

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

'Even thinking of the least good of others gradually instills into the heart, the strength of a lion.'

With these words of Swami Vivekananda, I rise to present the Budget 2015-16 to this August House.

1. My Government has now completed 137 days in Office since 8th November, 2014 with the firm belief that the first claim on development belongs to the poor.

2. Sir, Goa's Per Capita Income is now amongst the highest in the country and our Human Development Indicators including literacy, maternal and infant mortality rates and life expectancy at birth are much better than other states and the national average.

3. In order to achieve still higher GDP and further improve our quality of life, we are laying ever greater emphasis on "Sabka Saath – Sabka Vikas" so as to ensure that the fruits of development fully percolate down to the less privileged and vulnerable sections of the society.

4. While the Government has made the social welfare initiatives much stronger, both in terms of accessibility and equity, we would dedicate the rest of our term to further strengthen them by giving a boost to the economy in areas of:-

- (i) Infrastructure,
- (ii) Sustainable Mining,
- (iii) Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries
- (iv) Water Resources,
- (v) Tourism,
- (vi) Education and skill development,
- (vii) Affordable Housing
- (viii) Swach Bharat Nital Goa under Mission Mode,
- (ix) Women & child development,
- (x) Manufacturing, knowledge based industry and services sector

5. Our focus would be to institute schemes and formulate policies in each of the above areas which create entrepreneurship and employment opportunities for our youth.

6. I intend to pursue a path of development which involves the youth, women and children in making our development story a greater success and would like to recall here the observation of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, calling for a pledge to leave no stone unturned to integrate our youth in India's progress and ensure youth-led development across the Nation.

Mr Speaker Sir,

7. As stated by my predecessor last year, despite the challenging circumstances faced by the Government due to halt in the mining activity, resultant loss of revenue and outstanding liabilities of over Rs. 1,500 crores left by the erstwhile Government, we continued to implement the ambitious schemes taken up by us in the last 3 years.

Substantially large payment obligations on schemes of socio-economic development on one hand and servicing the debt and outstanding payment of works of the previous Government on the other has indeed been a challenge.

8. In short, both my predecessor's and my Government were faced with the challenge of ensuring that committed expenditure flowed smoothly while keeping the growth momentum of the economy intact.

Financial Position

9. Mr Speaker Sir, before presenting a brief profile of the state economy, I would like to thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji for initiating a new era of co-operative federalism by devolving 10% more of Central Funds to the States.

10. Further, due to our sustained effort and unassailable claim before 14th Finance Commission, we have succeeded in getting our share in the divisible pool increased from 0.266 to 0.378 percentage points.

11. Sir, the unprecedented and historic gesture on the part of Hon'ble Prime Minister in accepting overall 10% increase in share of states from the divisible pool and our resolute stand to increase Goa's percentage point share of such increased pool have led to increasing our state share by an additional Rs. 1,054 crores approximately.

12. The Budget 2014-15 was presented with a revenue deficit of Rs. 9.38 crores. While the total revenue receipts for 2014-15 were estimated at Rs. 7058.54 crores, the total revenue expenditure was estimated at Rs. 7067.92 crore. The total receipts (Revenue + Capital) estimated for the year 2014-15 is Rs. 9057.70 crores and the total expenditure is estimated at Rs. 9285.75 crores.

13. The growth rate of revenue receipts had dropped drastically to as low as 1.40 percent in 2011-12 and to (-) 0.64 percent in 2012-13 but the estimates for the subsequent two years indicate a growth of around 20 percent. This can be attributed to the various innovative measures adopted by the government to fill the revenue gap.

14. The total receipts estimated for the year 2014-15 are 19.81 percent more than the Revised Estimates of 2013-14 and are indicative of the Government's strenuous efforts in mopping up resources.

15. Taking into account the latest GSDP projection for 2014-15 based on the latest GSDP figures, it is noted that the fiscal deficit for 2014-15 is 3.19 percent which approximates the target of 3 percent laid down under the FRBM Act 2005.

16. The GSDP at constant (2004-05) prices for the year 2013-14 is estimated provisionally at Rs. 30,345 crore as against Rs. 28,173 crore in the year 2012-13, thereby reflecting a growth of 7.71 percent.

17. In 2013-14, the growth rate under primary sector improved and stood at 9.86 percent. This was mainly due to the improvement by our Government in revamping agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors wherein the growth rate improved from (-) 4.53 percent in 2012-13 to 13.80 percent in 2013-14.

18. The growth rate under Secondary sector which slowed down to around 4 percent in 2011-12 and 2012-13 has improved to 5.60 percent. The growth rate in Tertiary Sector was 8.64 percent in 2013-14.

Budget Estimates for 2015-16 and Revised Estimates for 2014-15:

19. Sir, the total budget size for the year 2015-16 has been estimated at Rs. 13,331.44 crores as against 2014-15 RE of Rs. 10,540.54 crores showing an increase of 26.48 percent.

20. The plan size in 2015-16 is estimated at Rs 6,190.97 crores as against Rs. 4,389.25 crores Budget Estimate of 2014-15 which is a 41.05% increase. I have increased the plan size substantially to provide for the much needed infrastructure development in the State.

21. Sir, I would like to inform this august house with a great sense of satisfaction that the expenditure on Revenue Account for the fiscal year 2015-16 is estimated at Rs 9,529.00 crores as against the Revenue Account Receipt of Rs 9,937.18 crores, leaving an unprecedented Revenue Surplus of Rs 408.18 crore, which is a historic achievement for the State finances.

22. Sir, the fiscal deficit is estimated at Rs 1,552.75 crores as against Rs 1,610.71 crores of 2014-15 revised estimates. The fiscal deficit as a percentage to GSDP is estimated to be 2.99 percent. I estimate the Debt to GSDP ratio at 20.89 percent for the year ending 2015-16 as compared to 19.51 percent for the year 2014-15. (R.E)

23. Sir, as per the revised estimates for 2014-15, the total revenue receipts stood at Rs. 8,000.09 crores as against Rs. 8,090.08 crores as per the Budget Estimates. The revenue expenditure on the other hand got revised to Rs. 7,953.95 crores, from the Budget Estimates of Rs 8099.40 crores. The revised total capital expenditure during the year 2014-15 is placed at Rs 2,427.44 crores against Rs. 2,267.84 crores of Budget Estimates, showing an increase of 7.04 percent.

