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|  | <p>1. Hon'ble Speaker Sir,</p> <p>With your permission, I rise to present the Budget Estimates for the year 2014-15.</p>  |
|  | <p>2. My Government has completed one year in office and the achievements made by us have already started becoming visible to the people of Himachal Pradesh. Many mile-stones have been achieved in the development of State in this short span of time.</p> <p>May I say here that;</p> <p>“ पतझड़ के ज़ख्मों को मौसम सहलाने लगे, दरख्तों पर नए पत्ते नज़र आने लगे। ”</p> |

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|  | 3. | <p>Congress Party's Election Manifesto was made the Policy document of our Government and I am happy to inform this August House that most of the promises made by us in the Manifesto have been fulfilled in the very first year of our Government.</p> |
|  | 4. | <p>While presenting the budget last year, I had promised all round and balanced development of all sections of the Society with special focus on the poor and the under privileged and we have lived up to our promises.</p>                             |
|  | 5. | <p>Speaker Sir, soon after assuming the office, my Government has taken a number of steps to support common man of the State. We have enhanced the</p>   |

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|    | <p>Social Security Pension from ₹ 450 to 500 per month for the widows, old aged and disabled. Pension for elderly people above 80 years of age was raised from ₹ 800 to ₹ 1,000 per month.</p> <p>I am pleased to inform that 10,369 new cases of pension have also been sanctioned during this financial year.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Grant for Inter-Caste Marriages has been enhanced from ₹ 25 Thousand to ₹ 50 Thousand. Similarly, assistance under “<i>Mukhya Mantri Kanyadaan Yojana</i>” has been increased from ₹ 21 Thousand to ₹ 25 Thousand. Housing Subsidy has</p>   |

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|  |    | <p>been raised from ₹ 48 Thousand 5 Hundred to ₹ 75 Thousand for all categories. The Annual Income Limit for the creamy layer in respect of OBCs has been raised from ₹ 4.5 lakh to ₹ 6 lakh.</p>                 |
|  | 7. | <p>Annual Income Limit for selection of Aanganwari Workers has been raised from ₹ 15 Thousand to ₹ 20 Thousand. The honourarium of Mini Aanganwari Workers has been raised from ₹ 2,250 to ₹ 2,500 per month.</p> |
|  | 8. | <p>To provide food security to the people of the State, 'Rajiv Gandhi Ann Yojana' has been started in the State with effect from</p>  |

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|  |     | 1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2013, wherein Wheat at the rate of ₹ 2 per kilogram and Rice at the rate of ₹ 3 per kilogram is being to the consumers.   |
|  | 9.  | Free Transport Facility has been provided in HRTC buses to all Government School Children from home to School and back.  |
|  | 10. | Speaker Sir, my Government is committed to the welfare the people of the State. With this objective in mind, we have promised to provide clean, transparent, citizen friendly and efficient administration with Zero Tolerance to corruption. The previous BJP Government had taken many anti-people |

decisions and therefore, the people of the State showed them the door in the election of 2012. Congress charge sheet against the then BJP Government is being investigated into. Now, when their wrong actions are coming to fore, my friends in the opposition are indulging in dirty politics of mudslinging and personal vendetta. A manipulated media trial was also launched to defame me. This is not the first time that allegations have been levelled against me to tarnish my image. During the previous tenures of BJP Government, not only false and baseless allegations were levelled against me in person but also criminal trial was launched twice against me. However, every time the truth prevailed in my

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|   |            | <p>favour.</p> <p>Whatever be the tactics to divert the attention of masses from their own misdoings, the investigations against the misdeeds of previous Government will continue and guilty will be brought to book. However, I assure that no innocent person will be harassed in the process.</p> <p>“समन्दर को गुमान है गर तूफ़ाँ उठाने का,<br/>तो हमें भी शौक़ है, क़श्ती वहीं चलाने का। ”</p> |
| <p><u>NATI</u><br/><u>ONAL</u><br/><u>ECON</u><br/><u>OMY</u></p> | <p>11.</p> | <p>The performance of the national economy over the past two years has not been so encouraging due to the increase in prices of oil, natural gas, metals and other commodities globally. The</p>   |

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|     | <p>consequence was a rise in cost across the board and erosion in both corporate profitability and the growth of real disposable incomes, which resulted in the abrupt decline in growth from 9.3 per cent in 2010-11 to estimated 4.5 per cent in 2012-13.</p>   |
| 12. | <p>The overall budgetary position of the Union Government has been under strain in recent years. With prudent fiscal measures, the fiscal deficit of the Union Government as percentage of GDP in 2012-13 was contained at 4.9 percent compared to 5.8 percent in 2011-12. The inflation as measured by the Wholesale Price Index in 2012-13 averaged 7.4 percent, significantly lower than 9.0 percent in 2011-12 and this has now</p> |

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|  |     | further decreased to 6.16 percent in December, 2013.   |
|  | 13. | With the fiscal balance on track to stability and inflation coming down, the economy seems to be setting in for a recovery. The monsoon has been very good and so has been the Kharif crop. With good rains, the Rabi harvest should also be strong. Significant improvement of growth rates in the current fiscal year is expected. |
| <b><u>STAT</u></b><br><b><u>E</u></b><br><b><u>ECON</u></b><br><b><u>OMY</u></b> | 14. | Himachal Pradesh has covered a long journey on the path of development. With consistent support and guidance from Congress led Central Governments, the State has emerged as a role model of development in the country.   |

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|  | 15. | <p>Speaker Sir, the economy of Himachal Pradesh has also been influenced by global and national recessionary factors. This has resulted in erosion of investment in the Hydro-Power and other economic sectors in the State. Now, with a return of price stability, appropriate supportive policies of my Government, recovery of growth is showing in all sectors of the economy. The challenge before us is to accelerate the investment activity in Himachal Pradesh. The State economy is expected to grow at 6.2% in 2013-14.</p> |
|  | 16. | <p>As per the Advance Estimates for 2013-14, the Gross Domestic Product of Himachal Pradesh will grow from</p>   |

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|  |            | <p>73,710 Crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 82,585 Crore in 2013-14. The Per Capita Income at current prices is likely to increase from ₹ 83,899 in 2012-13 to 92,300 in 2013-14.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Annual Plan 2014-15</u></b></p> | <p>17.</p> | <p>My Government is committed to sustain the momentum of development through successive annual plans. Due to ensuing Lok Sabha elections, the Government of India is presenting an Interim Budget for the financial year 2014-15 instead of a regular budget. Therefore, the transfer of resources from the Central Government to State, for the State Annual Plan has not been firmed up. We are, however, proposing a plan size of ₹ 4,400 Crore</p> |

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|     | <p>the year 2014-15, compared to ₹ 4,100 Crore in 2013-14. This includes a provision of ₹ 1,108 Crore for Scheduled Caste Sub Plan, ₹ 395 Crore for Tribal Sub Plan and ₹ 45 Crore for Backward Area Sub Plan.</p>   |
| 18. | <p>Speaker Sir, I may, however, point out the grim position of the State Finances. The Thirteenth Finance Commission grossly under-estimated the committed liabilities of the State. The expenditure on salary was capped at 35% of the revenue expenditure net of interest payments and pensions, which was totally unrealistic. What to speak of preferential treatment to a Special</p> |

Category State like Himachal Pradesh, the Thirteenth Finance Commission has not even given an equal treatment to our State. While the Commission recommended an average increase of 126% to other States compared to 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, the increase in case of Himachal Pradesh was only 50%, which was the lowest in the country. Had Himachal got an equal treatment comparable with overall increase of 126% for the country as a whole, we would have received an additional fund transfer of ₹ 10,725 Crore over a period of five years between 2010 and 2015. The State resources have adversely been affected by this shortfall.

The Thirteenth Finance Commission Non-Plan Revenue Deficit Grant will come down from ₹ 1,313 Crore during the current financial year to ₹ 406 Crore during the year 2014-15 leading to a resource dip of ₹ 907 Crore in a single year. My Government has successfully got the World Bank Assistance of ₹ 550 Crore in 2012-13 and is likely to get another ₹ 550 Crore in near future. As this special assistance was only for two years, therefore, in 2014-15, no such special assistance will be available to the State Government, causing further strain on our resources.

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|  | <p>19. We were expecting a release of 7.19% arrear since 1966 from Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), as per the landmark judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. But due to non-cooperative and indifferent attitude of our neighbouring States, this legitimate right of our State is again subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.</p> |
|  | <p>20. Speaker Sir, despite all constraints, my Government is committed to keep pace of development by providing sufficient financial resources for all-round development of the State. We will strive to achieve this both through fiscal prudence and efficient resource collection at State level.</p>                                  |

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|  | <p>We will set up a dedicated cell in State Government to monitor mobilisation of resources. We will also incentivise new ideas leading to higher resource mobilisation in the State.</p> <p>Speaker Sir, may I put it as :-</p> <p>“वो मुन्तज़िर नहीं है, दरिया के खुश्क होने का, वो रोज़ तैर के दरिया को पार करता है।”</p> |
| <p><b><u>EXTE</u></b><br/><b><u>R-</u></b><br/><b><u>NALL</u></b><br/><b><u>Y</u></b><br/><b><u>AIDE</u></b><br/><b><u>D</u></b><br/><b><u>PROJ</u></b><br/><b><u>ECTS</u></b></p> | <p>21. Externally aided projects (EAPs) form an important component in the resource mobilisation strategy of the State. Funds under EAPs come as 90% grant. Besides, we gain by getting the latest global technological advancements in that particular sector. We have already posed “Himachal Pradesh Roads Project</p>    |

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|  |            | <p>(Phase II) to the Government of India for funding through the World Bank with a total cost of ₹ 3,800 Crore.</p> <p>I am happy to inform that State Government has recently given clearance to pose “Forests Ecosystems Management and Livelihoods Project” with a total cost of ₹ 1,507 Crore to ‘Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)’ for funding. Another project ‘Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Climate Proofing Project with a total cost of ₹ 217 Crore has already been posed to the German funding agency KFW and is in the advanced stage of negotiations.</p> |
| <p><b><u>ADMI</u></b><br/><b><u>NIS-</u></b></p> | <p>22.</p> | <p>In order to provide Corruption free,</p>  |

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| <p><u>TRATI</u><br/><u>VE</u><br/><u>REFO</u><br/><u>RMS</u></p> |     | <p>transparent, accountable and citizen friendly administration and to ensure time bound delivery of public services to the people; my Government has already decided to bring more services under the Public Services Guarantee Act.</p>                     |
|  | 23. | <p>I announce to provide a toll free telephone number to report the cases of corruption in the Government Departments on which the action will be initiated expeditiously. I also assure that the identity of the complainants will be kept confidential.</p> |
|  | 24. | <p>I also propose to set up a common <b><i>‘Public services delivery helpline’</i></b> for all Government Departments. Citizens will be able to log their complaints on this</p>  |

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|     |  | <p>helpline with regard to any deficiency in delivery of public services. This help line will instantly forward the complaint to the concerned Government Department and corrective measures will immediately be initiated to ensure timely delivery of public services.</p>   |
| 25. |  | <p>The State Government will ensure delegation of financial and administrative powers to all the departments to enhance the efficiency and to speed up the service delivery. Similarly, the power of Technical and Administrative Approval of works will be enhanced by 50% in the Departments of Public Works and Irrigation &amp; Public Health to speed up the developmental works.</p> |
| 26. |  | <p>I announce that Public-Private</p>  |

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|   |            | <p>Partnership Cells will be established in six departments of Public Works, Irrigation &amp; Public Health, Urban Development, Tourism, Transport and Health during 2014-15 to bring more investment in these sectors in the State.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>PERF</u></b><br/><b><u>OR-</u></b><br/><b><u>MAN</u></b><br/><b><u>CE</u></b><br/><b><u>MAN</u></b><br/><b><u>AGE-</u></b><br/><b><u>MENT</u></b><br/><b><u>IN</u></b><br/><b><u>GOVE</u></b><br/><b><u>RN-</u></b><br/><b><u>MENT</u></b></p> | <p>27.</p> | <p>At present most of the Government Departments measure their performance only on the basis of expenditure incurred by them, whereas the general public of the State is concerned with actual output being delivered to them from that expenditure. State Government has adopted the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES) by preparing Results Framework Document (RFD) for all the State Government Departments for this purpose. To make the RFDs</p> |

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|   |            | <p>more effective and public oriented, I propose that all the departments of the State Government will work out 5 to 7 most important measurable outputs, which directly benefit the general public based on resources available. These measurable targets will be got approved by a committee headed by Chief Secretary within next 3 months and then the achievements will be regularly monitored.</p> |
| <p><b><u>INFO</u></b><br/><b><u>RMA-</u></b><br/><b><u>TION</u></b><br/><b><u>TECH</u></b><br/><b><u>NO-</u></b><br/><b><u>LOGY</u></b></p> | <p>28.</p> | <p>To provide Government Services at the doorstep of the citizen, about 2,500 Lok Mitra Kendras have been set up at the Panchayat level. We propose to add more services in the list of services already being provided by these centres. Lok Mitra Kendras will be opened in</p>  |

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|  |     | Himachal Bhawans of Chandigarh and Delhi to facilitate Himachalis living there.  |
|  | 29. | Moving in the direction of transparent and paperless office working, I propose to start E-Office Software in 10 Government offices in the next financial year. The offices switching to this software will work on a completely electronic mode and all the papers and files in these offices will be digital. This will be a significant milestone towards ensuring transparent and efficient governance. |
| <b><u>FOOD</u></b><br><b><u>SECU</u></b><br><b><u>RITY</u></b> | 30. | Speaker Sir, the UPA Government, under the visionary leadership of its Chairperson, Smt. Sonia Gandhi, has   |

enacted the National Food Security Act last year to provide food security to vast majority of our country. Himachal Pradesh was the second State in the country to implement this ambitious legislation. We are providing food grains at subsidized price of ₹ 2 and ₹ 3 to 37 lakh people in our State under the scheme 'Rajiv Gandhi Ann Yojana' launched under the Act. My Government has gone beyond the provisions of the Act to ensure that 35 Kg of food grains is made available to all the BPL families in the State for which, we will be spending about ₹ 20 Crore annually.

