, Sastar (Hamirpur), and Boul (Una) where more than 50,865 monkeys have already been sterilized as on 16th March 2012. 25 new monkey sterilization centres are being opened in the State at a cost of approximately ₹10 crore. Further, an award of ₹500 per monkey is being given to any individual including forest guard who captures and produces the monkey for sterilization. Our target is to sterilize 2 lakh monkeys by the end of this year.
91. An exercise of rationalization to exclude the inhabited villages from the protected areas has been done to provide relief to the people living in these areas. A proposal in this regard has been submitted to the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case CWP337/1995 after its approval by the National Board of Wildlife. Once our proposal is accepted, it will bring relief to 1.14 lakh people living in 767 villages.
92. Speaker Sir, I am proposing an outlay of ₹379.92 crore for the Forestry & Wild Life sector for 2012-13.
93. Roads are the life line of the State, especially in the absence of an adequate network of railways and water transport. Continuing with the high priority that our Government

Roads

has always assigned to the road sector, in 2012-13 we propose to construct an additional 500 km of motorable roads and 25 km of jeepable roads. While 30 bridges will be constructed across the State, 600 kms of roads will be metalled/tarred along with construction of cross-drainage work over 650 kms of roads. An amount of ₹25 crore is also proposed for the installation of steel crash barriers for safety of travellers.

94. Road Tunnels not only shorten the length and time taken in a journey, but they also lead to savings for the economy. Our government proposes to initiate construction of three tunnels, Bangana to Dhaneta (length 1200 mtr), Bhubhojot (length 2800 mtr) and Holi to Utrala (length 4940mtr) in the State for which consultancy work for under taking feasibility study and preparing detailed project reports has been awarded.
95. Before 1998 there were only 4 national highways in the state. In our earlier tenure we had got 4 new national highways sanctioned as a result of which the total number of national highways in the state became 8. In the current tenure, through our persistent efforts we have got 2 new national highways sanctioned from Government of India. As a result of this, the total length of national highways has increased from 1247 Km to 1457 km. However, it is sad that we are not getting the full funding from Government of India for the maintenance of these national highways. Apart from this we had sent a proposal for 5 new national highways to the Government of India on which decision to accept the proposal had been taken in the meeting chaired by the Central Transport Minister. Despite this, sanction is yet to be received of these proposals. This is yet another example of the biased attitude of Government of India towards us.
96. Giving impetus to the functioning of the Public Works Department, in the last two years, 1035 government buildings of different departments have been completed and dedicated to the service of the people.
97. I propose a budget allocation of ₹2113.04 crore for Public Works Department in 2012-13.

**Employment
Generation and
Labour Welfare**

98. The issue of unemployment now knows no boundary. It has become an international problem further exacerbated by the global economic slowdown. To tackle this issue within the State our government has been making sustained efforts in the last four years, not only in making avenues of employment available within the government but also through self-employment and through skill upgradation. Despite the financial constraints and the conditions imposed by the Thirteenth Finance Commission we have already given employment to more than 25,000 persons in the government sector. Apart from this the process for filling thousands of posts of PGT, TGT, C&V teachers, health workers, nurses, clerks, ayurvedic pharmacists etc is on.
99. Further, we are also focussing on upgrading the skill of our youth for enhancing their employability in Public and Private sector. ITIs have been opened in every Assembly

Constituency. Rural Self Employment Training Institutes have been established in 10 districts of the State for imparting training on self-employment to the rural youth in collaboration with the Lead District Banks.

Our government has also introduced a number of schemes to encourage our youth to take up self employment especially in the agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors such as the Pandit Deen Dayal Kisan Bagwan Samridhi Yojna, JICA aided Agricultural Diversification Scheme, Mukhya Mantri Aarogya Pashudhan Yojna, Doodh Ganga Yojna, Apple Rejuvenation Scheme etc.

In order to improve the employability of the youth, I announce setting up of a **Skill Upgradation Council** under the Chief Secretary which will not only establish coordination between various programmes going on, but also suggest new schemes for skill upgradation.

100. For the welfare of the workers in construction & other activities we have constituted the Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board to implement various welfare schemes such as grant of pension of ₹500 per month, Medical Assistance of upto ₹1000 besides health insurance cover of ₹30,000. In case of disability, a pension of ₹500 per month along with a grant of up to ₹10,000 is provided. For delivery cases an assistance of ₹10,000 is given to the women beneficiaries. Besides this, assistance is also being given for education of two children right from elementary to higher education. This Board shall be suitably strengthened as per requirement so that these schemes can be implemented effectively.
101. For the benefit of the unemployed, vacancies of private sector are being listed on the Department's website. In near future, registration and renewal of registration for employment assistance will be made available through Lok Mitra Kendras. For the bulk requirements of unskilled manpower in private sector, campus interviews are being organized in employment exchanges in different parts of the State. 268 campus interviews and 7 job fairs have been organized during the year so far giving jobs to 7,701 youth in the private sector. The government is also ensuring implementation of the policy of 70% employment to Himachalis in all Hydro Electric Projects and in industrial establishments.
102. During the year 2011, the Law and Order situation in the State has remained peaceful and under control. In the last four years, our Government has succeeded in raising 3 India Reserve Battalions. In these four years, 4261 constables and 164 sub-inspectors have been recruited to strengthen the law and order machinery in the State. I am proposing a budget outlay of ₹Rs.617.25 crore for Police and allied organisations in 2012-13.