24. Sir, again, it is creditable that the revenue deficit of Rs. 9.38 crores for 2014-15 has been revised to a revenue surplus of Rs 46.14 crores while the revised estimates of fiscal deficit on the other hand has remained at the same level of the Budget estimates of Rs. 1,610.71 crores.

Infrastructure

Mr Speaker Sir,

25. The thrust of my Government continues on creating world class infrastructure for the benefit of the people and in keeping with our vision to transform the State into a vibrant, progressive and advanced economy.

26. Sir, as you are aware, Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation is an important vehicle of the state for infrastructure creation and has taken up several projects in diverse fields.

27. In 2014-15, the extension and up-gradation of the Government Colleges at Sanquelim has been completed while Government College, Khandola is slated for completion in June 2015. Work on extension and up-gradation of Government colleges at Pernem, Quepem and Margao is also going on at full pace. As far as schools are concerned, around 161 primary schools have been upgraded and 50 schools are currently under major upgrades at an estimated cost Rs. 53.06 crores.

28. The construction of third parallel Mandovi bridge has commenced and piling works of the bridge in landward areas are proposed to be completed prior to the onset of monsoons. The bridges connecting Amona and Viridi, Keri and Tiracol and construction of grade separator at Dabolim airport will be completed in 2015-16 at an estimated cost of Rs.146.29 crores.

29. The demolition and construction of new jetty at Old Goa was completed in a record time by my Government for its use during the Exposition. Up-gradation of Captain of Ports jetty and fisheries jetty in Panaji has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.23.10 crores.

30. Sir, scientific solid waste management is the need of the hour, particularly in a state with global recognition for tourism. In this regard, we have commenced the work of state-of-art integrated solid waste management plant at Saligao / Calangute plateau, which is slated for completion in 2015-16.

31. It is proposed that an integrated solid waste management plant at Cacora for South Goa will commence immediately after handing over of land formalities are completed. Both these projects are being taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 738 crores and I propose to make an allocation of Rs 30 crores for this purpose in the coming financial year.

32. This project needs financial outlay for the long period of its operation of 10 years. Being a green initiative, I propose to create a separate mechanism for payment of annuity through various taxes/cess collected by us for Green Goa. This will put in place a regular and predictable payment mechanism for capital grant and gross annual operational support grant to the concessionaire over the decade long contract period.

33. Apart from this, cleaning of major highways and State roads connecting major towns in Goa has been undertaken and new roads have been added thereby bringing new areas in Porvorim, Saligao, Calangute, Siolim, Raia, Corlim, Ponda under the ambit of the clean up.

34. Sir, my Government had taken up the exercise of master planning for the capital city of Panaji. After completion of the master planning exercise, work on execution of the master plan has already commenced.

35. Up-gradation of roads from Miramar to Dona Paula and Dona Paula Circle to Bambolim is ongoing and will be completed in this financial year at a cost of Rs.122.60 crores. Various other works like up-gradation of Dona Paula jetty, four laning of St. Inez road and up-gradation of heritage areas at Mala, Fontainhas would be taken up during this financial year at a cost of Rs.116.50 crores. The much talked about St. Inez creek will also be taken up for cleaning and sustained conservation during the year 2015-16 at an estimated cost of Rs. 68 crores.

36. In order to achieve these objectives and undertake new as well as complete various ongoing works which I have not mentioned, I propose to allocate Rs.700.00 crores to GSIDC which is almost three times last year's allocation.

37. Further, I would like to state that the concept of setting up a State Infrastructure Fund is being considered by me for funding the viability gap of new PPP projects in roads, power, water, sanitation, tourism, ports sectors where ownership rests with government. This fund would be used to provide short and medium term interest free loans at no cost basis to high priority projects through use of innovative financial means and instruments so as to obviate cash flow problems for such pre-identified projects.

Public Works, Roads and Bridges

38. Mr Speaker Sir, the government is taking up construction of a new six-lane bridge across river Zuari with assistance from Government of India and the DPR prepared by the Consultants for the purpose has been submitted to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for approval. The cost of the project is estimated at Rs 1,800 crores.

39. I would like to thank the Union Minister for Surface Transport Sh. Nitin Gadkariji for sanctioning the project for 4 laning of the NH 17-B up to the Marmugao Port Trust. The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 546 crores.

40. Speaker Sir, during the year 2014-15, we constructed two new bridges, 35 kms of new roads and resurfaced 302 kms of existing as against the target of 20 kms and 250 kms respectively at a cost of Rs. 79.26 crores.

41. Major infrastructure development works proposed to be taken up in 2015–16 are Khandepar Bridge at a cost of 297 crores, 4 Laning & Dhavali Bye Pass at a cost of 61.38 crores, Missing Link of NH 4A at a cost of 184.05 crores, Margao Western Bye Pass at a cost of 298.00 crores, Talpona Galgibag Bridge at a cost of 280.16 crores and Ribandar Bye Pass at a cost of 121.59 crores.

42. An initial budgetary allocation of Rs. 325 crores has been kept under the roads and bridges to start these works in 2015-16.

Water Supply

43. For the year 2015-16, in 8 townships, 700 free water connections are proposed to be released; In rural areas it is targeted to cover 16,000 persons by providing them 3,200 free water connections.

In the next financial year, an amount of Rs. 83 crores is proposed to be earmarked for this sector.

Sanitation

44. For the sewerage & sanitation sector, an amount of Rs. 92 crores is proposed to be earmarked in 2015-16 and 2,200 sewerage connections are targeted to be released in 4 towns. Similarly, in the rural areas, 17,000 people will benefit from 3,400 individual latrines proposed to be constructed.

Power

45. Mr Speaker Sir, during 2014-15, the department has been able to complete the work of erection of 2x10 MVA, 33/11 KVA Sub-Station at IT Park, Dona Paula. The work of replacement of 2x40 MVA power transformers at 110/33 KV Sub-station at Tivim with 2x50 MVA power transformers has also been completed. The provision of an additional 50 MVA power transformer at this Sub-Station is complete and the additional bay work at 220 KV Tivim Sub-Station is also nearing completion.

46. Sir, to improve the power scenario in the state for industrial, commercial as well as residential consumers and to strengthen Goa's position further as a preferred tourist and investment destination, I propose to increase the allocation for the power sector more than two and half fold from the existing Rs 244 crores to Rs. 651 crores.