“पेश-ए-ख़िदमत है बजट खुशहाली का,  
ख़्याल है हमको हरेक मुफ़लिस की थाली का”।

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|  | 31. | During our previous tenure, we started providing three Pulses, two Edible Oils and Iodised Salt to all the consumers of the State at subsidised rates. We had kept a provision of ₹ 175 Crore for the current financial year. I propose to enhance the budget provision to ₹ 220 Crore for 2014-15 to safeguard the people against the price rise. |
|  | 32. | Speaker Sir, improvement in the Public Distribution System (PDS) is on the top Agenda of my Government. We are working to remove the inefficiencies in PDS system through E-governance. A Project of ₹ 14.23 Crore will be   |

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|  |     | implemented for Computerisation of Ration Cards and Automation of the Supply Chain of the PDS.   |
|  | 33. | With the implementation of National Food Security Act (NFSA), availability of sufficient warehousing facilities for food grains in the State is essential to ensure timely supply of food grains to dispersed population of our State. In the last five years, no efforts were made towards increasing the food grains storage capacity in the State. It will be the endeavour of my Government to create an additional food grain storage capacity of 30,000 Metric Tonne over the next four years. |
|  | 34. | I also propose to start a toll-free call centre for booking of LPG cylinders   |

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|                    |     | <p>from the next year to facilitate LPG Consumers of HP State Civil Supplies Corporation.</p> <p>I am proposing a budget outlay of ₹ 238 Crore for the Food, Civil Supplies &amp; Consumer Affairs Department during 2014-15.</p>                           |
| <b><u>AGRI</u></b> | 35. | <p>Speaker Sir, Agriculture is the backbone of the rural economy. In our State, 69% of the population is dependent upon agriculture for their livelihood. Agriculture, therefore, requires strong support of the Government for which we are committed.</p> |
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| <b><u>TURE</u></b> | 36. | <p>The diverse agro-climatic conditions of the State provide ample opportunities for crop-diversification with high value</p>   |

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|     | <p>crops. The State has a great potential for producing off-season vegetables. The annual production of off-season vegetables in the State has reached a level of 14 lakh Metric Tonnes with a total turnover of about ₹ 2 Thousand 500 Crore. There is still a vast scope for expansion of off-season vegetables, as only about 10% of the cropped area has been brought under vegetable cultivation till now. I propose to cover an additional 4 Thousand Hectare area under off-season vegetables during the year 2014-15. I propose an allocation of ₹ 55 Crore for this purpose.</p> |
| 37. | <p>I also propose <b>‘Dr. Y.S. Parmar Kisan Swarozgar Yojana’</b> from the next</p>   |

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|     | <p>financial year with an outlay of ₹ 100 Crore. Under this scheme, we have set a target of constructing 4,700 poly-houses covering 8.30 Lakh square meter area. The farmers will be provided a total of 85% subsidy by converging the subsidy under <b>Horticulture Technology Mission</b>. The project will be phased over 3 years up to 2016-17. This will not only increase the production of vegetables, but also create employment opportunities for about 20 thousand people.</p> |
| 38. | <p>My Government is also exploring the possibility of Coffee cultivation in our State. The Coffee Board, Government of India has already surveyed prospective</p>  |

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|     | <p>areas. There is a potential of Coffee cultivation in the districts of Kangra, Mandi, Una and Bilaspur. During 2014-15, coffee demonstration trials will be carried out in these districts under the technical guidance of Coffee Board.</p>   |
| 39. | <p>‘Mukhya Mantri Adarsh Krishi Gaon Yojana’ was started during 2013-14 covering one Panchayat of each constituency. Each Panchayat was provided ₹ 10 Lakh as Gap Filling Fund for creation and upgradation of agriculture infrastructure, which has yielded good results. I propose to extend this scheme in another 68 Panchayats <i>i.e.</i> one additional Panchayat in each Constituency in 2014-15 with an</p> |

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|     | allocation of ₹ 6.80 Crore.  |
| 40. | <p>Marketing is the critical link in ensuring remunerative prices to the growers. We propose to construct Market Yards at Mehendli, Fatehpur, Anu, Bhadshali, Jukhala, Totu, Tapri and Shillai area during 2014-15.</p> <p>I am happy to announce that my Government has decided to exempt levy of market fee on all vegetables and fruits like Mango, Peach, Pomegranate, Kinnow, Malta, etc. This will benefit both the growers and consumers.</p> <p>I propose an allocation of ₹ 384 Crore for Agriculture Sector.</p> |

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| <p><b><u>HORT</u></b><br/><b><u>I-</u></b><br/><b><u>CULT</u></b><br/><b><u>URE</u></b></p> | 41. | <p>Speaker Sir, varied topography provides a great scope for Horticulture in the State. To have a sustainable growth in horticulture, adequate thrust is being given on the productivity enhancement. The process will be continued by importing improved varieties and rootstocks of Apple, Pear, Cherry, Walnut and strawberry during year 2014-15.</p> |
|   | 42. | <p>To protect fruit crops especially apple from hailstorms, the State Government has enhanced subsidy on Anti hail nets to 80%. During year 2014-15, additional area of 15 Lakh Square Meter will be brought under protection from hail-storm by providing quality Anti-Hail Nets to the orchardists. The guidelines of Apple</p>                         |

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|     | <p>Rejuvenation Project have been made farmer friendly by providing assistance for uprooting of old plantations. 1,500 Hectare will be brought under revamped 'Apple Rejuvenation Project' during year 2014-15. Orchards covered under the scheme would necessarily have 30% pollinisers and micro irrigation facilities. An additional area of 1,000 hectare is proposed to be covered under micro-irrigation during 2014-15.</p> |
| 43. | <p>In our hilly State, uncertainties of weather can significantly affect the production and productivity of horticultural crops. At present, the horticultural crops of apple and mango are being covered under the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme. We</p>  |

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|     | <p>propose to significantly increase the coverage of scheme. From next financial year, Apple crop will be covered in 35 blocks against only 17 development blocks covered currently. Mango crop will be covered in 42 development blocks against only 10 blocks covered currently. I am happy to announce that from the next year, additional fruits <i>i.e.</i> Peach, Plum and Citrus (Kinnow) will be brought under insurance cover in selected blocks to benefit a large number of orchardists.</p> |
| 44. | <p>The State Government is committed to provide sufficient post-harvest facilities for the benefit of fruit growers of the State through a cold chain network by constructing Controlled Atmosphere</p>   |

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|     | <p>(CA) Stores and automatic packing cum grading lines in the major fruit growing areas of the State. As the demand for CA Stores facilities is growing, it is planned to set up these facilities in Districts Shimla, Kullu and Chamba in near future.</p> <p>In order to attract private investment in Himachal Pradesh in the field of horticulture, I propose that all such private investors who intend to invest in the Controlled Atmosphere Stores in the rural areas of the State will be provided Government land at a token lease money of ₹ 1/-.</p> |
| 45. | <p>In the next financial year, it is planned to set up one Apple Juice Concentrate Unit</p>  |

in District Shimla by HPMC at a cost of 15 Crore. Besides, the Fruit Processing Plant of HPMC at Parwanoo will be upgraded to enhance its capacity by investing ₹ 12 Crore.

We will also diversify the activities of HPMC towards vegetables processing by setting up two vegetable pack houses in Ghumarwin in District Bilaspur and Nadaun in District Hamirpur with an investment of ₹ 435 Lakh and ₹ 353 respectively during the next financial year.

I propose a budget outlay of ₹ 192 Crore for Horticulture in 2014-15.

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|   | 47. | <p>The milk processing plants in the State</p>  |

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|     | <p>will be modernized and old milk chilling units will be replaced with milk coolers to improve quality of milk and cost of operation. A new milk cooler plant will also be installed at Rekong Peo. A new Compressed Fodder Plant will also be set up at Lalsinghi, District Una. One Mineral Mixture Plant and one Urea Molasses Plant will be set up at Bhor, Tehsil Bhoranj, District Hamirpur.</p> |
| 48. | <p>My Government is committed to protect the interests of Sheep breeders of our State. I propose to increase the procurement price of different varieties of wool ranging from 7.5% to 32.5%. This will benefit 4,000 sheep breeders of the State. We will also streamline the procedure for grant of grazing permits</p>   |

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|     | for sheep and goats.  |
| 49. | <p>Stray cattle are a big nuisance for rural areas. We will encourage NGOs to strengthen the existing Gosadans and open new ones to house and feed the stray Cattle for which they will be suitably assisted. Gosadan at Khajjian near Nurpur will be renovated. It has been seen that amongst stray cattle, the population of male cattle is on the higher side. We will explore the possibility of using ‘Sexed Semen Technique’ to increase the population of female cattle, thus reducing the stray cattle menace.</p> <p>I propose an allocation of ₹ 279 Crore for the Animal husbandry sector.</p> |

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| <p><b><u>FISHE</u></b><br/><b><u>RIES</u></b></p> | <p>50. Himachal Pradesh has a big potential for Fisheries development. Over 11 thousand Fishermen are engaged in fishing occupation in the State. A new technology of “<b>Cage Fish Culture</b>” will be demonstrated by the Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Barrackpore, Kolkata for increasing the reservoir fish production, at a cost of ₹ 334 Lakh in Gobind Sagar and Maharana Pratap Sagar (Pong) Reservoirs. We propose to introduce a new scheme of Mobile Fish Market wherein mobile fish market vehicles shall ensure that the produce of fisherman find readymade market in our major towns. We propose to start with four such mobile fish markets in next financial</p> |
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|  |            | <p>year.</p> <p>I propose that all State Fish Growers will be covered under premium free ‘Group Accidental Fishermen Insurance Scheme’ on the analogy of State Fishermen.</p>  |
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|     | <p>the same will be maintained as Lantana free zone.</p> <p>We will also plant 45 Lakh herbal plants of 91 species in 2014-15.</p>   |
| 52. | <p>Forest fire is a great scourge and destroys forest wealth preserved with years of efforts. To protect forests from the fire, the State Government has developed Satellite Based Fire Alert System in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad. With this system, the information regarding forest fires will reach the concerned Forest Guard and other officials immediately on a near real time basis through SMS, which will help in the effective management and control of forest fires.</p> |

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|  |     | Our State is a pioneer in this innovation.   |
|  | 53. | Our Government is concerned about the damage caused to agricultural crops by the Monkeys. So far nearly 75,000 monkeys have been sterilised. In future, the sterilisation operation will continue in specific areas having large monkey population. State Government will lay special emphasis on habitat plantation enrichment so that the monkeys could get sufficient food in their natural habitat. For this purpose, wild fruit bearing species and berries will be planted in the forest areas. We will also explore other possibilities for control of monkey population. |
|  | 54. | Realising the hardships being faced by   |

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|     | <p>the people of the State in getting timber for construction, repair, addition-alteration of houses, cow sheds, etc., the Timber Distribution Rules have been suitably amended and notified in December, 2013 keeping with the expectations of people. Now, TD will be made available to the right holders after 15 years for construction and after 5 years for repair of the house instead of earlier period of 30 years and 15 years respectively. The quantum of timber for construction of house has been raised from 3 cubic metre to 7 cubic metre and that for repair of house from 1 cubic metre to 3 cubic metre.</p> |
| 55. | <p>Speaker sir, man animal conflict is inevitable in our State due to vast spread</p>  |

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|     | <p>of forests and proximity of human habitations to forest. I propose to enhance the rates of compensation for the loss caused by the wild animals. In case of death of a human being, the compensation will be enhanced from 1,00,000 to ₹ 1,50,000. In case of grievous injury the compensation will be enhanced from ₹ 33,000 to ₹ 75,000 and for simple injury, the compensation will be increased from the existing ₹ 5,000 to 10,000. Similarly, compensation for the loss of livestock and other animals will also be suitably enhanced.</p> |
| 56. | Speaker sir, involvement of people in   |

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|   |            | <p>conservation effort is very important for long-term sustainability of conservation efforts. We have notified a policy for Payment of Ecological Services (PES) to encourage participation and interest of the people towards conservation.</p> <p>I propose a budget allocation of ₹ 437 Crore for the Forest Department.</p> |
| <p><b><u>COOP</u></b><br/><b><u>ERA-</u></b><br/><b><u>TION</u></b></p> | <p>57.</p> | <p>My Government is committed to strengthen the co-operative movement in the State. ICDP projects are being successfully implemented in the districts of Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Sirmour. We propose to initiate three new ICDP Projects in District Kangra, Shimla and Kullu with an outlay of ₹ 85 Crore in the</p>             |

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|  |            | <p>next financial year with the assistance of NCDC. We have also extended Government guarantee of ₹ 235 Crore in favour of the Himachal Pradesh Cooperative Agriculture &amp; Rural Development Bank Ltd., for 2014-15.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>RURA</u></b><br/><b><u>L</u></b><br/><b><u>DEVE</u></b><br/><b><u>LOP-</u></b><br/><b><u>MENT</u></b></p> | <p>58.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) is a flagship programme of UPA Government. Appropriate convergence of State resources with MGNREGA can result in creation of qualitative and productive assets for rural areas. A significant model of convergence of men, material and resources between Rural development and IPH departments has been initiated</p> |

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|     | <p>to provide last mile connectivity for water distribution to farmers under Shah Nehar Project. I propose to earmark 20% funds released to Deputy Commissioners under Decentralised planning exclusively for convergence under MGNREGA in the next financial year.</p> <p>Our State has made great achievements in making rural areas of the State Open Defecation Free. Most importantly Solid and Liquid waste management in rural areas will be launched as a new and large scale initiative. Nearly 90 Crore will be spent under ‘Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan’.</p> |
| 59. | 10 additional development blocks will be taken up for implementation of NRLM   |

under intensive mode in 2014-15. 3,500 women based Self-Help Groups (SHGs) would be assisted to achieve credit mobilization target of ₹ 100 Crore.