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Law and Order**

103. Police personnel are provided with a monthly ration allowance. I announce an increase of 50% in this allowance which will benefit nearly 15000 personnel.
104. Demand for upgradation has been received for many police posts. Accepting this demand, I announce the upgradation of police chowki Fatehpur, District Kangra and Kala Amb, District Sirmaur to police stations and setting up of new police posts at Tanda, District kangra and Sorang, District Kinnaur, Tahliwal, District Una and Neoli (Sainj), District Kullu to strengthen the law and order machinery in these areas.
105. In order to strengthen the Fire Services in the State, I announce opening of new fire posts at Dalhousie, Joginder Nagar, Sujanpur, Nurpur, Jwalamukhi and Keylong.
106. Our Government recognizes the need for expanding technical and vocational education in the State to enhance the employability of our youth. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Govt. Institute of Engineering and Technology has already been operationalized from the current academic session at Pragatinagar, District Shimla. An MOU has been signed with NTPC for setting up of a Hydro Power Engineering College at Bandla in District Bilaspur. Besides this, an IIIT is going to be established at Una soon.
107. Speaker Sir, five new Polytechnics will be set up in the Districts of Bilaspur, Kullu, Sirmour, Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti in 2012-13. I would also like to inform that an amount of ₹27 crore shall be spent for the strengthening/up-gradation of all the existing nine Polytechnics.
108. Under the Skill Development Initiative Scheme for up-gradation of skills of school drop-outs, unskilled and skilled workers working in the formal and informal sectors, 86 Vocational Training Providers have been registered which are imparting training in 18 different trades. During the year, 2579 persons have been trained or are undergoing training with these Vocational Training Providers.
109. I would like to inform the house that the Jawahar Lal Nehru Govt. Engineering College, Sundernagar has been selected for the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-II) under which an amount of ₹10 crore will be spent for quality improvement.
110. Speaker Sir, welfare of the Tribal people and their socio economic development continues to be the top priority of the State Government. A budget of ₹333.00 crore is being allocated under Tribal Sub Plan during the financial year 2012-13 for various sectors which is 12% higher than the previous year. I would like to inform the Hon'ble members of the house that as before, the entire budget of Tribal Sub-Plan shall be spent in the Tribal areas only.
111. Speaker Sir, there are 4653 different types of cooperative institutions functioning in the

**Technical
Education**

**Tribal
Development**

Cooperation

State with a membership of 15 lakh persons and deposits of ₹11785 crore. The main objective of these co-operative societies is the socio-economic upliftment of the rural populace. The co-operative sector in our State also plays an effective supporting role for implementing various Government schemes like PDS, Midday meal etc. through a vast network of 2906 fair price shops.

112. Cooperative societies have been demanding greater autonomy and operational freedom. We propose to bring a Self Reliant Co-operative Societies Bill in 2012-13 in order to promote member driven, autonomous and self reliant Co-operative societies in the State.

113. I also announce that a provision of 33% reservation for women in the managing committees of the co-operative societies will be made in order to ensure greater participation of women in the cooperative sector. This, Speaker Sir, will be yet another affirmative action on the part of our government towards ensuring greater empowerment of women.

Tourism

114. Speaker Sir, there is no denying the fact that development of Tourism holds great promises for the economic development of our State. At the same time we also understand that we need to promote an eco-friendly and sustainable form of tourism. To give a boost to Tourism related activities in the State, we have got a ₹428.22 crore Tourism Project sanctioned by the Asian Development Bank. This project targets livelihood opportunities for local communities through tourism infrastructure development with a focus on preservation and development of natural and cultural heritage and related services.

115. For publicity and promotion we have been able to establish brand Himachal under the caption "**Unforgettable Himachal**". Himachal has been awarded the National Tourism Award for the year 2010-11 by H.E. the President of India for the publicity material produced for this campaign. This is the first national tourism award for the state while in the last four years the state has received 24 awards from different agencies. To bring quality improvement in tourism, all related services shall be benchmarked. Tourism is moving towards becoming the main industry in the future.

116. Through the innovative scheme of **HAR GAON KI KAHANI**, 12 new circuits will be developed which would enable greater participation of the population in the development of this sector in the State while giving a fillip to the development of infrastructure in the rural areas besides giving a boost to local handicrafts, indigenous products and cultural activities. In 2012-13, 12 villages will be developed for the promotion of the rural tourism infrastructure. In this initiative there will be participation of every government department and people of the state.

117. To give a boost to investment in the tourism infrastructure in the State by the private

sector, our government has exempted new Aerial Ropeways coming up in future from payment of entertainment tax for five years and the rate of tax on existing ropeways has been reduced from 25% to 10%.