47. The increased investment in the power sector is aimed at improving the power systems and infrastructure that were neglected during the tenure of the previous government. I am sure that with this investment, Goa will retain and further strengthen its deserved place as one of the best performing states in the power sector nationally.

48. Speaker Sir, the enhanced allocation would be used to modernize our Electricity Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure with a view to make available 24x7 uninterrupted and quality power supply to our citizens and attract industrial and commercial investments.

49. To facilitate industry and attract investments in State, the industrial feeders would be segregated and connectivity through underground cables shall be provided, wherever feasible. On demand, the Department will also provide single point connection to industrial estates. Since the State has no generation capacity of its own and has limited potential in this regard, we would tie-up with long-term and medium-term sources for procurement of power toward adequate availability without shutdown.

50. Sir, more than 75% of our expenditure in electricity sector is on our power purchase bills and hence to manage such purchases efficiently and further economize on our power purchase bill, we would create State's own Load Dispatch Center in the next financial year.

51. Mr Speaker Sir, I am happy to state that with the increased state allocation, anticipated central grants and long term loans being arranged, my Government would be in a position to invest around Rs. 1,500 crores on electricity infrastructure in next two/three financial years.

52. Speaker Sir, I intend to work out a scheme to replace the street lights in the entire state with LED bulbs, beginning with municipal areas, to improve the quality of illumination and reduction of consumer costs through energy saving.

53. Further, as a means to help domestic consumers reduce their monthly power consumption, we would formulate a scheme to give all households an option to get up to 3 LED bulbs, which would significantly cut down on energy consumption and result in huge savings.

54. Speaker Sir, I am happy to announce that my Government has signed an agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India in Feb 2015 for supply of 25 MW of solar power to the state for a span of 25 years to give a boost to the renewable energy sector.

55. Besides the above initiatives, we are in discussion with the Ministry of Power, Government of India to provide additional financial support for the policy initiative of creation of an empowered utility within industrial estates. This program will be taken up in collaboration with Industrial Development Corporation starting with the Verna Industrial Estate during FY 2015 – 16.

Water Resources

56. Speaker Sir, water is one of my government's areas of high priority. Water is an essential resource which makes life itself possible and my Government will do its best to see that water resources are augmented and equitably distributed for agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial use. I have increased allocation to this sector by Rs. 59.64 crores from 290.51 crores to 350.15 crores.

57. Sir, the water dispute case between Goa and Karnataka over the Mhadei river is being constantly monitored through a special cell by my Government. In spite of a casual and lackadaisical approach by the earlier governments, we have made all possible efforts now and are confident of winning this battle of Mhadei, the lifeline of Goa.

58. The Goa Tillari Irrigation Development Corporation has completed its mandate as a statutory corporation. The Government, by a cabinet decision, approved the dissolution of the GTIDC and all the assets and liabilities of the Corporation have been transferred to the Water Resources Department.

59. Under the Tillari Irrigation Project, the two main canals and the branch canal have been completed in all respects. I have made a provision of Rs. 34.70 crores for payment of compensation to the affected persons, which will be disbursed on receipt of authenticated list from the Collector, Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra.

60. During 2015-16, supplying raw water from Tillari Irrigation Project to the proposed 25 MLD water treatment plant at Tuem, Pernem will be taken up with total length of the pipelines estimated to be about 35 kms at an estimated cost of Rs. 52.00 crores.

61. I am happy to announce that till now, a total irrigation potential of 11,216 Hectares has been created. The corresponding potential created under the Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD & WM) is 5,410 Hectares out of which a potential of 2,465 Hectares has been utilized.

62. During the fiscal year 2014-15, the Water Resources Department has not only completed the work of lifting of raw water from Davorlim to Verna but also has successfully completed the scheme of pumping of 10 MLD of raw water from Verna Industrial Estate to Zuari Agro-Chemical Ltd. at Zuari Nagar and 10 MLD to pumping station of PWD at Consua village in Mormugao Taluka at a cost of Rs.16.05 crores.

I am happy to inform this august house that as of 2nd January, 2015 water is being supplied round the clock, thereby improving the supply to Marmugoa Taluka.

63. The work of up gradation of raw water pumping station at Varchawada Sal on Sal river was taken up in June 2014 to overcome scarcity of drinking water supply at PWD's Assonora Plant by pumping 100 MLD of raw water from the Chapora (Sal) river at Sal village in Bicholim Taluka to the Assonora water works at a total cost of Rs. 44.58 crores. The work has progressed up to 50% and is targeted to be completed by May, 2015.

64. The scheme of construction of open-type bandharas was continued during 2014-15 and a total 352 bandharas for irrigation as well as for water resources development have been completed.

65. Under the Hydrology Project scheme of the Government of India, funded by the World Bank, Goa has been admitted to the next stage of the project, namely HP-III, having successfully completed phase II in 2014. Goa's component of HP-III has been tentatively approved for Rs.110 cr. and the scheme is likely to be launched in 2015-16.

66. I also propose to implement a new scheme in 2015-16 to pump 70 MLD raw water from the Mhadei river from Ganjem to Opa Water Works at an estimated cost of Rs. 85 crores to further improve water supply position in the state.

Mining

67. Mr Speaker Sir, the mining sector which contributed immensely to the economy in generation of income and employment, came to a stand-still, badly affecting the people as well as the State's exchequer.

68. This august House is well aware of the plight of the various economic agents including Barge, Truck and Machinery operators. I intend to keep all my promises of financial assistance to various affected groups and stakeholders and I have made a provision of Rs. 120 crores for this purpose.

69. My Government has taken several measures to provide respite to those affected, including asking lender banks to reschedule the loans and adopt a go slow approach until mining is resumed. A new scheme "Debt relief Scheme for mining affected borrowers of financial institutions" was notified to provide financial relief to the borrowers.

70. The scheme "Welfare of mining affected people" was launched to provide financial relief to those affected viz. owners of Tipper trucks and people engaged in various employments related to mining activities directly or indirectly. A total of 8,397 persons have benefitted under the scheme with disbursal of Rs. 112.55 crores to them so far.

71. Mining activity in the state is set to resume very soon because the central government of the day has revoked the arbitrary order of the erstwhile central government issued in September, 2012 suspending environmental clearances. I would like to whole heartedly thank Shri Prakash Javdekar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment & Forests for his proactive approach on this issue.