Provision of decent shelter with basic amenities to rural BPL families has always been the endeavour of the State Government. 10,700 new houses will be constructed under various housing schemes in 2014-15 with a grant of ₹ 75,000 per house.

Currently there is no provision for repair of houses for people below poverty line except for that of SCs, STs and OBCs. We will keep a provision for repair of

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|     | <p>houses for BPL general category under Rajiv Awaas Yojana in the next financial year.</p>   |
| 60. | <p>The Integrated Watershed Management Programme is being implemented in the State with the objective of optimal use of water and soil conservation for better agricultural productivity. During 2014-15, an area of 25,000 hectares is proposed to be treated under this Programme. Nearly ₹ 190 Crore are likely to be spent for implementing IWMP during 2014-15. We will endeavour to link the work of this programme with livelihood promotion in rural areas.</p> |

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| <p><u>PANC</u><br/><u>HA-</u><br/><u>YATI</u><br/><u>RAJ</u></p> | <p>61.</p> | <p>The State Government is committed to strengthen the democracy at the grass-root level. We propose to fill up 245 vacant posts of Panchayat Sahayaks in the Gram Panchayats to ensure availability of a Panchayat Secretary or a Panchayat Sahayak in each Gram Panchayat for timely delivery of services.</p> <p>Under the recently launched Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashkatikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA), ₹ 55 Crore have been sanctioned for Himachal Pradesh. We propose to upgrade 200 Gram Panchayat Offices and provide 1,425 laptops and printers to the Panchayats under the Project.</p> |
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| 62. | <p>The Panchayats have engaged 3,243 Panchayat Chowkidars to support various activities in Gram Panchayats. The State Government is providing grant-in-aid of ₹ 1,650 per Chowkidar to a Panchayat and rest of the honorarium is provided by the Gram Panchayats. I propose to increase the grant-in-aid from ₹ 1,650 to ₹ 1,850 per month.</p> |
| 63. | <p>The Fourth State Finance Commission has submitted its report on 20th of January this year. The report has recommended transfer of liberal grants to the tune of ₹ 858 Crore for the years 2012-2017 including transfer of ₹ 476</p>  |

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|     | <p>Crore to Panchayati Raj Institutions and 382 Crore to Urban Local Bodies. My Government will transfer the resources to local bodies as recommended by the Commission to strengthen the grass-root democratic institutions.</p>   |
| 64. | <p>Speaker Sir, our Government is fully aware of the responsibilities assigned to the representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions. Therefore, I announce an increase in the honorarium of the representatives of PRIs from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014. The honorarium of the Chairperson Zila Parishad will be increased from ₹ 5,000 to ₹ 6,500, that of the Vice-Chairperson from ₹ 3,500 to</p> |

4,500 and of Member Zila Parishad from ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 2,400 per month. In the case of Panchayat Samiti, the honorarium of the Chairperson will be enhanced from ₹ 2,500 to ₹ 3,500, of the Vice-Chairperson from ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 2,400 and of Member from ₹ 1,800 to ₹ 2,100 per month. In the Gram Panchayats, the honorarium of the Panchayat Pradhan will be enhanced from ₹ 1,800 to ₹ 2,100, that of Up-Pradhan from ₹ 1,500 to ₹ 1,800 per month and the sitting fee for the members of Gram Panchayats will be enhanced from ₹ 175 to ₹ 200 per sitting.

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|  |            | <p>With this increase the representatives of PRIs will get an honorarium of ₹ 30 Crore per annum.</p> <p>I propose a budget allocation of ₹ 355 for the Panchayati Raj Department.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>LAND</u></b><br/><b><u>ADMI</u></b><br/><b><u>NIS-</u></b><br/><b><u>TRATI</u></b><br/><b><u>ON</u></b></p> | <p>65.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, Patwari is an important link in the entire Revenue Administration. Many posts of Patwaris were lying vacant, when we took over. We have taken steps for the selection of 778 Patwari candidates to fill up all the vacant posts of Patwaris after successful training.</p> <p>Reduction of litigation in revenue courts is one of the priorities of my Government. Moving in this direction,</p> |

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|     | <p>we have created two new Tehsils namely Bhunter and Balh besides upgrading Kotli Sub-Tehsil into full Tehsil. Six new Sub-Tehsils namely Dhami, Ispur, Kotla, Jol, Narag and Kotgarh have also been created. In addition, I have announced to create four more Sub-Tehsils namely Haripur in Guler, Gangath in Indora, Pajhota (Sirmour) and Panchrukhi (Kangra). Apart from this, I have also announced creation of two new Sub-Divisions at Jawalamukhi and Shillai. We will also launch a special drive to reduce pendency in revenue courts by 20% in next financial year.</p> |
| 66. | <p>My Government is deeply concerned about the landless and houseless people of the State. We have formulated a</p>  |

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|  |            | <p>scheme for the allotment of land for construction of house to such people. Any family having an annual income of ₹ 50,000 or less and is houseless, will be eligible for allotment of 3 Biswas of land in rural area and 2 Biswas of land in urban area. Powers have been delegated to the Deputy Commissioners to make allotments.</p> <p>I am proposing a budget outlay of ₹ 490 Crore for the Revenue Department during 2014-15.</p> |
| <p><b><u>IRRIG</u></b><br/><b><u>A-</u></b><br/><b><u>TION</u></b><br/><b><u>&amp;</u></b><br/><b><u>PUBLI</u></b></p> | <p>67.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, my Government continues to accord top priority to the provision of safe drinking water to the people and extending irrigation facilities to farmers</p>  |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>C</u><br/><u>HEAL</u><br/><u>TH</u></p> | <p>of the Pradesh. All the census villages in the State have been provided with drinking water facilities. We intend to provide 70 Liters per capita per day of water to all the habitations in the State in a phased manner covering 2,500 habitations in 2014-15.</p> <p>We also propose to install water ATMs at important tourist destinations.</p> |
|   | <p>68. Keeping in view the uncertainty of Monsoons, our agriculture and horticulture based economy can grow at a quicker pace only when adequate irrigation infrastructure is created.</p> <p>We have already completed a Major Irrigation Project of Shah Nehar at a cost</p>  |

of ₹ 311 Crore, which will cover 15,287 Hectare of CCA. Besides, Sidhata Project, costing ₹ 66 Crore with coverage of 3,150 Hectare of CCA, has also been completed.

Since the bulk of command area is serviced by Minor Irrigation Schemes, an outlay of ₹ 122 Crore is proposed for executing Minor Irrigation Schemes with a target of covering 3,000 hectares during 2014-15. An outlay of ₹ 30 Crore has been proposed under Medium Irrigation to accelerate the work on Medium Irrigation Project Nadaun in district Hamirpur. It is also proposed to continue work on Phina Singh Medium Irrigation

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|  |     | <p>Project and initiate the work on Koncil to Jharera Mandop Thona Medium Irrigation Project. I also propose an outlay of ₹ 25 Crore for Command Area Development Works to provide last mile connectivity to the farmers' fields.</p>   |
|  | 69. | <p>My Government is ensuring that the people of Himachal Pradesh continue to get potable drinking water and our farmers get irrigation facilities at affordable cost. I propose to provide ₹ 240 Crore to IPH Department to meet the Energy Charges of Water Supply and Irrigation Schemes.</p> |
|  | 70. | <p>With the efforts of my Government, we have got a project of ₹ 922 Crore</p>  |

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|   |            | <p>sanctioned for Swan Channelisation from Daulatpur bridge to Gagret bridge and its tributaries and ₹ 180 Crore for Channelisation of Chhounchh Khad in Tehsil Indora District Kangra. For proper and timely execution of Swan Channelisation, the Government has constituted, HP Swan River Channelisation Authority under my chairmanship.</p> <p>I am proposing a total budget outlay of ₹ 1,500 Crore for the Irrigation &amp; Public Health Department during 2014-15.</p> |
| <p><b><u>MPP</u></b><br/><b><u>&amp;</u></b><br/><b><u>POW</u></b><br/><b><u>ER</u></b></p> | <p>71.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh has been blessed with vast Hydro-Power potential of 23,000 MW. We have been able to</p>   |

harness only 8,432 MW of Hydel-Power so far. About 2,000 MW additional capacity is targeted for commissioning during the year 2014-15.

My Government is committed to support the small Hydro- Projects to expeditiously harness the power potential. We had constituted a Committee headed by Chairman, HP State Electricity Regulatory Commission to look into the problems faced by the Power Producers. The Committee has recently submitted a detailed report. As per the recommendations of the Committee, I am happy to announce that small hydro-powers producers will not be required to take NOC from IPH, PWD, Revenue and Fisheries

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|     | <p>Departments. Further, a single Joint Inspection Committee will be constituted to clear all aspects of projects for statutory clearances.</p> <p>Currently, 7% free power is given to the State Government for a period of 12 years by power projects up to 2 MW, which are exclusively reserved for bonafide residents of Himachal Pradesh. I propose to reduce the free power from these projects from 7% to 3% for all such future projects. To further encourage the entrepreneurs from our State, I propose to give preferential allotment of upto 5 MW projects to bonafide residents of Himachal Pradesh.</p> |
| 72. | Hydro-Power producers of the State have  |

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|     | <p>also requested to reduce the burden of Entry Tax on Plant and Machinery used in the hydro-projects. I have considered their demand and am happy to announce that any plant and machinery installed in generation of hydro-power, where State VAT has been paid, will be given full set-off of 5% Entry Tax. Further, I am pleased to announce that VAT on all type of plant and machinery used in generation of hydro-power, will be reduced from the present rate of 13.75% or 5% as applicable, to 2% in future. This will boost investment in Hydro Power.</p> |
| 73. | <p>As announced in my last year's budget speech, the cash transfer of 1% of free power to the project affected people has</p>  |

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|  |     | <p>been started from Chamera-III Hydro-Electric Project, which will be continued till the entire life of the Project.</p>   |
|  | 74. | <p>Evacuation of power is one of the highest priorities of my government. We are targeting to commission a 220/66/22 KV Sub-Station at Bhoktoo (Kinnaur) and 220/33 KV Sub-Station at Phojal (Kullu) and Karian (Chamba) alongwith three major 220 KV transmission lines of Prini-Phojal, Karian–Rajera and Sanel-Hatkoti-Pragatinagar (double circuit) during the next financial year.</p> |
|  | 75. | <p>State Government will endeavour that 24 hour reliable power is supplied to all consumers. HPSEBL has played an important role in providing electricity to</p>  |

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|     | <p>every household in the remotest corners of the State. The financial health of HPSEBL was allowed to deteriorate by the previous Government. My Government will take all possible steps to improve the financial health of the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd. (HPSEBL). I announce that the State Government will take over the liability of ₹ 564 Crore of the loan outstanding against the Board. This will significantly improve the financial health of the Board. In addition, I also propose to provide State Government guarantee of ₹ 898 Crore in favour of HPSEBL.</p> |
| 76. | <p>Speaker Sir, my Government strongly feels that people of Himachal Pradesh</p>  |

should get cheaper electricity. Therefore, we have decided that the Low Priced Electricity from SJVNL, which the State Government gets from them on account of its equity of 25%, will be given to HPSEBL for its lifetime. Since the cost of SJVNL power will reduce considerably in future, the people of the State will benefit on account of this low cost power. In addition to this, I propose to provide ₹ 330 Crore for subsidizing domestic energy consumers of our State.

Speaker Sir, in addition to the measures indicated above, I also announce that the State Government will provide equity amounting to ₹ 50 Crore in 2014-15.