118. Speaker Sir, there is a vast untapped tourism potential in the tribal and hard areas of our State. The natural beauty and rich cultural heritage of these areas needs to be showcased to the tourists. In order to do so there is a need to provide the necessary infrastructure in the form of availability of lodging and boarding. Our government would like to encourage opening of new hotels and increase of bed capacity in these areas. I hereby announce that all the new hotels in these areas shall be totally exempted from payment of Luxury tax under the HP Tax on Luxuries (in hotels and lodging houses) Act, 1979 for a period of 10 years from the date the hotel starts functioning.

**Language, Art
and Culture**

119. In conjunction with tourism development, our Government has also been according high priority to the promotion of art and culture in the State. Construction of a new block of the State Museum, Shimla and repair of existing building has been completed with an expenditure of approximately ₹5 crore. A separate gallery showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Himachal will be added and opened to the public in 2012-13. A library will be set up with rare reference books in the State that will help students, research scholars and writers.

The Government has taken up the work of compilation, collection and preservation of manuscripts which are of rare historical and cultural importance. Through an extensive survey a list of 70,000 manuscripts has already been prepared.

Also, a Multipurpose Cultural Centre is being set up at Una at an approximate cost of ₹6 crore, work of which is in progress.

120. At present 13.75% VAT is charged on figurines made of marble. Himachal is the abode of Gods and hence I announce that all statues of marble made for temples shall be totally free from VAT.

**Rural
Development**

121. Speaker Sir, our government identifies itself with the prosperity and the empowerment of the rural masses and has been working indefatigably towards this end in the past four years. We have been successful in attaining Total Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in all the 3243 Gram Panchayats of the state. On this occasion I congratulate the people as well as all the employees whose joint efforts has made this come true. During the year 2012-13, we shall focus on Solid and Liquid Waste Management in the villages and especially in those which are tourist/ pilgrim destinations.

122. Speaker Sir, MGNREGA is being implemented effectively in the State. However, as the honourable members of this house are aware, as per the guidelines the material to labour cost ratio has been fixed at 40:60. I have observed that because of these guidelines it is not possible to create durable assets. I announce that in future for

creation of durable assets the 40:60 ratio shall not be a constraint and for eligible schemes the requirement of funds for material component shall be adequately provided through convergence with other schemes.

We are giving priority to Water Conservation and Water Harvesting works under MGNREGS. During the year 2011-12, total 46618 rain water harvesting structures costing ₹336.48 crore have been sanctioned. During the year 2012-13, more Water Conservation and Water Harvesting works will be taken up under the scheme.

123. The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) will be launched in the State in 2012-13. The mission aims to reduce poverty by enabling the poor households to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities resulting in appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis.
124. It has been the endeavour of our government to ensure that every single citizen of this State has a roof over his/her head. Speaker Sir, I announce that 11,400 rural poor will be provided with housing assistance at the rate of ₹48,500 in 2012-2013.
125. To bridge the infrastructural gaps in SC dominated habitations of rural areas; "Guru Ravi Dass Civic Amenities Scheme" is being implemented for which a budgetary allocation of ₹10 crore has been made during 2012-13.
- Panchayati Raj** 126. The State Government is committed to strengthening democracy at the grass-root level and to take further the process of decentralization of powers and responsibilities and further steps in this regard are proposed to be taken. The interim report of the 4th State Finance Commission has been received and I am glad to inform you that its recommendations have been accepted. The total fund devolution to PRIs for 2012-13 is proposed at ₹208.95 crore.
127. The introduction of 50% reservation for women in the elections to the PRIs by our government has proved to be effective and infact 58% women have been elected in the recently held elections. To further strengthen the capacity of these women representatives to perform their constitutional obligations, our government launched a special training programme. Now, I announce the starting of a scheme called '**Local Self-Government through Women Empowerment**' under which a comprehensive programme for training and capacity building of women representatives will be undertaken.
128. For the smooth discharge of the functions of the Panchayats, we have created either a post of Panchayat Secretary or a Panchayat Sahayak in every Gram Panchayat. Besides this, 1164 Panchayat Sahayaks have also been made Panchayat Secretary. The monthly remuneration of the employees of the Panchayats has also been increased by us from time to time. Now, I announce that all the contractual employees

of the Panchayats i.e. Panchayat Sahayak, Panchayat Secretary, Block Engineer, Junior Engineer, Junior Scale Stenographer, Assistant Engineer will be allowed an annual increase of 3% in their emoluments. The Gram Panchayats are presently given a grant of ₹850 PM for payment to Panchayat Chowkidars and ₹150 is given by them from their own resources. I now announce that the grant for Government share will be increased from ₹850 to ₹1050 PM. I also announce that the Tailoring teachers will be given preference in appointment as Anganwadi Workers, in their respective Panchayat and their honorarium shall be increased from ₹1400/- to ₹1600/- per month.