72. Sir, as directed by the Supreme Court of India, Government has conducted five e-auctions in 2014 of the mineral ore stacks lying in the State, under the supervision of the Monitoring Committee of the Supreme Court. A total quantity of fifty two lakh seven thousand one hundred and ninety two metric tons of mineral ore has been sold through e-auctions, which fetched a total revenue of Rs. 754 crores.

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries

73. Speaker Sir, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries have traditionally been major economic activities of the people of the State, contributing about 6.34 % to the State Domestic Production in 2013-14 and the role of these sectors in the economy has been increasing.

74. It is with a great sense of pride that I inform Hon'ble Members that the untiring efforts of this Government have now started paying rich dividends and there has been 13.80% growth in Agriculture and allied activities greatly benefiting farmers and fisher folk in the State.

75. Sir, in the regime of the previous government the support to these sectors was not commensurate with their significance and this created a despondent atmosphere.

76. It has been the resolve of the present government to reverse this negative trend. As a result, as compared to 2011-12, the outlay on agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries has increased by a whopping 54 % from 182 crores to 336 crores in 2014-15.

In these sectors, I propose to further increase the allocation to Rs. 391.68 crores in 2015-16.

77. In 2015-16, the outlay for Agriculture sector alone is proposed at Rs. 195.88 crores.

78. Two Districts Offices namely South Goa District Agriculture Office, at Margao and North Goa District Agriculture Office, Tonca Caranzalem have been set up to provide better services to the farming community and to ensure quicker sanction and disbursement of subsidy claims of the farmers.

79. It is heartening to note 21,184 applications out of the 23,592 applications received for Krishi cards have been approved and so far, 17,905 Krishi Cards have been issued to farmers, for which an expenditure of Rs. 70.00 lakhs has been incurred. It will be our endeavour to see that all eligible farmers get the Krishi Cards within a specified time period after applying.

80. My Government has identified important areas for agriculture development and we are desirous of converging all the schemes of the State and the Centre to make a greater impact. I propose to introduce the following initiatives for achieving our objectives:

It is proposed to take up revitalization of about 18,000 Hectare area occupied by Khazan Lands in the State along the coastal plains of Tiswadi, Bardez, Ponda, Pernem, Bicholim, Salcete and Mormugao talukas by undertaking repairs and maintenance of protective bunds and bringing the entire land under Paddy cultivation in a phased manner. To make the project economically more lucrative it is also proposed to take up crab cultivation during Post Kharif season with the involvement of Directorate of Fisheries. I intend to make an initial allocation of Rs 9.30 crores under the protective works embankment scheme.

81. One of the main constraints in Coconut cultivation is its timely harvesting on account of non availability of pluckers these days since the number of Professional Coconut Pluckers commonly called as “Padeli” is ever decreasing.

82. The local Banauli variety being very tall renders harvesting difficult and therefore it is proposed to evolve DxT hybrids by crossing Dwarf varieties with local Banauli as its male parent, which will be of moderate height, with increased vigour and productivity and easier for harvesting. Assistance of Coconut Development Board, Cochin will be obtained for Hybridization programme on the Government Farm at Codar. I propose an allocation of Rs. 18 Lakhs initially under the coconut package programme/development board for initiating work in this area.

83. The Agriculture Extension through demonstration of proven technology is required to fulfil the principle of “seeing is believing and learning is by doing”.

Therefore, to further strengthen Agriculture Extension services, it is proposed to take up the following new initiatives in 2015-16 in this area, with an initial allocation of Rs. 4.55 crores:-

- a) Establishment of centres of excellence in the field of floriculture at Government Farm at Kalay, Sanguem and vegetable cultivation, i.e. Olericulture at Government Farm at Codar with the assistance from National Horticulture Mission.
- b) To boost hinterland tourism and link it with agriculture, I propose to develop two Agro Tourism spots on Government Farms, one located at Codar in Ponda taluka and another located at Kalay in Sanguem taluka for visiting tourists to enjoy nature while getting an overview of Agriculture in Goa. Local schools will be encouraged to utilize the services for school orientation camps on these farms.

c) Sir, I am of the opinion that agriculture education and the joy of working with the soil needs to be inculcated in the children, right from their school days. A new School Agriculture Education Scheme will be implemented at the Government Farms at Ela-Old-Goa, Codar, Margao, Pernem, Chimbél, Valpoi, Mapusa and Kalay in collaboration with nearby schools to orient and train school children as well as teachers in basic agricultural practices and techniques and they will be allowed to take what they nurture and produce for sharing with their families.

84. For the purpose of further expanding extension and coordination of agriculture and allied services at the village level, I also propose to shift the Atal Gram Yojana from Planning Department and place it under the Agriculture Department with an allocation of Rs. 10 crores.

85. Sir, to provide immediate relief to the farmer in case of natural calamities, I propose formulation of a Contingency Plan Fund during the year 2015-16 under the crop husbandry scheme for which Rs. 145.37 crores has been allocated. This fund would be used for maintaining a buffer stock of vital inputs such as seeds, fungicides, pesticides and sprayers and making them readily available to the farmer free of costs as well as repair sudden breaches occurring in protective bunds in Khazan areas.

86. Organic farming will be further propagated in the State by intensifying extension activities and encouraging production of organic manures on farmer's fields. Sir, you will be happy to know that the State Government has finalized a MoU with Dharwad Agriculture University for establishment of laboratories for commercial production of Bio-pesticides and Bio-fertilizers, which would give an impetus for organic farming in Goa.

87. I intend to make an allocation of Rs. 41.50 crores under the Horticulture & Vegetable Crops scheme and propose that a new scheme to promote cultivation of Spices like Black pepper, Nutmeg, Turmeric and Ginger will be formulated under the ongoing National Horticulture Mission.

88. To fully exploit the tremendous potential of spice cultivation in the State and facilitate their export, the Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, would be invited to establish their office in the State.

Animal Husbandry

89. Speaker Sir, the main thrust of my Government under Animal Husbandry sector has been to increase milk production in the State and accelerate the Technical Delivery System so that the benefits could be passed on to the beneficiaries within the shortest possible time. I propose an allocation of Rs. 125.21 crores for this sector.

90. Under the scheme of providing incentives to milk producers, 14,223 dairy farmers of 173 Dairy Milk Societies were provided incentives at the rate of Rs. 9.40 per liter amounting to Rs. 18.59 crores in 2014-15.