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|  | 77. | <p>Himachal Pradesh Government Energy Development Agency (HIMURJA) has made concerted efforts to popularise renewable energy programmes throughout the State. We propose to set up a 2 MW Solar Photo-voltaic Power Plant in Kaza. In addition to this, commissioning of 16 Small Hydro-Electric Projects upto 5 MW with an aggregate capacity of 65.10 MW have been targeted for the year 2014-15.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 985 Crore for the MPP &amp; Power Department during 2014-15.</p> |
| <p><b><u>INDU</u></b><br/><b><u>S-</u></b></p> | 78. | <p>Speaker Sir, we are committed to</p>  |

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planned industrialisation in the State. I am glad to inform this August House that persistent efforts made by my Government to extend the Special Industrial Package have yielded positive results. The Government of India has now agreed to extend the Investment Subsidy Scheme for the new industrial units and existing units on their substantial expansion commencing commercial production till March, 2017. Continuation of this incentive will boost the pace of industrial investment and also provide employment to the youth of our State. The Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry has also accepted our demand to extend the incentive of transport subsidy and has notified a new Freight

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|     | <p>Subsidy Scheme with a view to offset the high cost of transportation in the State.</p> <p>Speaker Sir, I propose to set up an ‘HP Investment Promotion Cell’ in the Department of Industries to drive new investment in the State. I also announce that an ‘Industry Advisory Council’ will be set up under my chairmanship with representatives of industries to create a platform for deliberation of policy issues for industrial development in the State.</p> |
| 79. | <p>I am happy to announce that new ‘State of the Art’ industrial area at Pandoga in District Una and Kandrori in District Kangra will be developed with an investment of ₹ 219 Crore. The State Government will also identify suitable</p>  |

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|  |     | land in other districts to develop industrial areas.  |
|  | 80. | Our efforts to strengthen infrastructure for micro, small and medium sector enterprises have received a boost with the decision of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India to set up a Tool Room at Baddi with the estimated cost of about ₹ 147 Crores, for which land measuring about 100 Bighas at Village Bhatoli Kalan, Baddi has been provided. This will provide technological support and tooling facilities to the industry and also help in skill development of unemployed youth. |
|  | 81. | The State Government is committed to  |

provide industry friendly environment for attracting new investments. We have already streamlined the system of grant of approvals by introducing a common application form for clearing all medium and large-scale projects within a period of 90 days. In order to further streamline and expedite various clearances, I propose that once an industrial project is approved by the State Level Single Window Clearance and Monitoring Committee headed by me, the concerned industry would be issued approval of State Government under Section-118 of the HP Tenancy & Land Reforms (HPTLR) Act to purchase private land up to a specified limit, immediately. The departments of Revenue and Industries

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|     | <p>will immediately formulate necessary guidelines in this regard. Similarly, in respect of land to be allotted to set up industrial units in the industrial areas/estates developed by the department/SIDC, the department of Industries will be authorised to grant permission under Section-118 of HPTLR Act.</p> <p>The approval of Single Window Committee will also be deemed as an approval of electricity load by the HPSEBL. We also propose to increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for industries under the Town &amp; Country Planning Act and Rules.</p> |
| 82. | The representatives of the Industries have   |

requested for the reduction of Electricity Duty and additional concessions on duty for new industries. I have carefully considered their request. I am pleased to announce that the Electricity Duty for the specified Extra High Tension (EHT) category consumers will be reduced from existing 17% to 15%. Further, the, Electricity Duty for the existing Medium and Large Industries except EHT will be reduced from the existing rate of 15% & 17% to 13%. Moreover, any new Medium and Large Industrial Unit will be required to pay only 5% electricity duty in place of proposed 13% for five years. Similarly, for any existing Small Industry, I propose to reduce the electricity duty from existing 9% to 7%

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|     | <p>and any new Small Industry will be required to pay only 2% electricity duty for five years. I am also happy to announce that any new industry including EHT category, which employ more than 300 Himachalis will be charged only 2% electricity duty for five years.</p>                                 |
| 83. | <p>I am happy to announce that new industrial enterprises set up in the State will be charged only 50% stamp duty on sale deed or lease deed for setting up a new industry.</p> <p>I also announce that conversion of land use charges for the new industries would be reduced by 50% from the existing</p> |

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|  | 84. | The State Government is committed to the scientific and sustainable exploration of mineral wealth. Our Government has already notified 'Mineral Policy-2013'. I announce that all possible mineral locations would be auctioned in transparent manner in next financial year to meet the growing demand of construction material and open up the employment opportunities in the State. |
| <b><u>TRAN</u></b><br><b><u>S-</u></b><br><b><u>PORT</u></b> | 85. | Road transport is the only medium of transport in our hilly State. HRTC by plying passengers in the remotest corners of the State is not only doing a great service to the people of the State but is   |

also significantly contributing to the economy of the State. The previous Government failed to take effective steps to upgrade the fleet of HRTC, which is now old and getting obsolete. My Government has taken proactive steps in this direction. The Government will provide guarantee to secure a loan of 85 Crore from HUDCO for the purchase of 500 new buses to replace the old fleet. I am pleased to inform this August House that the Government of India has also sanctioned 800 buses and ancillary facilities for an amount of ₹ 298 Crore to our State under 'Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM)'.

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|  | 86. | <p>GPS devices will be installed on the buses to track their movement. All bus terminals will be equipped with passenger information display panels. We also aim at providing the best possible facilities in all the bus stands of the State. The Himachal Pradesh Bus Stands Management &amp; Development Authority has identified land for construction of bus stands at Hamirpur, Parwanoo, Una, Manali, Baddi, Dhalli, Lakkar Bazar Shimla, Sunni, Kullu, Nurpur, Nalagarh, Chamba and Manikaran. The Authority will develop these bus stands under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in a phased manner.</p> |

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|  |            | <p>To fulfill the social obligations and to strengthen HRTC, I propose to provide ₹ 175 Crore budget in the shape of grant and equity in 2014-15.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>ROAD</u></b><br/><b><u>S &amp;</u></b><br/><b><u>BRID</u></b><br/><b><u>GES</u></b></p> | <p>87.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, roads are the lifeline of our State. The State currently has a network of 33,325 km. of motor able roads. 3,027 Panchayats out of a total of 3,243 Panchayats have been connected by motorable road and efforts are afoot to connect the remaining 216 Panchayats. Out of the remaining 216 Panchayats, works in 179 Panchayats are in various stages of progress.</p> <p>Under the Pardhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna, 3,016 eligible habitations have been connected and 10,064 km. road</p> |

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|     | <p>length completed. Works are in progress to connect the balance 596 sanctioned habitations. Himachal is being funded under PMGSY by the World Bank Assisted Rural Road Project (RRP-II), under which project approvals worth 516 Crore have been received. Emphasis would be given towards metalling and tarring of the existing road length under PMGSY and providing new connectivity, for which I have fixed a target of availing sanction of ₹ 300 Crore for the year 15, from Government of India.</p> |
| 88. | <p>In order to shorten the travel distances, my Government is keen to develop tunnels in our State. We have approved</p>  |

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|     | <p>to invite International Competitive Bid on Build Operate &amp; Transfer basis from private parties for the construction of 'Bangana-Dhaneta-Tunnel'. We are also getting the DPRs for 'Bhubujot-Kullu', and 'Holi-Utrala' tunnels prepared from Consultants. Besides this, the work on Pre-Feasibility Study Reports of two Tunnels namely 'Tissa-Killar Tunnel under Chaini Pass' and 'Chamunda-Holi Tunnel' has been assigned to SJVN Limited Shimla.</p> |
| 89. | <p>The allocation for the World Bank funded State Road Project has now been revised to ₹ 1,800 Crore. Out of the ten up-gradation projects, three have been completed and another three are</p>  |

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|     | <p>scheduled for completion by June, 2014. The ‘Theog-Hatkoti-Rohru road’ and the ‘Sarkaghat-Ghumarwin road’ have been re-allotted. Emphasis is also being made on introducing performance based contracts on a Pilot basis in each of the Zones. With support from the World Bank a consultancy for road accident data management system has also been taken up.</p> |
| 90. | <p>My Government accords high priority to National Highways. At present, there are 12 National Highways having a length of 1,553 Kms. in the State. Proposals involving Nine roads having a length of 1,157 km have been taken up with Government of India for declaring them as National Highway. The Government</p>   |

of India has made a policy to connect every district Head Quarter with nearest National Highway which will benefit the districts of Chamba, Kangra, Una and Kinnaur. During the year 2013-14, annual plan of ₹ 233 Crore for original works and ₹ 160 Crore for periodical renewal was approved by Government of India.

The NHAI is executing two major Projects of four- laning in Himachal. Work on ‘Kiratpur-Nerchowk road’ has been awarded for ₹ 1,818 Crore and has commenced from November, 2013. The Parwanoo-Shimla four laning project is estimated to cost ₹ 2,500 Crore, for

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|  |     | which approvals relating to forest and land acquisition are in the final stages.  |
|  | 91. | During 2014-15, we have fixed a target for construction of 450 km. of motorable road, 40 km of Jeepable road and 30 bridges. A target of 2,000 Km. for periodical renewal of existing roads has also been fixed and 550 km for metalling/ tarring of new roads would also be carried out. In addition, 406 building works have been targeted for completion during 2014-15. Apart from this, cross drainage of 600 km would be carried out. My Government has taken a decision to allow price escalation of Bitumen in PMGSY works and addressed issues regarding availability of construction material under the new |

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|  |            | <p>Mining Policy.</p> <p>I propose a budget outlay of ₹ 2,384 Crore for the Public Works Department during 2014-15.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>RAIL</u></b><br/><b><u>WAYS</u></b></p> | <p>92.</p> | <p>Sir, my Government is pursuing for early start of work on rail lines. Recently, I had a meeting with Hon'ble Union Railway Minister in New Delhi, and all the issues related to Railway Projects in the State were resolved in this meeting. I am happy to inform that Railways have agreed to connect Baddi with rail line from any feasible rail point and expedite the work of this rail line. The State Government will contribute 50% of the Project Cost. The pending issues in</p> |

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|  | <p>respect of ‘Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri Rail Line’ have also been resolved and the Railway authorities have agreed to resume the work of this new rail line. Further, an additional budget of ₹ 27 Crore has also been provided by the Railways to complete the remaining portion of ‘Nangal-Talwara Broad Gauge Rail Line’.</p> |
| <p><b><u>ENVI</u></b><br/><b><u>RON-</u></b><br/><b><u>MENT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>SCIEN</u></b><br/><b><u>CE</u></b><br/><b><u>&amp;TEC</u></b><br/><b><u>HNO-</u></b><br/><b><u>LOGY</u></b></p> | <p>93. Speaker Sir, The Government of Himachal Pradesh has posed Development Policy Loan (Phase-II) of 100 Million US Dollars from the World Bank through Government of India under Clean Technology Fund (CTF) for shift towards green growth and sustainable development. The World Bank Team</p>                             |

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|  |            | <p>has recently visited Shimla and agreed that the State Government has complied with all conditions for eligibility of loan. Therefore, we are likely to get this loan soon. We are thankful to the Government of India that it will pass on this loan to our State as 90% grant and 10% loan.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>EXCISE &amp; TAXATION</u></b></p> | <p>94.</p> | <p>The State Government has successfully extended the facility of filing e-returns, e-tax payment, e-declaration and issuance of statutory forms online to the registered dealers having annual turnover of ₹ 40 lakh and above. Now, I am pleased to announce that these e-services will be extended to all the registered dealers of the State with effect from 1<sup>st</sup></p> |

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|     | <p>July, 2014. All the dealers will be able to avail these services from their business premises or homes at all times including holidays. Thus, they will be saved from frequent visits to the offices of the Excise &amp; Taxation Department. Further, the department will hold workshops throughout the State in order to educate and guide the dealers in this regard.</p> |
| 95. | <p>I also announce that for making tax payment, the dealers will no longer be required to get the challans passed from the Excise department. They will be able to go directly to banks to make these payments, thereby saving time. I also announce that the process of VAT refund will be simplified and made time bound.</p>   |

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| 96. | <p>With a view to make transportation of goods hassle free and to prevent congestion at the barriers, I take pleasure in announcing that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2014, the Trucks with full e-declarations of Goods will not be required to stop at barriers mandatorily, while exiting from the State.</p> <p>Further to facilitate dealers, I also announce that in addition to e-services, the Excise Department will also make mobile based declaration of goods available as an alternative mode.</p> |
| 97. | <p>The system of annual auction of Toll Tax prevents establishment of modern toll infrastructure and causes hardship to citizens in obtaining monthly, quarterly</p>  |

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|   |            | <p>and annual passes during the time of transition especially in first few months. I, therefore, propose that the Toll Services in future will be auctioned for a period of three years to enable the lessee to establish modern toll infrastructure and to ensure timely issuance of passes.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>TOUR</u></b><br/><b><u>ISM</u></b></p> | <p>98.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, my Government aims at promoting sustainable tourism without damaging the ecology and environment. For this purpose, Sustainable Tourism Policy, 2013 has been formulated based on national and global good practices. With a focus on tapping tourism potential, a separate Dharamshala (Kangra Valley) Tourism Action Plan has been framed by the Government. Similar Sustainable Tourism Action</p> |