129. The Takniki Sahayaks appointed by the Panchayat Samitis supervise the construction work at the Panchayat level. I propose to enhance the minimum monthly payment to ₹5500 PM with effect from 1st April, 2012. I also announce increase of minimum payment of the Gram Rozgar Sevaks from ₹1500 to ₹1800 PM. A suitable policy will be made for the services of Panchayat Sahayaks and Contractual Panchayat Secretaries.
130. Speaker Sir, our Government had increased the honorarium of the representatives of PRIs in 2008. I announce a further increase of the same from 1st April, 2012. The honorarium of the Chairperson, Zila Parishad will be increased from ₹3500 to ₹5000, that of Vice Chairperson from ₹2500 to ₹3500 and of Member Zila Parishad from ₹1500 to ₹2000 per month. In the case of Panchayat Samiti, the honorarium of the Chairperson will be enhanced from ₹1800 to ₹2500, of Vice Chairperson from ₹1500 to ₹2000 and of Member from ₹1200 to ₹1500 per month. In the Gram Panchayats, the honorarium of the Panchayat Pradhan will be enhanced from ₹1200 to ₹1800, that of Up-Pradhan from ₹1000 to ₹1500 per month and the sitting fee for the members of Gram Panchayats will be enhanced from ₹150 to ₹175 per sitting.
131. Panchayats in our state are performing their duties well. In order to further encourage them, I announce the launch of a new scheme called **Atal Adarsh Gram Panchayat Puruskar Yojna** from the next financial year. Under this scheme, the best performing Panchayats will be given a prize of ₹2 lakh at the Block level, ₹5 lakh at District level, ₹10 lakh at Division level and ₹20 lakh at State level. The total expenditure on this scheme will be around ₹2.5 crore. These prizes will be given at District and State level functions on 15th August.

**Irrigation &
Flood
Protection**

132. Our agriculture based economy can achieve higher productivity levels only when we give priority for making available the requisite irrigation infrastructure. An area of 26028 hectare has been covered under irrigation facility in the last four years. For 2012-13, I propose an outlay of ₹215.97 crore for creation of irrigation facilities which would cover an additional area of 7500 hectares.

I would further like to inform this august house that I have made a provision of ₹200 crore for payment of electricity charges for 2012-13 in order to provide water supply and irrigation facilities to the people of Himachal Pradesh at concessional rates.

133. The Major Irrigation Project Shahnehar and Medium Irrigation Project, Sidhatha and Balh Valley (Left Bank) are proposed to be commissioned in 2012. Medium Irrigation Project, Phina Singh in Nurpur Tehsil of Kangra District at a total project cost of ₹204.51 crore has been sanctioned and a budget provision of ₹40 crore is being proposed for 2012-13. Also, Medium Irrigation Project, Nadaun having a project cost of ₹103.45 crore has been sanctioned and ₹25 crore has been proposed for 2012-13. An outlay of ₹10 crore has also been made for Command Area Development.

134. During the year 2012-13, an outlay of ₹47.5 crore has been earmarked for flood protection works to protect 1200 hectares of land. The Swan Channelization Project (Phase-II) in district Una will be completed during 2012. Work on Seer Khad Channelization will be started for which I have proposed an allocation of ₹13 crore in the budget.

Water Supply

135. The State Government continues to accord top priority for the provision of safe drinking water. All the partially covered habitations in the state have been targeted to be provided with water supply in 2012-13. Further, it is also proposed to install 2500 hand pumps in 2012-13.

136. Under the Urban Water Supply Sector, 43 urban water supply schemes have been augmented and completed. It is proposed to complete the augmentation work of water supply scheme for Sujampur town during 2012-13.

Considering the importance of irrigation and water supply, I propose an outlay of ₹1383.09 crore in 2012-13 for this sector.

Education

137. Education has always remained one of the top priorities of our Government. Owing to our efforts the literacy rate has gone up to 83.78 % as per census 2011 as compared to 76.48% in 2001. The State Government has completed a micro planning exercise to identify locations requiring elementary schools. As per this exercise, we propose to open 41 Primary and 51 Middle Schools in the State in the year 2012-13 to have 100% coverage as per the requirement of the RTE Act, 2009.

For the year 2012-13, I propose an outlay of ₹3419.11 crore for education against an allocation of ₹1551.42 crore of the year 2007-08 which is an increase of 120%.

138. Our government having considered the demand of the teachers appointed by the Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) in the schools has decided that the PTA grant being given by the government to the lecturer school cadre shall be increased from ₹4800 to ₹7250, for the TGT from ₹4110 to ₹6950, PET and C&V teachers from ₹3750 to ₹6750. I would like to inform the Hon'ble Members of this House that this enhancement will give an additional benefit of nearly ₹20 crore to the PTA teachers. I also announce that services of PTA teachers would be continued in the educational institutions and no qualified PTA teacher shall be retrenched.

The remuneration of Part Time Water Carriers in the schools was enhanced last year from ₹1000 to ₹1200 per month. I announce that this will be further enhanced to ₹1300 per month in 2012-13. We have also given permission to the Elementary Education Department to fill up 801 posts of PTWCs. A delegation of PTWCs met me and I have assured them that a committee having representation of PTWCs and NGO Federation shall be constituted to examine their problems and submit a report in three months time which shall be considered sympathetically by the Government.