91. Besides, 75 farmers were provided 75 percent subsidy on purchase of dairy equipments amounting to Rs. 54.95 Lakh.

92. Under the Pashupalan scheme the department of Animal Husbandry has processed and finalized 3,334 applications in the current year.

93. The Kamdhenu (Sudharit) Scheme has been successfully implemented and around 1,500 farmers have benefited from the scheme by becoming owners of 5,895 milch animals thereby increasing the milk production substantially as compared to last year.

Three veterinary Village Sub-Centers have been upgraded to full-fledged Veterinary Dispensaries namely KVSC Chandel in Pernem Taluka and KVSC Kasarpal in Bicholim Taluka of North Goa and KVSC Varca in Salcette Taluka of South Goa and would now be manned by Veterinary Doctors.

94. Sir, I feel proud to share with this house, that as a result of these initiatives, milk production in the state has increased by 94.44% from 36,000 litres per day in 2012-13 to more than 70,000 litres per day during the current year.

95. The following projects under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana scheme would further strengthen the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services:

1. Crossbred Heifer rearing at Cattle Breeding Farm, Copardem- Sattari-Goa. This project aims at providing good heifers to the farmers for increasing the production of milk in the State and the construction of 10 modern cattle sheds is being taken up at the Cattle Breeding Farm, Copardem-Sattari Goa for housing the heifers. I propose an initial allocation of Rs. 25 lakhs under the breeding of local cows for this purpose.

2. I propose an allocation of Rs. 1.11 crores for piggery development scheme. We would be setting up an Ultra- Modern State Piggery Breeding Farm, which would be one of its kind of project in the country with a strength of 1,000 pigs and its own processing plant in 2015-16.

3. I also propose to upgrade the Government Poultry Farm for breeding of poultry birds of Vanaraja Breed for distribution among farmers in the interest of making available fair and competitively priced Poultry birds and eggs under the overall allocation of Rs. 2.52 crores for poultry development.

Fisheries

96. Sir, continuous efforts have been made in the last couple of years for sustaining the available fishery resources for present and future needs and to improve the quality of life of the fishermen. I propose a total allocation of Rs. 70.59 crores for fisheries.

97. As part of infrastructure development, various works for construction of 7 fishing ramps, 2 net mending sheds, 50 metre jetty at Malim and repair of existing fishing jetty at Panaji were taken up during the year 2014-15.

98. To improve facilities further, major up-gradation of 4 major fish landing centres, namely Chapora, Malim, Cortalim and Cutbona at an estimated cost of Rs.100 crores would begin in 2015-16. Fishing ramps at Padribhat, Azossim and Mandur and repairs of the existing Fisheries Administration Building and internal roads at Fisheries Complex at Colva would also be taken up during 2015-16.

99. For these works, I am allocating Rs.21.07 crores initially under the scheme of landing and berthing facilities of Fisheries Department.

100. In addition, I propose to fulfill the demand for additional Sulabh Souchalaya complex at Cutbona at an estimated cost of Rs. 61.00 lakh. Besides, improvement of infrastructure facilities at Talpona Fisheries Complex, fishing ramps at Ambelim and Saleri, Cola and Net Mending Sheds at Issorcim and Velsao in Mormugao Taluka would be taken up in 2015-16.

101. In 2014-15, under the scheme of financial assistance on VAT based on Subsidy, a total quota of 20,000 KL of H.S.D. Oil have been given to the members of six registered Fishermen Cooperative and an expenditure of Rs. 15 crores was incurred and I intend to allocate Rs.16 crores in 2015-16 for this purpose.

102. 11,727 beneficiaries were covered under the Group Accident Insurance Scheme for active fishermen in the year 2014-15. In addition, 5,338 beneficiaries were covered during the year 2014-15 under the General Insurance Scheme for active fishermen

103. 5,707 beneficiaries were covered under the Saving cum Relief fund scheme and a sum of Rs. 1,800/- thus collected is distributed during the three lean months to them.

104. Under the Safety of fishermen at Sea scheme, 300 beneficiaries would be covered by this financial year end to provide them with Safety equipments like GPS, VHF & search and Rescue Beacon.

105. Under the National Mission for Protein Supplements through Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) a project on “Open sea cage culture” for culturing high value fish was implemented with the help of funds to the tune of Rs. 2.5 Crore sanctioned by the Govt. of India. 16 cages were installed at Pollem and 3 cages at Talpona in South Goa. The project resulted in production of around 3 tonnes and the profit was equally distributed among the beneficiaries involved in the project.

106. I am happy to announce that the Government of India has sanctioned additional Rs. 2.13 crores during the year 2014-15 towards establishment of 25 more open sea cages and has sanctioned Rs. 3 Crores for continuation of the earlier and on-going project of “Open Sea Cage Culture” for culturing high value fish.

107. In the next year, a reservoir cage culture with 48 cages is proposed inside fresh water reservoirs and we have received Rs. 2.46 crore under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for the purpose.

Education, Craftsmen Training and Skill Development

108. Speaker Sir, in 2015-16, I propose an allocation of Rs. 1,116.24 crores for school education, which is an increase of Rs. 230.76 crores.

109. My Government realizes the need for quality education to bring about overall development of the student community who shall be the future citizens of the State. Therefore, having almost achieved universalization of elementary education, the thrust of my Government is to improve the quality of education at all levels by introducing modern e-learning and teaching aids in its educational Institutions and to provide a better schooling environment for the students.

110. Several steps have been taken by my Government in this direction. To create Smart classrooms, schools are being provided with internet connectivity and online access. 10 smart class rooms utilizing ICT are being set up in Engineering and Pharmacy colleges and Polytechnics in the State on a pilot basis.

111. To improve the quality of e-content, Schools, Colleges and University are being provided with Wi-Fi or hotspots. The Laptop-e scheme will benefit around 18,000 Students for this academic year for those studying in Std. XII.

112. Under infrastructure development of schools, during the current year 2014-15, 158 Govt. Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools have been repaired, upgraded or newly constructed. My Government has been providing free Note books, Uniforms and Raincoats to students at elementary school stage and will continue to do so.

113. An experimental school complex is taking shape at Curca and most of the schools therein are expected to be functional in the next academic year. There would be a need to create supporting infrastructure such as playground, road, parking facility, access road and sewerage treatment facilities, which is expected to cost around 100 cr. and the same would be taken up through GSIDC. For the current year, I have provided Rs. 30 crores for the purpose.