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|  |      | Plans for Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti will also be formulated.  |
|  | 99.  | In order to promote high end tourism in the State, air connectivity has been restored at Gaggal and Kullu Airports and efforts are afoot to connect Shimla Airport as well. We propose to carry forward the efforts to develop a Green-field Airport near Kandaghat. We shall also get a survey done in Mandi district for an airport project. The State Government has already reduced VAT on Aviation Turbine Fuel from 5% to 1% to boost the civil aviation sector. |
|  | 100. | My Government will give impetus to set up identified ropeways projects in the State. The process of conducting Techno-Economic Feasibility Studies for   |

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|      | <p>development of Rope-Ways from ‘Himani to Chamunda in Kangra District’ and from ‘Tuti-Kandi to Lift, Mall Road in Shimla town’ has already been initiated and is expected to be completed during the next few months. Expression of Interest will also be invited for appointment of Consultants and preparing bidding documents in respect of Rope Ways Projects from ‘Dharamshala to Triund’, ‘Shah Talai to Deoth Sidh’ and ‘Toba to Naina Devi ji’ during 2014-15.</p> |
| 101. | <p>Our Government is keen to encourage more investment from prospective entrepreneurs in opening new hotels and tourist facilities. I announce that all new hotels opened in the State in rural areas</p>  |

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|   |      | <p>other than established tourist areas will be granted exemption 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 they start functioning.</p>  |
|   | 102. | <p>In order to provide facilities to the tourists, commercial centres with public conveniences like Toilets, Clean Drinking Water Facility, Sitting Arrangements, etc., will be developed on PPP mode along the National and State Highways. Suitable sites will be identified jointly by the Revenue Authorities and Tourism Department for this purpose.</p> |
| <b><u>ELEM</u></b><br><b><u>EN-</u></b> | 103. | <p>Education is one of the most important</p>  |

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components of human development and has, therefore, been accorded top-most priority by the State. This is revealed from the fact that literacy rate that stood at 31.71 % in the year 1971, has now reached 82.80%.

Though, the enrolment level in our State is one of the highest in the country, yet poor learning levels of the students still remain a matter of concern. In order to improve the learning levels of students, the State Government has decided to conduct annual examination of 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> classes at school level. We will also lay emphasis on the training of teachers as we believe that upgradation of teaching skills of teachers is crucial for quality education.

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|   |      | <p>Speaker Sir, it has rightly been said :</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“A doctor’s mistake is buried in grave,<br/>An engineer’s mistake is buried in bricks,<br/>But a teacher’s mistake is reflected in the<br/>whole nation”.</b></p> |
|   | 104. | <p>We have not only re-engaged the PTA Teachers removed by the previous Government, but have also enhanced their grant. My Government is also committed to resolve pending issues relating to PTA, PAT and Para Teachers.</p>                      |
| <b><u>SECO</u><br/><u>N-</u><br/><u>DARY</u><br/><u>&amp;</u><br/><u>HIGH</u></b> | 105. | <p>Considering significant contribution of higher education in all round development of human society and for enhancing employability of the youth,</p>  |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ER</u><br/><u>EDUC</u><br/><u>ATIO</u><br/><u>N</u></p> | <p>my Government will continue the access and quality drive in secondary and higher education also.</p> <p>With this objective in mind, I have upgraded a large number of schools in the State for the benefit of students.</p>   |
|   | <p>106. For expanding the use of Information Technology in our schools, 618 Government Senior Secondary Schools, 848 High Schools and 5 Smart Schools will be covered under ICT at School Scheme (Phase II) during 2014-15. At the same time, in order to motivate our students to achieve higher learning levels, I announce to provide Net Books (Lap-Tops) to 7,500 meritorious students of Class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in 2014-15 under</p> |

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|      |   | ‘Rajiv Gandhi Digital Yojana’. |
| 107. | National Vocational Education Qualification Framework has been launched in 100 Senior Secondary Schools with the choice of five vocations <i>i.e.</i> Information Technology Enabled Service (I.T.E.S.), Security, Retail, Automobile and Health Care for 9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> students. 9,000 students have been enrolled under the Scheme. |                                |
|      | I propose to extend vocational education in another 100 Government Senior Secondary Schools with three new courses <i>i.e.</i> Agriculture, Hospitality & Tourism and Electronics & Hardware to improve employability of students. 200 vocational teachers will be appointed in these schools in the academic session                                       |                                |

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|  | 108. | <p>Speaker Sir, the State Government has recently decided to open 9 new colleges. The previous Government had opened various institutions without making any provision for infrastructure and building. I am happy to announce that we have sanctioned a total sum of ₹ 45 Crore that is ₹ 5 Crore for building works for each of these colleges. Besides, the State Government has also decided on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2014 to open three more degree colleges at Khundian, Nihri and Chail-Koti for which money for building infrastructure will be released on the same pattern.</p> |
|  | 109. | Speaker Sir, the students of Rural areas   |

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|      | <p>have a difficulty in coping with today's competitive environment due to limited exposure to competitive tests. We propose to introduce Aptitude tests at various levels right from the school onwards to give sufficient exposure to our children.</p>   |
| 110. | <p>Sir, the UPA Government at the centre has started Rashtriya Uchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for improving the higher education system. Keeping in view the RUSA guidelines, we have constituted the State Higher Education Council. We have submitted a project proposal of ₹ 956 Crore to Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India for approval under RUSA.</p> |

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|  |      | I propose to allocate ₹ 4,282 Crore for Education for the year 2014-15.  |
| <u>TECH</u><br><u>NICA</u><br><u>L</u><br><u>EDUC</u><br><u>ATIO</u><br><u>N</u> | 111. | Speaker Sir, my Government is committed to expand technical education to increase employability. We have made five left out Government Polytechnics in the districts of Sirmour, Kullu, Bilaspur, Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti functional from the academic session 2013-14. Seven new Government ITIs at Dargi, Jalog, Sunni, Khadhan (Nankhari) in District Shimla, Shri Naina Devi in District Bilaspur, Dehar in District Mandi and Haroli Pubowal in District Una have also been made functional from the current academic session 2013-14. I am also happy to inform that our Government has |

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|  |      | approved opening of five new ITIs, thus ensuring that every Assembly Constituency has at least one Government ITI.   |
|  | 112. | The State Government has decided to open one Government Engineering College in Kangra District under ‘Rashtriya Uchtar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)’. I am pleased to inform that this College will be opened at Nagrota Bagwan.               |
| <b><u>SKILL<br/>DEVE<br/>LOP-<br/>MENT</u></b> | 113. | Speaker Sir, my Government attaches a lot of importance to Skill Development. I earnestly believe that our youth need quality and certified skills to tap the vast potential of skilled manpower requirement in our country. We have set |

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|      | <p>up a State level Skill Development Society to give policy direction, coordinate, and implement the skilling activities in our State. All the departments involved in Skill development will be brought on board with clear-cut targets set out for the purpose. We propose to cover 80,000 youths for skilling in next financial year. We also propose to empanel quality skill providers in various sectors, who can impart certified courses to our youths. We will set up a web-site based complete digital database of youths, who will get skilled under various sectors so as to track their future employment.</p> |
| 114. | A very important part of the Skill development initiative of the State is  |

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|  | <p>Skill Development Allowance Scheme for the educated unemployed youth of the State, which was announced by me in previous year's budget speech. The scheme aimed at providing Skill Development Allowance at the rate of 1,000/- per month and ₹ 1,500/- per month for the persons with disabilities to enhance their employability. To cover maximum youth within the ambit of this scheme, the scheme has been significantly liberalised. Now the 8th pass Himachali youths, who are above 16 years and below 36 years are eligible to avail benefit under this scheme. The condition of registration in the employment exchange for at least two</p> |
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|      | <p>years has been waived off. Further, the minimum educational requirement has also been waived off for trainings in masonry, carpentry, blacksmith, plumbing, etc.</p>  |
| 115. | <p>In addition to implementing the Standard Training Assessment &amp; Reward Scheme certified by the Sector Skill Councils &amp; NSDC, we have approached National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to establish four ‘Centres of Excellence’ in the Sectors of Automobile, Retail, Hospitality and IT/ITES to enlarge the association of the ITIs and Polytechnics in the State with the Industry.</p> <p>These ‘COEs’ will have State of the Art Laboratory Facilities. These centres will</p> |

ensure that the training imparted to our youth is in tune with the Industry requirements.

We also propose to upgrade the skills of Building and other construction workers by allocating 20% of the Cess amount for skilling activities. This will give an opportunity to a large number wards or dependents of underprivileged working class people to aspire for better job opportunities.

I propose to provide a budget of ₹ 100 Crore for the Skill development initiative in the State in 2014-15.

Speaker Sir,

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| <u>LANG</u><br><u>UAGE</u><br><u>_ART</u><br><u>&amp;</u><br><u>CULT</u><br><u>URE</u> | 116. | <p>Speaker Sir, my Government is committed to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of our State. Himachal Pradesh has a rich heritage of Temples.</p> <p>Many temples had landed property and the income accruing from that was utilised for their up-keep and daily “Pooja Archana”. Several temples lost their landed properties as a result of implementation of the land reform laws etc. The up-keep of these temples has, therefore, become difficult. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 5 Crore to create a Revolving Fund, to begin with, to meet</p> |

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|      | <p>the requirements of such Temples for their ‘Pooja - Archana’ and up-keep. It will be suitably increased, if required.</p>  |
| 117. | <p>Various cultural programmes are being organised in the State to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh. A calendar of events has been finalised for the State. For the first time ever, a year long calendar of events has been drawn to fill the historic city of Shimla with colour, music, dance, drama, flavour and fervor under the theme of ‘Shimla Celebrates’. The objective is also to develop the Gaiety Complex as a Nucleus Platform of repute for quality cultural and theatrical events. Let us recall that this 140 years old</p> |

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|  |      | Gothic structure has been restored under the initiative of my Government.  |
|  | 118. | The Government proposes to set up a City Museum and Entertainment Park for the tourists and public in general in the heart of Shimla city. The process of acquiring Bantony Castle has already been initiated. Various artifacts and exhibits will be displayed covering the history and heritage of the Pradesh. It will profile Shimla in dimensions of both past and present. |
|  | 119. | The Himachal Academy of Art, Culture & Language is providing financial assistance for bulk purchase of books to Himachali writers engaged in research work of folk lore and music and other  |

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|   |             | <p>cultural aspects of Himachal Pradesh. The Government proposes to increase this financial assistance from ₹ 10,000 to ₹ 25,000 for State Awardees and from ₹ 6,000 to ₹ 15,000 for other writers.</p>   |
| <p><u>YOUTH SERVICES &amp; SPORTS</u></p> | <p>120.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, my Government is committed to promote youth services and sports in the State. To empower the youth activities in the State, Nodal Youth Clubs are being strengthened. I propose to enhance their annual grant for the procurement of Sports equipment and Cultural instruments from existing ₹ 10,000 to ₹ 18,000 from the next financial year.</p> |

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|   |             | <p>To provide adequate coaching facilities for our budding sportspersons, I announce that 50 posts of Coaches and 13 posts of Groundsmen will be created and filled up in the next financial year.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>INFO</u></b><br/><b><u>RMA-</u></b><br/><b><u>TION</u></b><br/><b><u>&amp;</u></b><br/><b><u>PUBLI</u></b><br/><b><u>C</u></b><br/><b><u>RELA</u></b><br/><b><u>TION</u></b><br/><b><u>S</u></b></p> | <p>121.</p> | <p>Speaker, Sir, the print and electronic media has been playing an important role in publicising the policies, programmes and important decisions of the Government in the State and our Government is committed to facilitate them.</p> <p>I am happy to announce that all accredited correspondents, working at the State, District or Sub-Division level, will be exempted from payment of toll fees on their vehicles, at the time of entry in</p> |

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|   |             | <p>the State with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014.</p> <p>I also announce that ₹ 1 Crore will be provided for the construction of Press Clubs in the State.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>HEALTH &amp; MEDICAL EDUCATION</u></b></p> | <p>122.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, my Government is committed to provide quality Health Care to the people of the State. We have a strong commitment to provide cheaper Generic drugs in our public health institutions. Towards this end, we have made an Essential Drug List (EDL) of Generic Drugs of approximately 500 Generic Medicines. We have issued directions to ensure that only generic medicines are prescribed to the patients. We propose to significantly change the way the medicines are currently supplied</p> |

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|  |      | <p>to our public health institutions. We will set up drug warehouses in the State for generic drugs.</p>   |
|  | 123. | <p>We propose to establish Mobile Medical Units in order to provide better health care services to the people residing in far-flung areas of the State. Besides Specialised Doctors, these Mobile Medical Units will have the facility of Ultrasound, and all essential life saving drugs. These Mobile Medical Units will hold camps in the rural areas at fixed schedule. We will also endeavour to develop Telemedicine facilities.</p> |
|  | 124. | <p>We will establish a centralised Oxygen Plant in IGMC, Shimla. We will set up MRI facility at identified institutions of</p>   |

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|      | <p>the State under PPP Mode.</p> <p>Due to our hilly terrain, we have a very high incidence of accidents and consequential trauma. We propose to establish an Advanced Trauma Centre in IGMC. We also propose to establish Trauma centres at Nurpur, Rampur and Kullu during 2014-15.</p>   |
| 125. | <p>Speaker Sir, Maternal and Child Health Service forms a very important component of Health Services. In that direction, we propose to upgrade Kamla Nehru Hospital at Shimla, which is currently running department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Indira Gandhi Medical College in it, into a full-fledged Mother-Child Hospital. The</p> |

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|      | <p>hospital will provide all tertiary level services for mother and child health, for which currently, people have to go to IGMC. This will also help in decongestion of IGMC. A new 100-bedded block is being constructed at a cost of ₹ 16.50 Crore. A similar 100 bedded dedicated Mother and Child Hospital will also be set up in Mandi for which we propose to spend ₹ 5 Crore.</p> |
| 126. | <p>An OPD Block with an estimated cost of ₹ 56 Crore and an Administrative Block with an estimated cost of ₹ 8 Crore are being constructed in IGMC, Shimla. Super Specialty Hospital has been constructed at RPGMC, Tanda at a cost</p>   |

of ₹ 150 Crore under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Surakhsha Yojana (PMSSY-II). To decongest IGMCI premises, a new campus will be built near Ghanahatti to house Dental College and Nursing College at a tentative cost of ₹ 150 Crore for which 60 Bighas of land has been made available.