There are 3539 Primary Assistant Teachers in the Elementary Education Department. I announce that their remuneration shall be increased from ₹6000 to ₹6500 and from ₹4500 to ₹5000 per month. In this way they will be getting an additional benefit of ₹2 crore per year..

139. In remote areas, sometimes the posts of teachers remain vacant for some periods of time due to which the education of students suffers. Education department will formulate a policy to authorise the School Management Committees to take services of teachers on period basis as a short interim measure for which Government grant shall also be provided
140. Our Government has taken a decision to implement the **Atal School Uniform Yojna** at an annual cost of ₹60 crore. The scheme will be implemented from 2012-13 academic session and two sets of school uniforms (in April and in October) will be provided every year without any distinction of income levels to all the Government school students upto Class 10th.
141. The State Government also proposes to rationalize the existing scholarship schemes and launch the **Atal Chhatrvriti Yojna** in 2012 by substantially increasing the rates of scholarships available to children of BPL families studying in Government schools.
142. IT education is being imparted in 968 Senior Secondary Schools. The students belonging to SC (BPL) families are being given 50% concession on the fee by the

Government. ICT project is being implemented in 1246 Government Senior Secondary schools with a provision of ₹16.52 crore. The 3rd Phase of ICT project, to cover 848 High Schools will be started in 2012-13. This will improve and strengthen the teaching learning activity using smart class rooms and multi-media teaching aids.

143. To promote computer and IT literacy amongst the meritorious students, I announce that the top 4000 students based on their order of merit in class X will be provided with an Aakash Tablet/laptop free of cost by the government while studying in class XI.
144. The State government has given due importance to higher education and especially to HP University. Our government has removed the Section 35 A of the University Act thereby restoring autonomy of the HP University. The grant has been enhanced from ₹30 crore to ₹50 crore by our government. I further announce that the HP university will be given an additional grant of ₹13 crore in 2012-13 thereby enhancing their total grant to ₹63 crore in 2012-13.

There has been demand for starting PG classes in Government College Ghumarwin, Karsog, Dehri, Nadaun and at Palampur. I accept this demand and announce that PG classes will be started in these colleges from the academic session of 2012-13. I announce that in the year 2012-13 new colleges shall be opened up in the state as per need.

Sir,

सपने वही सच होते हैं,
जिन सपनों में जान होती है।
केवल परों से कुछ नहीं होता,
हौंसलों से उड़ान होती है।

145. The Government is encouraging Private Partnership in the State to promote quality education and improving the employability of the Youth of Himachal Pradesh. Many new institutions have been set up in the private sector. Our Government has taken steps to regulate these private institutions in order to ensure quality of education by setting up The Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission through legislation, which is the first of its kind in the country.

146. Speaker Sir, it has been the constant endeavour of my government to promote sustainable growth in the State thereby protecting and preserving the environment. As I have already mentioned, the Development Policy loan of ₹950 crore from the World Bank will support our efforts of Green Growth in the State. The focus of this program will be on promoting growth with environment sustainability and generating more inclusive development.

The Aryabhata Geo-Informatics and Space Application Centre (AGiSAC) has been

set up and this facility will help us in enabling decentralized planning and for informed decision making in the State. It shall also help in better monitoring and evaluation of Government programmes.

147. Speaker Sir, we have also set up the State Centre of Climate Change to enhance the capacity of the State to respond to challenges faced due to climate change especially in sectors like agriculture, horticulture, forest, tourism, hydropower etc.

As a prelude to building up the right background for stimulating the thinking of children towards science, a "Virtual Centre" has been established in association with Indian Institute of Science, Education & Research (IISER), Mohali. The quality of science education in the State would improve through this Virtual On-line learning facility.

148. Speaker Sir, considering the importance of Urban Local Bodies and the variety of citizen services that they deliver, I announce a fund devolution of ₹93.02 crore in 2012-13.

In order to improve service delivery to citizens in all urban areas, service level benchmarks in critical sectors of water supply, sewerage, solid waste & storm water drainage have been notified with performance indicators and annual targets. To enhance the service delivery capacity of all ULBs in HP, the Terms of Reference for availing assistance have been finalised with the Asian Development Bank. This input of ₹450 crore will further strengthen the Urban Local Bodies of HP over the next 3 years.

149. To facilitate approval of maps in plan areas and to avoid multiplicity of map approval authorities, the simplified regulatory regime and map approval process notified for Shimla Planning Area shall also be implemented in 17 other approved Development Plans for the convenience of the citizens.

Speaker Sir, given the constraints of availability as well as prohibitive costs of land in our Hill State it shall be the endeavour of our government to examine possibilities of increasing the existing FAR norms while ensuring the structural safety of the buildings.