114. Cyberage Scheme under which laptops and tablets/notebooks/PCs are provided will continue. I have provided Rs. 26 crores and Rs. 50 crores respectively for the scheme. The backlog of last year will be carried forward and completed by June – July 2015.

115. Sir, I am indeed very happy to state that My Government would be instituting a State Level Award called Goa Bal Puruskar for special or outstanding work in the fields of academics, sports, art & culture, science and music to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our children. In each of these areas, one such award will be given every year on 19th December on the occasion of Goa Liberation Day.

116. My Government is also in the process of setting up NIT-Goa and IIT-Goa which will definitely add to the scientific and engineering prowess of the State. For this purpose, I am making an allocation of Rs. 40 cr. for setting up of NIT Goa and Rs. 6 cr. for setting up IIT Goa.

117. I am pleased to inform the house that there has been an increase of 23.96 crores in the overall outlay for higher education from Rs. 187.98 crores in 2014-15 to Rs. 211.94 crores in 2015-16.

118. Sir, I have increased the grants in aid to the Goa University to Rs. 37 crores. Further a provision for 12 crores has been made to support various government aided colleges. A provision of Rs 16 crores has been made under the Rastriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan and Rs 3 crores allocation has been made for the bursary scheme.

119. Further, I intend to start two new schools at Goa University, namely Global School of Tourism and School of Strategic & Security Studies for starting post graduate courses and academic research in these areas.

120. Sir, we have over a thousand engineering graduates in the state now in different fields such as IT, Computers, Electronics and Telecommunications. Around 300 students are enrolled in degree courses of Computer Sciences and Computer Application every year in addition to the engineering courses.

121. I am pleased to announce an allocation of Rs 10 crores for construction of building and modernization of facilities at the Goa College of Engineering over and above the allocations made for the last year. I would also be providing Rs. 3 crores for construction of an auditorium building which will be commissioned to commemorate the golden jubilee celebrations in 2017.

122. Speaker Sir, I propose an allocation of Rs. 74.22 crores for craftsmen training alone in 2015-16.

123. I am happy to inform that we have a Government ITI in 11 talukas of the State. All our ITIs have Institute Managing Committees with our Industry captains as Members and Chairmen in order to make the curriculum and pedagogy industry specific and relevant. I further propose to start one more ITI in the newly carved out Dharbandora taluka.

124. To further boost skill development in a big way and align the state with the Skill India initiative to harness the power and energy of our youth in making of this country, I intend to establish greater linkages between industry, vocational, school and college education.

125. Sir, the Craftsmen Training Department has located 2,500 seats for Apprenticeship Training in 250 industries and establishments which have been surveyed and brought under the purview of the Apprentice Act, 1961.

126. The Apprenticeship Rules 1992 have been amended to ensure that monthly stipend payable to a trade Apprentice in the 1st year is enhanced to 70% of the monthly minimum wage payable to semi-skilled worker in the category, to 80% in the 2nd year and to 90% in the 3rd year. In order to attract the unskilled and unemployed youth of the State towards skill development through Apprenticeship Training, the State Government proposes to formulate a new scheme to contribute some part of monthly stipend payable each successive year, including by drawing on central funding under the recently approved central programme.

127. Sir, my Government intends to boost career progression and open pathways for higher education to the youth and, to attain this objective, my Government intends to grant academic equivalence of Std X and Std XII to ITI courses in the state. Details of this scheme will be worked out by the respective departments so as to be implemented by the Academic Session 2015-16.

128. One of the 10 Government ITIs will be converted into a State of the Art model ITI under a Centrally Funded Scheme and a new State of the Art ITI is also proposed to be established at Porvorim to cater to Skill Development in the IT & ITeS and other Services sectors like hospitality, banking and retail.

129. I am pleased to inform the house that Hon'ble Union Minister of Defence has agreed to consider the creation of a Skill Development Centre with the assistance of Goa Shipyard Limited so that local youths will be skillfully and gainfully employed in ship building sector that is expected to boom in view of Rs. 32,400 crore order placed by Ministry of Defence on Goa Shipyard Limited.

130. In addition, we are working on creating a skill development and training facility for youth in the civil aviation sector. This facility will enable local youth to take advantage of employment opportunities that would result from the commissioning of a new airport at MOPA.

Social Welfare, Women and Child Development and Tribal Welfare

131. Speaker Sir, I would like to quote Mahatma Gandhi, "Poverty is the worst form of violence" and "The measure of a country's greatness should be based on how well it cares for its most vulnerable populations."

132. My Government is fully sensitive to the needs and aspirations of the poor and the vulnerable. I propose a total outlay of Rs. 910.59 crores for spending on the social sector schemes under the social welfare, women & child development and tribal welfare departments.

133. The strong concern of my Government for persons with disabilities is well reflected in the number of schemes being implemented for their cause.

A scheme for purchase of aids and appliances for them has been notified in November 2014. Besides this, stipends and scholarships are provided to Persons with Disabilities to pursue their education.

134. My Government releases grants to institutions for projects concerning detection, intervention and prevention of disabilities and rehabilitation of Differently Abled Persons. Further, Braille Libraries are being set up for visually impaired Persons.

135. The State has provided the best Social Security cover in the country for its weaker sections, SC/ST, minority communities and the physically and mentally challenged citizens.

136. Under Dayanand Social Security Scheme (Freedom from Hunger) Rs. 2,000/- p.m. is provided to senior citizens, widows, disabled adults and orphan children, Rs. 2,500/- p.m. for Disabled Children and Rs. 3,500/- p.m. is given to those whose disability is 90% to 100%.

137. Besides the above, a host of other schemes like, Rajiv Awas Yojana, Antya Sanskar Sahay Yojana, Stipend and Scholarships, Special homes for physically and mentally challenged people, Day Care schemes for senior citizens, financial assistance to traditional occupations and Self help groups are under implementation.

138. Further, the Laadli Laxmi Scheme which was launched in the State in July 2012 gives financial assistance of Rs. 1.00 lakh to the girl child upon attaining 18 years or on marriage. Since its inception, 22,099 girls have been provided assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh each so far.

139. I intend to link the objectives of this scheme fully with the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao Abhiyan and therefore propose to include higher education and entrepreneurship as admissible purposes for disbursement under the scheme in addition to marriage.