Speaker Sir, in our State, Health infrastructure has remarkable outreach. It is now time to look at Non Pharmaceutical interventions that impact on social determinants of Health in the State. I propose to set up an expert group to chart out a long term fundamental approach towards this sector.

127. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) has proved to be a very useful scheme to provide financial protection to poor people against life threatening ailments. I propose to expand the coverage of this scheme by including Sanitation Workers, Rag Pickers, Auto Rickshaw Drivers and Taxi Drivers etc under the scheme. An additional expenditure of ₹ 2.50 Crore will be made on this account.

In order to attract private investment in the field of health services, I propose that all such private investors who intend to invest in the Nursing Homes and Hospitals in identified rural areas of the State will be provided Government land

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|  | 128. | <p>Drug addiction is a big menace to the society. To discourage the drug abuse, we will launch a massive awareness campaign in all the educational institutions of the State.</p> <p>I propose an outlay of ₹ 1,050 Crore for the Health &amp; Medical Education sector during financial year 2014-15.</p> |
| <b><u>AYUR</u></b><br><b><u>VEDA</u></b> | 129. | <p>Speaker Sir, Ayurveda Department plays a significant role in providing better health services in the State through its wide institutional network. In order to ensure uninterrupted services in the rural</p>   |

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|  |      | <p>areas, 100 vacant posts of Ayurvedic Medical Officers have been approved to be filled.</p> <p>The Drug Testing Laboratory at Jogindernagar and three Government Ayurvedic Pharmacies located at Jogindernagar in district Mandi, Majra in district Sirmour and Paprola in district Kangra will be strengthened by providing latest machinery and technology.</p> <p>I propose a budget allocation of ₹ 203 Crore for Ayurveda during 2014-15.</p> |
| <p><b><u>URBA</u></b><br/><b><u>N</u></b><br/><b><u>DEVE</u></b><br/><b><u>LOP-</u></b><br/><b><u>MENT</u></b></p> | 130. | <p>Speaker Sir, the urban population in Himachal Pradesh is constantly increasing. As per 2011 Census, the percentage share of urban population in</p>   |

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|      | <p>our State is 10.04%. We propose to augment water supply schemes in Sujanpur, Rampur, Nagrota, Kangra, Mandi, Kullu and Manali at an estimated cost of ₹ 183 Crore under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Scale Towns (UIDSSMT). Four modern abattoirs will be set up at a projected cost of ₹ 15 each under Modernisation of Abattoirs Scheme of Government of India. Sewerage schemes for Baddi and Nalagarh towns will be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹ 90 Crore under UIDSSMT scheme.</p> |
| 131. | My Government is aware of the traffic   |

congestion and attendant parking problems in major towns of the State. The car parking complexes at Chhota Shimla, Sanjauli and near Lift in Shimla with the parking facility of about 1,400 Cars are in different phases of construction. Another car parking with the parking facility of about 175 Cars will be constructed at Vikas Nagar and the construction work on it will be started in 2014-15. Similarly, construction of car parking-cum-commercial complexes in Palampur and Mandi will be started during 2014-15. Preliminary work for construction of car parking-cum-commercial complexes in Mc-Leodganj, Dharamshala, Hamirpur, Rohroo and near IGMC and near Old

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|      | <p>Barrier in Shimla town will be started during 2014-15.</p> <p>To facilitate the residents of Shimla and Dharamshala, we shall explore the possibility of Mass Rapid Transit System in PPP mode for these towns.</p>  |
| 132. | <p>We intend to bring skilled manpower in our cities seeking jobs and residents of our cities seeking services on a common platform by creating City Livelihood centres. Skilled manpower can register themselves in these centres. The citizens in need of services can get any service they need by calling these centres. This will provide job opportunities to a large number of skilled people like electricians, plumbers, carpenters,</p> |

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|      | <p>sanitation workers etc., while at the same time, it will facilitate the citizens of a city in accessing these services. We propose to start a City Livelihood Centre in Shimla in the next financial year.</p>   |
| 133. | <p>Considering the diverse nature of responsibilities of elected representatives of Urban local bodies, I announce the increase in honorarium for the Chairperson of Nagar Panchayat from 1,800 to ₹ 2,500, for Vice Chairperson from ₹ 1,500 to ₹ 2,000 and for the members from ₹ 750 to ₹ 1,000 per month. For Municipal Councils, the honorarium of the Chairperson will be</p> |

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|   |             | <p>increased from ₹ 2,400 to ₹ 3,000, for the Vice-Chairperson from ₹ 2,000 to 2,500 and for the members from ₹ 900 to ₹ 1,200 per month. For the Municipal Corporation Shimla, I announce the increase in the honorarium of the Mayor from ₹ 5,000 to ₹ 6,500, for the Deputy Mayor from ₹ 3,500 to ₹ 4,500 and for Councillors from ₹ 2,400 to ₹ 3,000 per month.</p> |
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|                                  |             | <p>master plans for the entire State and master plans for development of areas with significant growth potential. At the same time, we also propose to rationalise the areas under Planning/Special areas so that rural areas with lesser growth potential are taken out of the regulatory framework. We also propose to simplify the rules and procedures for granting permission by introducing simple procedures and innovative schemes like Self-Certification Scheme. We also propose to shift the regulatory work under Town &amp; Country Planning to Urban local bodies and PRIs, wherever feasible.</p> |
| <p><b><u>WOMEN &amp;</u></b></p> | <p>135.</p> | <p>Historically, women of Himachal Pradesh have been provided equal</p>  |

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opportunities in various spheres. My Government is committed to bring gender parity in participation in public policy and exercising choices over economic and social opportunities in the coming few years. We have set up a high powered 'Mahila Kalyan Board' for reviewing policies and issues relating to women. We have also constituted the 'Himachal Pradesh Commission for Protection of Child Rights'. The Chairman and members of the Commission have also been appointed recently.

I propose to implement Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in the State in Mission Mode from 2014-15. The main objectives of the revised

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|      | <p>scheme will be to reduce the percentage of undernourished children in the age group of 0-3 years by at least 10 percentage points and reduce incidence of anemia in children and women by at least one fifth of the existing levels. The norms for providing supplementary nutrition under the programme will also be revised appropriately. An amount of about ₹ 130 Crore will be spent under ICDS during 2014-15.</p> |
| 136. | <p>In order to encourage people to transfer the property in the name of women and thus empower them, we have decided to reduce the Stamp Duty for women in the State. They will now pay only 4% Stamp Duty on transfer of land, as</p>  |

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|  |             | <p>compared to the 6% for the men.</p> <p>To discourage the gender bias in our society, my Government proposes to provide reservation of two seats in all Government Institutions of the State for acquiring higher education including technical and professional education for the single girl child.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 262 Crore for the Women &amp; Child Development Department during 2014-15.</p> |
| <p><u>SCs,</u><br/><u>OBCs</u><br/><u>&amp;</u><br/><u>MINO</u><br/><u>RITY</u><br/><u>AFFAI</u></p> | <p>137.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to the socio-economic welfare and development of the under privileged and weaker sections of the society. I am happy to announce that the allocation for</p>   |

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| <u>RS</u> | SCSP has been increased to 25.19% of the Plan compared to 24.72% given in the current year.   |
|           | <p>138. The State Government is providing Social Security Pension to 2 Lakh 92 Thousand 921 persons under different categories. Presently, there are about 12 Thousand pending applications for pension. I announce that all the eligible applicants will be sanctioned pension.</p> <p>Presently, ₹ 500 per month is being as social security pension to the old aged, widow and handicapped persons. I am happy to announce that the pension amount will be increased from ₹ 500 per month to ₹ 550 per month from April,</p> |

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The pension of persons above 80 years has been increased to ₹ 1,000 per month with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013. Speaker Sir, there are one lakh persons above 80 years of age in our State, out of whom presently only forty thousand are availing the benefit of pension. The people in this age group are extremely vulnerable and have special needs. We strongly feel that Government should support this most vulnerable section of society by bringing all of them under social security net. I am, therefore, pleased to announce that all the persons above 80 years of age, except those, who are drawing any other pension, will be given pension at the rate

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|      | <p>of 1,000 rupees per month irrespective of any income limit.</p> <p>With these additional measures, we will provide an additional benefit of ₹ 110 Crore for social security pensions.</p> <p>I would like to say here :-</p> <p>“हरेक राह में चिराग़ जलाना है मेरा काम,<br/>तेवर हवाओं के मैं देखा नहीं करता।”</p> |
| 139. | <p>Presently ₹ 15,000 is being provided as Housing Subsidy for Repair of Houses of SCs, STs &amp; OBCs. I announce to increase it to ₹ 25,000.</p>  |
| 140. | <p>Speaker Sir, the differently-abled people</p>  |

require due care. Within this group, persons with 70% disability or more, require special care and support of the society. Therefore, I propose to increase their pension from ₹ 500 to ₹ 750 per month. I also propose to increase their marriage grant from existing ₹ 15 Thousand to ₹ 40 Thousand. Further, all such disabled, studying in schools and colleges, will be provided scholarship irrespective of any income limit. I also propose that persons with more than 70% disability, requiring an attendant, as per medical recommendation, will also be allowed free travel for attendant, while travelling in HRTC buses.

I also announce that all children with more than 70% disability shall be provided with critical care under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram irrespective of whether they are studying in government or private schools.

Differently-abled persons have to visit different offices to access various services provided by the Government to them. In order to facilitate them, I propose to create District Level Facilitation Centres on the analogy of Prayas Bhawan at Dharamshala, wherein all the departments providing services for the differently-abled persons will sit together to provide services under one roof.

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|   | <p>141. Speaker sir, for getting financial assistance under different Schemes, different income limits ranging from 7,500 to ₹ 20,000 have been prescribed by the Social Justice &amp; Empowerment Department. I propose to enhance and fix a uniform income limit of ₹ 35,000 per annum for availing benefits under various schemes.</p> <p>I am proposing a total budget outlay of ₹ 1,325 Crore for the SCs, OBCs &amp; Minority Affairs Department during 2014-15.</p> |
| <p><b><u>TRIBA</u></b><br/><b><u>L</u></b><br/><b><u>DEVE</u></b></p> | <p>142. All round development of tribal areas and welfare of the Tribal people has</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>LOP-<br/>MENT</u></b></p>  |      | <p>always been the top priority of my Government.</p> <p>I propose a total budget allocation of ₹ 924 Crore for Tribal Areas in 2014-15.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>WELF<br/>ARE<br/>OF<br/>EX-<br/>SERVI<br/>CE-<br/>MEN<br/>&amp;<br/>FREE<br/>DOM<br/>FIGHT<br/>ERS</u></b></p> | 143. | <p>Our Government is committed to the Welfare of Ex-servicemen, serving soldiers and the Freedom Fighters. Presently, there are 285 World War-II Veterans and 1,521 widows of World War-II Veterans in the State. My Government proposes to enhance their financial assistance from ₹ 750 to ₹ 2,000 per month.</p> |
|   | 144. | <p>The State Government has been giving annuity to different Gallantry Award</p>  |

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|      | <p>Winners or other Distinguished Awardees as a token of its gratitude and in recognition of their selfless services. I propose to increase the annuity in relation to winners of ‘Sena Medal’ and ‘Mention–in-Dispatch’, from present 3,000 to ₹ 5,000. Further, an increase in financial assistance from present ₹ 3,000 to ₹ 4,000 is proposed for the distinguished awardees.</p> <p>I also propose an initial allocation of ₹ 2 Crore for the establishment of War Memorial Museum at Dharamshala.</p> |
| 145. | At present, a Samman Rashi of ₹ 10,000  |

per month is being given to the Freedom Fighters and ₹ 3,500 per month to the wives of the deceased freedom fighters and their unmarried daughters. I have already announced to enhance the Samman Rashi of wives and daughters of late freedom fighters from ₹ 3,500 to 5,000.