150. I announce the increase in honorarium for the Chairperson of Nagar Panchayat from ₹1200 to ₹1800, for Vice Chairperson from ₹1000 to ₹1500 and for the members from ₹600 to ₹750 per month. For Nagar Parishads, the honorarium of the Chairperson shall be increased from ₹1800 to ₹2400, for the Vice Chairperson from ₹1500 to ₹2000 and for the members from ₹700 to ₹900 per month. For Municipal Corporation Shimla, I announce the increase in the honorarium of the Mayor from ₹3500 to ₹5000, for the Deputy Mayor from ₹2500 to ₹3500 and for the councillors from ₹2000 to ₹2400 per month.

151. The urban local bodies receive an additional licence fee of ₹1 per bottle of liquor. I

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now announce that this rate shall be enhanced to ₹2 per bottle in the next financial year. As a result of this increase the urban local bodies will receive a transfer of about ₹4 crore of funds in 2012-13.

Industries

152. Our Government is committed for planned development of the Industrial areas of the state. Steps have been initiated to establish a common Effluent Treatment Plant at a cost of ₹53.80 crore, and a Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility and Sewerage Treatment Plant in the Baddi Barotiwala Nalagarh area. To overcome the shortage of housing in the industrial belt, hostels for working men and women are being set up at Baddi, at an investment of ₹12 crore each which will soon be ready. The Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Baddi, would be made operational soon at an estimated cost of ₹53 crore. This will give a boost to the export-oriented industries in the State. A Mini Tool Room cum Training Centre at Baddi would also be set up under PPP mode at a projected cost of ₹18.82 crore.
153. Speaker Sir, this august House is well aware of how the incentive of exemption from Central Excise Duty was abruptly curtailed up to March, 2010 by the Government of India. We have been making earnest requests for the withdrawal of this decision of the central government and to have these incentives restored. We have also been repeatedly requesting the Government of India for the extension of the industrial package up to 2020. We shall persist with our efforts resolutely as we firmly believe that not only is this package needed for the industrial development of the State but it is also fully justified on the basis of equity with Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States.
154. However, despite this setback I must say that when we compare ourselves with other hill States in the country, Himachal Pradesh has made significant progress in the field of industrialisation. Investment being made by leading industrial houses in Himachal reflects the investors' confidence in the overall investment climate of our State. As an incentive from the State government to all those industries who want to set up base in Himachal Pradesh, I hereby announce exemption of 5% on the electricity duty for a period of 5 years to all new industrial units that come up in the State with effect from 1st April, 2012.

Sir,

मौजों के थपेड़ों से डरकर,
जो साहिल पर रुक जाते हैं।
वो लोग कहां कशती अपनी,
तूफां में उतारा करते हैं।

Employees

155. Speaker Sir, our government has always been committed towards the welfare of its

employees. Despite the financial constraints brought about by the unreasonable recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission, I would like to inform the House that our government has released financial benefits of over ₹5400 crore in the last four years to its employees. There are some long standing demands of the employees which I understand are genuine and need to be considered.

156. Sir, I propose to enhance the minimum wage rate of daily wagers working in the government from ₹120 to ₹130 which would benefit daily wagers in Government besides nearly 4 lakh persons engaged in MGNREGS. The per hour rate of part-time workers working in the government will be correspondingly revised which would benefit more than 11000 such employees. Along with this I announce that, all the daily wager and contractual employees, who complete 8 years of service as on 31st March 2012 will be regularised as per norms. Further, the part timers who complete 10 years of continuous service as on 31 March 2012 will be made daily wagers as per norms.
157. I propose to increase the budget for the maintenance of government residential buildings of the employees from ₹5.8 crore to ₹10.75 crore which will be an increase of 85%.
158. The sudden death of an employee while in service is a major setback for the family. It is necessary that at such times the bereaved family is provided with immediate assistance. Our Government in its previous tenure in 1998 had provided for immediate financial assistance in the form of an ex-gratia grant to the family of employees who lost their life while in service. I announce that the limit of this grant shall be enhanced from a minimum of ₹20,000 to ₹35,000 while the maximum shall be enhanced from ₹50,000 to ₹1,00,000.
159. There are certain categories of employees who get a fixed travel allowance for their tours. I propose to enhance these rates suitably. Besides this, employees have been demanding a revision of the Travel and Daily allowances while on tour. I have considered their demand and propose to revise the rates of TA/DA of employees while on tour. The estimated additional expenditure to be incurred on this account is Rs.20 crore which will benefit all the employees.
160. Our employees have also come up with a request for providing an education loan to enable their children to take up professional education. I have considered their request and find it to be a demand which will add value to the employability of the youth. I announce that a loan for professional education of their children shall be provided to the government employees, of up to ₹75,000 at a rate of interest which will be equal to the GPF interest rate.
161. In order to motivate the technical employees such as the Junior Engineers, Sub-

Divisional Engineers and Executive Engineers in the departments of HPPWD, I&PH HPSEBL and HIMUDA, I intend to introduce an **Award Scheme** in 2012-13. These technical employees shall be awarded for their contribution towards timely and within costs completion of projects in the State.