140. I also intend to modify the Mamata scheme to align it with the laudable objectives of nurturing and cherishing the girl child. I propose to substantially enhance the cash benefits from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 25,000/- but with disbursement linked to 5 stages of Rs.5,000/- each at birth, full immunization, completion of secondary education, completion of higher secondary and finally completion of college degree. The amounts will be given to beneficiaries at said milestones. The initial allocation of Rs. 2.58 crores will be suitably revised, if required.

141. The Griha Aadhar scheme which was launched in October 2012, to provide financial relief to economically weaker section to tide over rising inflation, still continues, wherein an amount of Rs. 1,200 p.m. is provided to women from economically weaker families. During the current year, around 18,109 new families have been brought under the scheme taking the total number of families receiving assistance to 1,20,033 as of February 2015.

142. I intend to link this scheme with socially productive work and would be exploring the possibility of women covered under the scheme contributing some hours to community work by formulating appropriate schemes.

143. Mr Speaker Sir, it gives me great pleasure and satisfaction to inform you that as a measure of its firm belief in gender equity and respect and dignity of women through their empowerment in all walks of life, my Government will institute the following awards in Goa:

144. **Two Veerjyoti Puraskars** will be given at State Level to women and girls showing exemplary bravery and courage against any atrocities, violence and or harassment against them or against any other woman or girl on the occasion of the Republic Day on 26th January every year.

145. **Similarly, two Rakshak Puruskars** will be given by my Government for coming to the aid, protection or help beyond the call of duty in dealing with any type of violence, attack or harassment against women and girls to the people of the State from any walk of life, whether they are police officers, doctors, lawyers, public prosecutors, social workers, teachers, tourist guides, lifeguards, bus, taxi or auto drivers as a message to encourage and motivate all to bestow respect and dignity to women in society. These awards will be given on 15th August every year on the occasion of Independence Day.

146. In order to improve the educational status of Scheduled Tribes students, the outlay proposed under the pre-matric scholarship scheme would be increased to Rs. 4.50 crores thereby benefiting 12,000 students. Similarly, the outlay under the Kanya Dhan scheme would be increased to Rs. 1.50 crores likely to be benefiting 600 girl students. The outlay under the post-matric scholarship scheme would be increased to Rs. 3.75 crores thereby benefiting 6,500 students.

Health, Medical, Allied Sciences & Nursing

147. Mr Speaker Sir, in 2015-16, I propose an allocation of Rs. 701.43 crores for the health sector, an increase of Rs. 169.74 crores over 2014-15.

148. For the IMR health indicator achievements and to help improve them further, Government of India has released monetary incentive to the state to further strengthen the Maternal, New born and Child health services.

149. Besides good primary and secondary health care, my Government has improved tertiary care services, including state of art super specialty health care by starting the Cardio Vascular and Thoracic Surgery unit at Goa Medical College with effect from April 2014 and strengthened the Renal Transplant Programme.

150. As part of its commitment to further improve health services coverage both in terms of population and diseases my Government has tendered for an Expanded Universal Health cover through insurance for the entire resident population who are residing in Goa for more than 5 years irrespective of income criteria called the Deen Dayal Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

151. The tender process is currently on and in a first of its kind initiative, cover for Mental Health, Ayurvedic treatment and long term medication for chronic lifestyle diseases such as Hypertension and Diabetes would be provided in the State. An initial allocation of Rs. 30 crores is being kept for this scheme.

152. I am happy to inform this august house due to the sustained efforts of my Government, the number of postgraduate seats at Goa Medical College have seen an unprecedented increase of 22 seats from 85 to 107 in 5 clinical and 5 para-clinical departments. Thus, the state will now benefit by having more specialists in the disciplines of Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Forensic Medicine, Community Medicine, ENT, Ophthalmology, Skin and Pulmonary Medicine.

153. As Hon'ble members would recall, the 150 undergraduate medical seats programme at GMC was initiated in the academic year 2012-13 which will result in additional 50 MBBS doctors each year from academic year 2017-18.

154. Goa Medical College has also been identified for super-specialty up-gradation under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana by Government of India and the gap analysis report has been furnished to take up a separate super-specialty block in GMC having the disciplines of urology, cardiology and cardio-thoracic surgery, nephrology, paediatric surgery, plastic surgery, neurology and neurosurgery. Phase II of Goa Dental College will also be taken up next year for which a provision of Rs. 27.81 crores is kept.

155. A Multi-Disciplinary Research unit of ICMR has recently been sanctioned in 2014-15 to take up advanced medical research in various disciplines at GMC.

156. In the Institute of Nursing Education, Bambolim the B.Sc nursing graduate seats have increased from 50 to 100 and the Auxilliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) seats have been increased from 20 to 40. The M. Sc nursing post graduate course has been rolled out during this year with 20 seats and I am happy to state that this state will not just have increased number of nurses but also higher specialization in the nursing profession.

157. In order to expand Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homeopathy (AYUSH) services, a separate unit dedicated AYUSH headed by an officer of the rank of Deputy Director will be set up under Directorate of Health Services.

158. Sir, my Government is in the process of further upgrading its health infrastructure and services for increasing accessibility and quality of health care.

159. During the year 2014-15 the Primary, Community and Urban Health Centres as well as the District and other Government Hospitals catered to 13, 58, 489 patients at the OPD level whereas 97,715 patients were admitted for indoor treatment. The PHC at Balli was up-graded to 24 beds by adding 12 beds. 6 basic and 6 advance ambulances were been procured to replace the old ambulances of EMRI -108 under the National Health Mission.

160. During the year 2015-16, the bed strength of Government Hospitals will be further increased by 68 beds at PHC level, including 12 beds at PHC Shiroda, 32 beds at PHC Cansaulim and conversion of PHC Quepem from non-bedded to 24 bedded hospital. The Rural Health Center at Mandur is being reconstructed with provision of 20 beds, labour room, minor OT and 35 room hostel for interns and residents.

161. At Community Health level, we will increase the number of beds by 80 beds, including 20 beds at CHC, Curchorem and by 60 beds at CHC Pernem. In addition the bed strength will increase from 60 beds to 120 beds in the New Building of Cottage Hospital, Chicalim which will now be designated as Sub District Hospital.