Marriage grant amounting to ₹ 10,000 is being given to the daughters and grand-daughters of the Freedom Fighters for their marriage. I have announced enhancement of this amount to ₹ 51,000 in case of daughters and ₹ 21,000 in case of grand-daughters.

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|  |             | <p>Funeral grant at the rate of ₹ 5,000 is being given to the family on the death of the Freedom Fighters. I have announced to enhance it to ₹ 15,000 in case of death of freedom fighters and ₹ 10,000 in case of death of the wives of late freedom fighters.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>HOM</u></b><br/><b><u>E/</u></b><br/><b><u>LAW</u></b><br/><b><u>&amp;</u></b><br/><b><u>ORDE</u></b><br/><b><u>R</u></b></p> | <p>146.</p> | <p>Speaker Sir, maintenance of Law &amp; Order in the State is one of our prime concerns. Law &amp; Order situation remained peaceful during 2013-14.</p> <p>My Government is determined to check crime against women. We have already started a Free SMS based and an on-line Complaint System. We propose to create two Woman Police Stations in Shimla</p> |

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|      | <p>and Dharamshala to curb crimes against Women and to ensure their safety and security.</p> <p>Our Police Personnel namely the Constables, Head Constables, ASIs, SIs, and Inspectors, get ration allowance at the rate of ₹ 150 per month. I propose to increase it to ₹ 180 per month, thus benefitting thousands of police personnel.</p> |
| 147. | <p>Home Guards Volunteers provide valuable services in times of need and emergencies. Presently their honorarium is ₹ 225 per day. I announce to revise it to ₹ 260 per day. I am also pleased to</p>   |

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|  |      | <p>announce that rank allowance for the Company Commanders, Platoon commanders, Havaldars and Section Leaders will be increased by 20%.</p> <p>I am proposing budget outlay of ₹ 803 Crore for the Police, Home Guards and Fire Services during the financial year 2014-15.</p> |
| <b><u>JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION</u></b>  | 148. | <p>Independent Judiciary is one of the most important pillars of democracy. I propose to make a budget provision of ₹ 161 Crore for Judicial Administration.</p>  |
| <b><u>EMPLOYEES' WELFARE &amp;</u></b> | 149. | <p>Speaker Sir, employees are the backbone of the Government. Their welfare is the utmost concern of my Government.</p>   |

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| <p><u>PENSI</u><br/><u>ONER</u><br/><u>S'</u><br/><u>WELW</u><br/><u>ARE</u></p> |      | <p>I had announced filling up of more than four thousand posts in different departments in my last budget speech. I am happy to announce that we have filled more than this.</p> <p>I further announce that 5,000 functional posts will be filled up during the year 2014-15.</p> <p>In order to provide promotional avenue to our more than 75,000 Class-IV employees, I propose that my Government will carry out appropriate amendments in the R&amp;P Rules so that selection to more posts can be made through limited direct recruitment.</p> |
|  | 150. | The income criteria for giving  |

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|      | <p>employment to the family members of Government servants dying in harness has been increased from ₹ 75 Thousand per annum to ₹ 1 Lakh 25 Thousand. My Government will provide employment to all eligible persons in a time bound manner.</p>   |
| 151. | <p>At present, the rate of wages admissible to the daily wagers is ₹ 150. I announce to increase this to ₹ 170. This will give an additional benefit of Crores to daily wagers. Further, the minimum wages will also be enhanced from ₹ 150 to 170 for which the department of Labour and Employment will issue orders</p> |

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|      | <p>expeditiously. Similarly, the honorarium of the out-sourced staff will be suitably enhanced. Further, I announce that all the daily wagers, who will complete seven years of service as on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2014, will be regularised. I also propose that educational qualification will be relaxed, if required, for regularisation of daily wagers.</p> |
| 152. | <p>I announce that all contractual employees, who will complete six years of service as on 31st March, 2014, will be regularized.</p> <p>I am also happy to announce that the Maternity Leave to the contractual female employees will be increased from</p>  |

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|      | <p>the present 12 weeks to 16 weeks. Further, five days' special leave in a calendar year will also be granted to them in addition to the existing casual and medical leave.</p> <p>I am also pleased to announce that contractual employees will be covered under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana.</p>            |
| 153. | <p>I also propose to raise the monthly honorarium payable to the Part Time Water Carriers from present ₹ 1,300 per month to ₹ 1,500 per month thereby benefitting thousands of Part Time Water Carriers. Further, I announce that the part-time workers will be made daily wagers on completion of eight years in</p> |

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|      | place of existing nine years.  |
| 154. | <p>Keeping in view the multifarious duties performed by the Aanganwari Workers and Helpers, the State Government provides Additional Honourarium to them, besides what is being provided to them by the Government of India under ICDS Scheme. I propose to increase their Additional Honourarium by 50%. From 2014-15, Aanganwari Workers' Additional Honourarium will be increased from ₹ 300 per month to ₹ 450 per month, for Mini-Aanganwari Workers from ₹ 250 per month to ₹ 375 per month and for the Aanganwari Helpers from ₹ 200 per month to ₹ 300</p> |

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|  |      | per month, benefitting thousands of such workers  |
|  | 155. | The Tailoring Teachers working in various Panchayats are providing support for Skill Development of Rural Women. I announce to increase their monthly honorarium from the present ₹ 1,600 to ₹ 2,000 per month.   |
|  | 156. | My Government has always been considerate to the issues of pensioners. In 2014-15, pensioners will get the pensionary benefits of ₹ 3,496 Crore compared to ₹ 880 Crore in 2007-08. The pensioners are being given pension at the rate of 50% of the salary and |

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|      | <p>family pension at the rate of 30% of the salary. Further, the State Government is giving 5% pension allowance for pensioners within the age group of 65 to 80 years.</p> <p>I announce to increase the pension allowance from the next financial year. The pensioners on attaining the age of 65 to 70, 70 to 75 and 75 to 80 years will be given pension allowance of 5%, 10% and 15% respectively, from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014.</p> |
| 157. | <p>Our Government has also decided to grant Dual Family Pension to the Families of Military Family Pensioners from financial year 2014-15. As of now, only one family pension <i>i.e.</i> either from the civil side or military side, whichever is beneficial, is admissible to the family</p>  |

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|      | <p>pensioners of military personnel. With this, now, the families of Military pensioners will be able to retain both the pensions.</p>  |
| 158. | <p>Speaker Sir, my Government has always been the well wisher of the employees and has been extending various benefits to them from time to time. In this direction, I am happy to announce that 10% Dearness Allowance will be released to the employees with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2013. The DA will be paid with the salary for the month of March, 2014. The increased DA will also be given to the pensioners of Himachal Pradesh Government. The additional annual benefit of 10% Dearness Allowance to the State Government</p> |

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|  | <p>employees and to the pensioners will be to the tune of ₹ 580 Crore.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>BUDG</u></b><br/><b><u>ET</u></b><br/><b><u>ESTI</u></b><br/><b><u>MATE</u></b><br/><b><u>S</u></b></p> | <p>159. Speaker Sir, now I come to the macro budget estimates for 2014-15 and revised estimates for 2013-14. As per the revised estimates for 2013-14, the revenue deficit will be 2.20% and fiscal deficit will be 4.85% of GSDP. In 2014-15, the revenue deficit will be 3.50% and fiscal deficit will be 5.74% of GSDP. As required by the FRBM Act, I am separately presenting the Medium Term Fiscal Plan of the State Government for the period 2014-15 to 2017-18. The full details of the next year's budget are available in the comprehensive budget documents being tabled in this august</p> |

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|  | 160. | The total budget expenditure estimated for 2014-15 is ₹ 23,613 Crore, out of which estimated expenditure on salaries is ₹ 7,647 Crore, on pensions it would be ₹ 3,496 Crore, estimated interest payments would be ₹ 2,750 Crore, and loan repayments are expected to be 1,511 Crore apart from ₹ 367 Crore on other loans and ₹ 1,840 Crore on maintenance. |
|  | 161. | As per budget estimates for 2014-15, the total revenue receipts are estimated at   |

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|      | <p>₹ 16,522 Crore and the total revenue expenditure is estimated to be ₹19,784 Crore with a revenue deficit of ₹ 3,262 Crore. The expected receipts in capital account of the Government are ₹ 3,860 Crore apart from ₹ 1,125 Crore in Public Account including Provident Fund, etc. Capital expenditure including loan repayments is estimated to be ₹ 3,830 Crore. The fiscal deficit for 2014-15 is likely to be ₹ 5,354 Crore.</p> |
| 162. | <p>Thus, as per the budget estimates, against an expenditure of every 100 rupees, the</p>  |

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|  | <p>State will have ₹ 70.82, as the total receipts including transfers from the Central Government excluding loans. The gap of ₹ 29.18 will be met by borrowings and ways &amp; means advances. Out of every 100 rupees of State revenue receipts, ₹ 32.31 will accrue from own revenues, ₹ 8.41 from non-tax revenues, 20.36 from share in Central taxes and ₹ 38.92 from Central grants. Out of every 100 rupees spent, salaries will account</p> |
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|      | <p>for ₹ 32.38, pensions for ₹ 14.80, interest payments for ₹ 11.64, loan repayments for ₹ 6.40 and the remaining 34.78 will be spent on developmental works including other activities.</p>  |
| 163. | <p><b>Speaker Sir, I would like to summarise the main highlights of this budget :-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual Plan Outlay of ₹ 4,400 Crore proposed for 2014-15.</b></li> <li>• <b>Project proposal of ₹ 1,507 Crore posed to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Forest Ecosystems management</b></li> </ul> |

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|  |  | <p><b>and livelihood project.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Public Services Delivery Helpline to be set up for the people of the State.</b></li><li>• <b>A facility of Toll Free telephone number to be created for reporting the cases of corruption in the Government Departments.</b></li><li>• <b>Delegation of Financial and Administrative Powers in all Departments to enhance efficiency and speed up delivery of service.</b></li><li>• <b>Public Private Partnership Cells to be established in PWD, IPH, Urban Development, Tourism, Transport and Health to bring more investment in these sectors.</b></li><li>• <b>To make Result Frame Document (RFD) public oriented, each</b></li></ul> |
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**Department will work out five to seven measurable outputs, which directly benefit general public.**

- Lok Mitra Kendras will be opened in Himachal Bhawans at New Delhi and Chandigarh to facilitate Himachalis living there.**
- E-office to be started in 10 offices.**
- A budget provision of ₹ 220 Crore kept under the State Subsidy Scheme for PDS.**
- A project of ₹ 14.23 Crore to be implemented for computerisation of ration cards and automation of supply chain of PDS.**
- Additional food grain storage capacity of 30,000 MT to be created**

**over next four years.**

- **Additional 4,000 Hectare area to be brought under off-season vegetables for which an allocation of ₹ 55 Crore made.**
- **Dr. Y. S, Parmar Kisan Swarozgar Yojana to be introduced with an outlay of ₹ 100 Crore. 85% subsidy to be provided for the construction of poly-houses.**
- **Coffee Cultivation to be explored in the Districts of Kangra, Mandi, Una & Bilaspur.**
- **Mukhya Mantri Adarsh Krishi Gaon Yojana to continue and one additional Panchayat of each Assembly Constituency will be**

**provided ₹ 10 lakh.**

- 15 Lakh Sq. Metre to be brought under protection from hailstorm by providing quality anti-hail nets to orchardists.**
- 1,500 Hectare area will be brought under revamped Apple Rejuvenation Project.**
- Weather based Crop Insurance Scheme shall be expanded to cover additional blocks under apple and mango and shall also cover additional fruits like Peach, Plum and Kinnow in specified blocks.**
- All private investors investing in Controlled Atmosphere Stores in the rural areas of the State, to be provided Government land at**

**token lease money of ₹ 1.**

- **One Apple Juice Concentrate Unit costing ₹ 15 Crore will be set up in District Shimla by HPMC.**
- **Two Vegetable Pack Houses with an investment of ₹ 8 Crore to be set up in Ghumarwin and Nadaun.**
- **A new Liquid Nitrogen Gas Plant amounting to ₹ 4 Crore to be set up in Palampur.**
- **An allocation of ₹ 10 Crore made to provide hand driven and power driven chaff cutters for livestock owners.**
- **Procurement price of different varieties of wool increased ranging**

**from 7.5% to 32.5%.**

- **Possibility of using Sexed Semen technique to be explored to reduce stray cattle menace.**
- **Demonstration project on Cage fish culture to be started in Gobind Sagar and Pong reservoirs.**
- **Mobile fish market scheme to be started for marketing of fish.**
- **All State Fish Growers to be covered under premium free “Group Accidental Fishermen Insurance Scheme”.**
- **For eradication of lantana, additional 10,000 hectare area will be covered.**
- **Habitat plantation enrichment, sterlisation and other measures to**

**be adopted for controlling monkey menace.**

- Enhancement of compensation from ₹ 1,00,000 to ₹ 1,50,000 in case of death of a human caused by wild animal and in case of grievous injury the compensation enhanced from ₹ 33,000 to ₹ 75,000.**
- TD rules liberalised. Now TD will be given to right holders for construction and repair of house after 15 and 5 years respectively instead of earlier period of 30 and 15 years.**
- Three new ICDP projects to be started in District Kangra, Shimla and Kullu with an outlay of ₹ 85**