162. This year for the first time we have had a JCC meeting with the pensioners. Our employees and pensioners have been demanding release of 7% Dearness Allowance. I announce that 7% DA shall be released to the employees along with current month's salary in cash, while arrears of DA with effect from July, 2011 will be released along with the salary of April. For the pensioners the arrears of Dearness Allowance from July, 2011 shall be released in April, 2012 in cash. The annual impact of release of 7% DA would be around ₹340 crore. In addition to this I announce the release of the balance of arrears of salary in cash to the pensioners in April, 2012.
163. There are some 50,000 pensioners and employees who have opted for availing a fixed medical allowance. I announce an enhancement in this allowance from ₹100 to ₹250 per month. This will give an additional benefit of Rs.10 crore to the employees and pensioners.
164. Presently government drivers are given one additional increment on completing 20 years of service. I announce that in future after 20 years of service two additional increments shall be given instead of one to the drivers.
165. Keeping in view the financial difficulties of the public sector units some of their employees had been taken on secondment in the Government so that they could get their salary on time. I now announce that an appropriate policy shall be made for absorption of these employees in the Government.
166. The youth are our future and they can steer the State to greater heights if their talents are properly nurtured and their energies channelized into productive activities such as sports. The Government is committed to providing International level sports infrastructure in the State. Under the provision for 3% employment to sportspersons, 280 players have been provided employment till date including 24 in 2011-12. In addition Cash Award amounting to ₹62 lakh has been provided to 86 players who have excelled in different sports till December, 2011.
167. I am happy to inform that there is a possibility of many of the sportspersons of our state participating in the London Olympics. To motivate them I announce a prize money of ₹1 crore each for all the Gold Medal winners, ₹50 lakh each for all the Silver Medal winners and ₹25 lakh each for all the Bronze Medal winners.
168. Speaker Sir, we have always recognized the importance of hydro power sector as the key to the prosperity of Himachal Pradesh. In the period 1998-2003, our government

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gave a major fillip to hydel power development in both public sector and the private sector. The huge additions to our installed capacity witnessed recently and expected in the next two years is due to those farsighted efforts. When we took over the reins of government this time the installed capacity in the State was 6393 MW which was capacity created in over four decades. By the end of 2011-12 we expect to add another 2431 MW and in 2012-13 further capacity addition of 328 MW is targetted. In effect, in about five years we will reach 9152 MW of installed capacity, an increase of 43%, which is unprecedented in the history of our State.

169. We have taken steps to safeguard the rights of local population and make them stakeholders in hydel projects. We have issued guidelines for benefit sharing to pass on the income from 1% of free power as an annual cash transfer to all families in project affected areas throughout the lifetime of the project. This innovative step is a first in India and has won us praise both within and outside the country. The World Bank has shown its appreciation by fast forwarding our Development Policy Loan for a green State. They have showcased this as a best practice to other countries in South Asia.
170. To link the Inter-State transmission system for the Ravi, Beas, Lower Satluj and Yamuna basins, we have succeeded in securing ₹1600 crore from the Asian Development Bank for the HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. This will ensure that no project is now held up for want of transmission arrangements.
171. We have delivered our end of the bargain for speedy hydel development. Unfortunately distribution companies all over India are in very poor financial shape because of the policy paralysis at the Centre. Unless appropriate steps are taken by Govt. of India immediately to resolve the distribution crisis, investment in generation will dry up.
172. On the domestic front we have taken numerous steps to improve the availability of quality power in the State. The electricity distribution system has been strengthened across the State with an investment of ₹257 crore in the last four years. The HPSEBL is also undertaking major initiatives in the field of IT to improve efficiency and consumer satisfaction at a cost of ₹322 crore under the R-APDRP. HPSEBL has been serving the people of the State well. They have not been given any equity by the Government from many years. I announce that HPSEB will be given equity of ₹50 crore in 2012-13 to strengthen the distribution network. In addition, I am also proposing increase in the budget for subsidy on electricity from ₹140 crore in 2011-12 to ₹190 crore in 2012-13 to reduce the burden on the consumers.
173. The Government has launched many services to facilitate the taxpayers in the State

using various Information Technology tools. The facility of online payment of tax and registration under HP VAT Act, 2005 and CST Act, 1956 has been provided. Online declaration of goods for interstate transfer of goods has also been started for the dealers having turnover of ₹1.00 crore and above. I further announce that from the next year the dealers would be provided the facility to get various forms like 'C', 'E', 'F', 'H' online without visiting the offices.

174. There are large number of contractors under category 'C' & 'D' in the State. These contractors are finding it difficult to file regular returns and get assessment done on regular basis, because of small turnover. Hence, I announce that the contractors of 'C' & 'D' class having annual turnover upto ₹30 lakh and who have paid TDS @ 3% will not be required to file any returns for that year. The tax deducted at source @ 3% will be deemed to be a final payment and no assessments of these contractors will be required. This step will benefit thousands of such small contractors across the State.
175. Himachal Pradesh has about 40,000 small and medium dealers. For the benefit of these dealers, procedure to bring them under Deemed Assessment category will be simplified and also the rules of scrutiny will be rationalized, so that these dealers are not required to pay frequent visits to the offices of the Excise and Taxation Department.
176. **There are about 36000 dealers in the State having a turn over of less than ₹20 lakh. They have been requesting to provide them Accident Insurance. I accept this demand and announce that a group Accident Insurance with a cover of ₹1 lakh shall be taken for the dealers having a turnover of less than ₹20 lakh, for which premium will be paid by the State Government.**
177. The turnover limit for registration and exemption for payment of tax for small entrepreneurs running dhabas, canteens and other eateries has been raised from ₹2 lakh to ₹4 lakh per annum. Now I announce a further increase of this limit to ₹5 lakh from the next financial year to facilitate these small entrepreneurs.
178. Presently, the Entry Tax on Non-Ferrous metals is ½%. The non-ferrous metals are much costlier and higher in value as compared to other raw materials. Therefore, I propose that the Entry Tax on the non-ferrous metals will be reduced from existing rate of ½% to ¼%.
179. Our journalist friends play a very important role in the society of providing information. It has been the attempt of our government to provide all those facilities which will help in the efficient discharge of their work. I have experienced that some journalists in times of ill health face the difficulty of meeting out the expenses of treatment. Keeping this in view I announce that all journalists working in the state shall be brought under

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- the coverage of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna under which they can get free treatment of up to ₹1,75,000/-.
180. A Journalist Welfare Fund was established by our government in the year 2002 for providing financial assistance to the journalists or their dependents in crisis. Now I announce to increase this corpus fund from ₹10 lakh to ₹25 lakh.
181. There is a demand from the Print Media for exemption of entry tax on News-print which is used for publication of newspapers. I accept their demand and announce that the newsprint used for the printing of newspapers will be totally exempted from the levy of entry tax.
182. Speaker sir, now I come to the macro budget estimates for 2012-13 and revised estimates for 2011-12. As per the revised estimates for 2011-12, we shall be able to achieve the targets of the FRBM Act with regard to revenue surplus and fiscal deficit. As required by the FRBM Act I am separately presenting the Medium Term Fiscal Plan of the State Government for the period 2011-12 to 2015-16. The full details of the next year's budget are available in the comprehensive budget documents being tabled in this august House.
183. The total budget expenditure estimate for 2012-13 is ₹20243.92 crore out of which estimated expenditure on salaries is ₹6285.10 crore, on pensions it would be ₹2784.71 crore, estimated interest payments would be ₹2249.67 crore, and loan repayments are expected to be ₹1937.30 crore apart from ₹367.17 crore on other loans and ₹1567.55 crore on maintenance. I would like to inform this august House that in 2007-08 the budget was ₹9684.15 crore. Hence in the last five years there has been an increase of nearly 109% in the budget.
184. As per budget estimates for 2012-13, the total revenue receipts are estimated at ₹16342.98 crore and the total revenue expenditure is estimated to be ₹15969.19 crore leaving a revenue surplus of ₹373.79 crore. The expected receipts in capital account of the government are ₹3331.59 crore apart from ₹650.00 crore in Public Account including Provident Fund etc. Capital expenditure including loan repayments is estimated to be ₹4274.73 crore. The fiscal deficit for 2012-13 is expected to be ₹1939.35 crore which is 2.88% of the GSDP.
185. Thus, as per the budget estimates, against an expenditure of every 100 rupees, the State will have ₹80.73 as total revenue receipts including transfers from the Centre. The gap of ₹19.27 will have to be met by borrowings. Out of every 100 rupees of State revenue receipts, ₹30.95 will accrue from own tax revenues, ₹12.25 from non-tax revenues, ₹14.52 from share in Central taxes and ₹42.28 from Central grants. Out of

every 100 rupees spent, salaries will account for ₹31.05, pensions for ₹13.76, interest payments for ₹11.11, loan repayments for ₹9.57 and the remaining ₹34.51 will be spent on developmental works including other activities.

Conclusion

186. 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 reach the benefits of development to the common citizen. Despite the adverse award of the 13th Finance Commission and the financial constraints, we have ensured extensive development through prudent financial management. Numerous achievements during the last four years of our Government speak of our commitment to deliver the promises that we made to the people of Himachal Pradesh. We shall not only consolidate upon the progress made so far in the state but shall also ensure that the pace of development is further accelerated.
187. We are committed to providing clean and transparent administration and good governance by involving greater public participation. Our commitment is towards promoting an environment friendly inclusive socio-economic development of the State which is evident from the numerous provisions outlined in the budget.
188. 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 our State and seek the cooperation of everyone citizen in sustaining our achievement of “**Sabse Upar Himachal**”. It is my belief that:

सोच को बदलो, सितारे बदल जाएंगे ।
नज़र को बदलो, नज़ारे बदल जायेंगे ।
कशितयां बदलने की ज़रूरत नहीं,
दिशाओं को बदलो, किनारे बदल जायेंगे ।

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

Jai Hind.

Jai Himachal.