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|  |  | <p><b>Crore.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>20% funds under Decentralised planning earmarked for convergence under MGNREGA.</b></li><li>• <b>₹ 90 Crore will be spent under ‘Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan’. Thrust on Solid and Liquid waste management in rural areas to be given in next year.</b></li><li>• <b>10 additional blocks to be covered under Intensive mode under NRLM programme.</b></li><li>• <b>3,500 women based Self-Help Groups (SHGs) would be assisted to achieve credit mobilization target of ₹ 100 Crore.</b></li><li>• <b>10,700 new houses to be</b></li></ul> |
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**constructed under various housing schemes with a grant of ₹ 75,000 per house.**

- Provision made for repair of houses for BPL general category houses under Rajiv Awaas Yojana.**
- An expenditure of ₹ 190 Crore will be incurred for implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme covering 25,000 Hectare area.**
- The State Government will transfer ₹ 476 Crore to PRIs and ₹ 382 Crore to ULBs for the years 2012-2017 as recommended by 4<sup>th</sup> State Finance Commission.**
- 245 vacant posts of Panchayat**

**Sahayaks will be filled up to ensure timely delivery of services.**

- **200 Gram Panchayat Offices will be upgraded and 1,425 Lap-Tops will be provided under Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan at the cost of ₹ 55 Crore.**
- **Grant-in-aid to Gram Panchayats for payment of honorarium to Panchayat Chowkidar to be increased from ₹ 1,650 to ₹ 1,850 per month.**
- **Honorarium of the representatives of PRIs increased from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014.**
- **A special drive to be launched to reduce the pendency of revenue**

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|  |  | <p><b>court cases by 20%.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Water ATMs to be installed at important destinations.</b></li><li>• <b>₹ 240 Crore to be provided as energy charges to IPH to provide drinking water and irrigation facilities at an affordable cost.</b></li><li>• <b>Swan Channelisation from Daulatpur Bridge to Gagret Bridge costing ₹ 922 Crore and Channelisation of Chouch Khad costing ₹ 180 Crore to be taken up.</b></li><li>• <b>A budget outlay of ₹ 1,500 Crore proposed for Irrigation and Public health.</b></li><li>• <b>2,000 MW additional hydro-power</b></li></ul> |
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|  |  | <p><b>capacity targeted for commissioning in 2014-15.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Streamlined the process for project clearances for Small Hydro Power Projects.</b></li><li>• <b>Free power from 2 Mega Watt projects to be reduced from 7% to 3%</b></li><li>• <b>Preference to Himachalis for allotment of projects upto 5 MW.</b></li><li>• <b>State VAT on plant and machinery of Hydro-Power Projects will be given full set-off of 5% Entry Tax.</b></li><li>• <b>VAT on all type of plant and machinery used in generation of hydro-power, to be reduced to only 2%.</b></li><li>• <b>State Government to take over the</b></li></ul> |
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**liability of ₹ 564 Crore of the loan outstanding against the HPSEBL.**

- **Cheaper electricity from SJVNL, which the State gets on account of its equity of 25%, to be given to HPSEBL for its lifetime to ensure low-priced electricity supply to the consumers.**
- **₹ 330 Crore subsidy to be provided to HPSEBL to subsidise domestic consumers.**
- **2 MW Solar Photo-Voltaic Power Plant to be set up in Kaza.**
- **An allocation of ₹ 985 Crore made for MPP and Power department.**
- **‘HP Investment Promotion Cell’ to be set up to drive new investment**

**in the State.**

- **An ‘Industry Advisory Council’ to be set up for industrial development in the State.**
- **New ‘State of Art’ Industrial Areas to be developed at Pandoga in District Una and Kandrori in District Kangra with an investment of ₹ 219 Crore.**
- **A Tool Room at Baddi with an estimated cost of about ₹ 147 Crores to be established.**
- **Approval for purchase of land for industrial units under Section-118 of HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act simplified.**
- **Specified EHT industrial units to**

**pay electricity Duty at reduced rate of 15 %.**

- **Existing Medium and large industries to pay electricity duty at a reduced rate of 13%. Such new units to pay only 5% electricity duty for five years.**
- **Existing small industry to pay electricity duty at a reduced rate of 7% and new unit to pay only 2% for five years.**
- **Any new industry, employing more than 300 Himachalis, will be charged only 2% electricity duty for five years.**
- **For setting up a new industrial enterprise in the State, only 50% stamp duty to be charged.**

- **Conversion of land use charges for the new industries to be reduced by 50% from the existing rates.**
- **1,300 new buses for HRTC.**
- **₹ 516 Crore Project proposals under Rural Roads Project Phase-II sanctioned.**
- **Tunnels to be constructed under PPP mode.**
- **Work on ‘Four laning of Parwanoo - Shimla Highway’ to be done on BOT basis at a cost of ₹ 2,500 Crore.**
- **Work on ‘Four laning of Kiratpur - Nerchowk Highway awarded for ₹ 1,818 Crore.**

- **An outlay of ₹ 2,384 Crore proposed for Public Works department.**
- **Rail line to be extended to Baddi from any feasible rail point. State government to contribute 50% for this project.**
- **The facility of filing e>Returns, e-tax payment, e-declaration and issuance of statutory forms on-line extended to all the registered dealers of the State with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014.**
- **The dealers will be provided the facility of making tax payment directly in the banks.**
- **From 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2014, the Trucks with full e-declarations of Goods**

**will not be required to stop at barriers mandatorily, while exiting from the State.**

- Toll tax barriers to be auctioned for a period of three years to ensure development of modern toll infrastructure.**
- Sustainable tourism action plan to be formulated for Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti.**
- Greenfield airport project to be explored near Kandaghat and survey for developing an airport in Mandi district to be done.**
- Government to initiate large number of ropeway projects in the State.**
- Luxury Tax exempted for a period**

**of 10 years for New Hotels opened in the rural areas of the State.**

- ICT at School Scheme (Phase II) to cover 618 Government Senior Secondary Schools, 848 High Schools and 5 Smart Schools.**
- Net Books (Lap Tops) to be provided to 7,500 meritorious students of Class-10<sup>th</sup> &12<sup>th</sup> during 2014-15.**
- Vocational Education to be extended in additional 100 schools. 200 Vocational Teachers to be appointed in these schools in 2014-15.**
- Project proposal of ₹ 956 Crore posed to Government of India under RUSA.**

- **Budget outlay of ₹ 4,282 Crore earmarked for Education sector.**
- **One Government Engineering College to be opened in Nagrota Bagwan under RUSA.**
- **Skill development allowance scheme liberalised to cover maximum youths. A budget provision of ₹ 100 Crore kept for Skill development initiatives.**
- **Budget provision of ₹ 5 Crore for creating a revolving fund for upkeep and pooja-archana of temples.**
- **A City Museum & Entertainment Park to be set up in the heart of Shimla city.**

- **Financial assistance for bulk purchase of books of Himachali writers raised from ₹ 10,000 to ₹ 25,000 for State Awardees and ₹ 6,000 to ₹ 15,000 for other writers.**
- **Annual grant of Youth Clubs for procurement of sports equipments and cultural instruments increased from ₹ 10,000 to ₹ 18,000.**
- **50 posts of Coaches and 13 posts of Groundsmen to be created , to give boost to sports activities.**
- **All accredited correspondents of Himachal Pradesh exempted from payment of Toll Fee at the time of entry in the State.**

- **₹ 1 Crore earmarked for construction of Press Clubs.**
- **Cheaper and quality Generic Drugs to be provided to the people of the State. Drug warehouses to be established in the State.**
- **Mobile Medical Units to be set up for better health care services in far-flung areas.**
- **Trauma Centres to be set up at Nurpur, Rampur and Kullu.**
- **Kamla Nehru Hospital at Shimla to be upgraded as full-fledged Mother-Child Hospital.**
- **Mother and Child hospital to be set up in Mandi.**
- **Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana to cover Sanitation workers, rag**

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|  |  | <p><b>pickers, Auto Rickshaw drivers and Taxi drivers etc.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>• A budget provision of ₹ 1,050 kept for Health and Medical Education sector.</b></li><li><b>• Water supply schemes to be augmented in Sujan pur, Rampur, Nagrota, Kangra, Mandi, Kullu and Manali at a cost of ₹ 183 Crore.</b></li><li><b>• Four Modern Abattoirs to be set up at a cost of ₹ 15 Crore each.</b></li><li><b>• Sewerage Schemes to be constructed for Baddi and Nalagarh towns at an estimated cost of ₹ 90 Crore.</b></li><li><b>• City livelihood centre to be</b></li></ul> |
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**established in Shimla.**

- **Honourarium for the elected representatives of Municipal Corporation, Shimla, Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats increased.**
- **Procedures for permission under Town and Country Planning Act to be simplified. Areas under the purview of TCP Act to be rationalised.**
- **Reservation of two seats to be provided in all Government institutes for acquiring higher education including technical and professional education for single girl child.**
- **ICDS to be implemented in the**

**State in Mission Mode and an amount of ₹ 130 Crore proposed under the programme during 2014-15.**

- An allocation of ₹ 1,108 Crore proposed for Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan for 2014-15 and has been increased to 25.19% of Plan outlay as compared to 24.72% given in 2013-14.**
- Social Security Pension increased from ₹ 500 to ₹ 550 per month.**
- All persons above the age of 80 years to get Social Security Pension irrespective of any income limit except those drawing any other pension.**

- **Persons with above 70% disability to get higher pension at the rate of ₹ 750 per month. Marriage grant for them to be raised to ₹ 40,000.**
- **Housing Subsidy for repair of houses of SCs, STs & OBCs increased from ₹ 15,000 to ₹ 25,000.**
- **A uniform income limit of ₹ 35,000 per annum fixed for eligibility to avail benefit under various schemes.**
- **An allocation of ₹ 924 Crore proposed for the development of tribal areas for 2014-15.**

- **Financial Assistance of World War-II Veterans increased from ₹ 750 to ₹ 2,000.**
- **Annuity of Gallantry Award Winners increased from ₹ 3,000 to ₹ 5,000.**
- **₹ 2 Crore to be provided for establishment of War Memorial Museum at Dharamshala.**
- **‘Samman Rashi’ of wives and daughters of late freedom fighter enhanced from ₹ 3,500 to ₹ 5,000.**
- **Marriage grant to the daughters and grand-daughters of the Freedom Fighters enhanced to ₹ 51,000 in case of daughters and**

**21,000 in case of grand-daughters.**

- **Two Women Police Stations to be established in Shimla and Dharamshala.**
- **Ration Allowance of Constables, Head Constables, ASIs, SIs, and Inspectors increased from ₹ 150 to ₹ 180 per month.**
- **Honorarium of Home Guards increased from ₹ 225 to ₹ 260 per day. Rank allowance increased by 20%.**
- **5,000 functional posts to be filled up in different departments.**
- **Daily Wages increased from ₹ 150 to ₹ 170.**

- **All Daily Wagers completing seven years of service as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 to be regularised.**
- **All Contractual Employees, completing six years of service as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014, will be regularised. Their leave benefits increased. They will also be brought under RSBY scheme.**
- **Monthly honorarium of Part Time Water Carriers increased from ₹ 1,300 to ₹ 1,500.**
- **Part-timers completing eight years of services as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 to be made daily wagers.**
- **Monthly honourarium of Tailoring Teachers increased from ₹ 1,600 to**

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|   |             | <p><b>₹ 2,000.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional honorarium to Anganwari workers, helpers increased by 50%.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pensioners on attaining the age of 65-70, 70-75 and 75-80 years will be given pension allowance of 5%, 10% and 15% respectively. Benefit of Dual Family Pension to the families of Military Family Pensioners granted from 2014-15.</b></li> <li>• <b>10% Dearness Allowance to be given to all the State Government employees and pensioners.</b></li> </ul> |
| <p><b><u>CONC</u></b><br/><b><u>LUSI</u></b><br/><b><u>ON</u></b></p> | <p>164.</p> | <p>Speaker, Sir, I have given an outline of our developmental priorities to carry forward the economic progress of</p>   |

Himachal Pradesh. The achievements made by our Government in the first year have become visible to all sections of the society. This budget is a continuation of our efforts to further consolidate the progress made in the State.

Speaker Sir, inspite of financial constraints, we will not allow the development to suffer in our State. We have made sufficient budgetary provisions for all vital sectors. While framing this budget, we have kept in view the promises made by us in our Election Manifesto to all sections of society. The common man has been the focus of all our policies and programmes.

Though we have been able to set many

mile-stones of development in this short span of one year, yet there is no room for complacency. We need to strive hard to come up to the expectations of the people of our State.

**The words of Swami Vivekananda, “Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is achieved” will remain our motto.**

With following lines, Speaker Sir, I commend this budget to this August House :-

“साथियो दूर है अभी मन्जिल,  
और कुछ वेग से बढ़ाएं कदम,  
लाख तूफ़ान रास्ता रोकें,  
जा के मन्जिल पे ही रुकें हम।”

**Jai Hind.**

**Jai Himachal.**

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