162. It is proposed to complete all works related to the new building of the South Goa District Hospital, Margao with a capacity of 550 beds by next financial year end. Under the National Health Mission, it is proposed to procure another 12 ambulances in 2015-16 besides certain innovative measures such as procurement of tele-ECGs to make possible remote consultations with specialists, strengthen OPD services at Sub-Centres through AYUSH Doctors and install a bio-medical waste management plant in the State.

Tourism

163. Speaker Sir, Tourism has seen Goa evolve as a strong international brand in its own right and will be allocated Rs. 260.09 crores in 2015-16 as against Rs. 140.94 crores in 2014-15.

164. The tourism master plan being prepared by us intends to show case the natural assets of the state and develop initiatives in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner to highlight Goa's rich culture, history and heritage besides our beaches.

165. Due to our rich cultural diversity, we have year-round festivals, which can be experienced by our guests. All significant tourist destinations worldwide have a yearlong event calendar. I propose to create an event calendar along with city branding which will incorporate existing festivals and add many new ones for which I propose a token provision of Rs 1 crore.

166. Further, the government is working on simplifying the licensing regime associated with organizing such events for which a new law would be tabled in the coming financial year.

167. Meetings Incentives Conventions and Exhibitions tourism has huge potential in Goa. I propose to create a special purpose vehicle in 2015-16 with an initial allocation Rs10 crores to build a befitting international convention centre at Panaji to be a venue not only of festivals but to attract global conventions to our state by giving integrated world class facilities at one place.

168. Speaker Sir, the winds of tourism have barely made their presence felt in the rich and varied hinterland of Goa. I intend to provide support to tourism in the hinterland by according 'eco – tourism' a special status. The hinterland talukas of Pernem, Satterri, Dharbandora, Sanguem, Quepem and Canacona will be given special attention for promotion of eco tourism activities. This will create employment in the hinterland besides reducing pressure on beach tourism, thereby enhancing the capacity of the state to sustain higher tourist arrivals.

169. I therefore propose an eco tourism policy initiative, wherein construction of eco friendly huts, cottages, tents etc. would be permitted without necessitating conversion of land provided that such projects are within 5% of the total land and subject to the condition that 2 hectares of land is available for this activity.

170. Necessary amendments to the TCP Act and Land revenue code shall be carried out and a scheme for permitting and regulating such projects will be notified by the Tourism Department in this financial year. I am particularly thankful to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India for having included eco tourism as one of the activity in the eco sensitive zone.

171. Mr Speaker Sir, there have been instances in the past of large groups of tourists using public places for cooking and picnic activities. Such activities create traffic congestion, issues of garbage disposal and also on certain occasions' nuisance for the local residents.

172. I propose to take up a program for development camp sites to provide basic amenities, cooking facilities and proper waste disposal for day tourists, families and students interested in picnics and visiting beaches and other tourist places. To begin with, Government will identify 4 such sites at most popular places and I am making an allocation of Rs 1 crore for development of day camping facilities at these sites.

173. In order to reduce traffic congestion and accidents on the coastal roads, especially during the tourist season, I propose to explore the possibility of construction of a cable stayed ropeway system to connect the north Goa beaches for travel and sightseeing. The project would be taken up through private partnership if found feasible and I intend making an allocation of Rs 50 lakh for taking up the techno-economic feasibility report which could be subsequently recovered from the project.

174. Speaker Sir, I propose to do away with the manual system for registration of tourist trade activities. The Department of Tourism will be introducing an E-registration system wherein Tourist Seva Kendras would be created for receiving and processing registration applications with an online facility as well.

175. The Government of India has recently announced that it plans to extend the 'e-Visa' facility to 150 countries. I am happy to inform the house that as on 15th March 2015, Goa received 12,639 foreign tourists under the 'e-Visa' category. In order to fully harness the opportunities presented by the recent decision of central government, I propose to constitute a Tourism Promotion & Marketing Board under the Department of Tourism.

176. Sir, safety and security of tourists is a pre requisite for upward growth trajectory in the tourism sector and I propose to augment the existing mechanisms for tourist security by creating a Territorial Tourism Force on the lines of the Territorial Army that is a part of the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. I am happy to share with the house that Ministry of Defence, Government of India will consider assisting the Government of Goa in raising, training and operationalizing the same. I propose a token provision of Rs 1 crore for this activity.

177. I propose to introduce a policy initiative under the Department of Tourism to enable creation of a Tourism Venture Capital Fund. This mechanism will be used to fund heritage tourism, small and medium enterprises to start or expand their activities for both infrastructure development and/or services.

178. We are very focused on providing a clean and safe environment and have launched the 'Clean Goa, Beautiful Goa' campaign as part of the "Swachh Bharat Nital Goa" aimed at a comprehensive beach cleanliness management system.

179. We are one of the first states to provide Lifeguard services on all our beaches, which is functioning well and in the past year lifeguard interventions have saved 473 lives on our beaches. We have also recently launched an exclusive Women Taxi service in October, 2014.

180. 33 tourism infrastructure projects are in various stages of planning and implementation spread across the state to create facilities like changing rooms, toilets, pathways, sitting arrangement, parking facilities and signages.

181. All this positive action resulted in increase in tourist flow by over 30% in the year 2014 as compared to 2013, which in percentage terms is the highest year on year growth recorder by any State in the Country.

Industry and Investment Promotion

182. Speaker Sir, In order to diversify our economy, we took a conscious decision to adopt the “Goa Investment Policy 2014” with the following objectives, among others:

1. Creating 50,000 jobs in the next five years;
2. Facilitating Rs 25,000 crore of new investment into Goa in the next five years;
3. Providing high quality logistics infrastructure to industries;
4. Providing 24*7 high-quality power supply and quality core infrastructure to industries; and
5. Using innovative and socially acceptable mechanisms to make land available for industrial development;

183. Pursuant to the adoption of this policy, we enacted the Goa Investment Promotion Act, 2014, under which the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board has already been set up to provide assistance and facilitate required approvals from State Government for business ventures. The Government fully involved industry in the creation of the Investment Policy and also the formation of the Investment Promotion & Facilitation Board

184. My Government is in fact looking forward to synergize our efforts with the “Make in India” campaign in a big way through our investor friendly policies and facilitation Board.

185. Sir, you would be pleased to know that the Board has already granted in principal approval to 7 industrial investments of nearly Rs. 600 crores, apart from 5 other investments in Tourism and Allied Thrust Areas amounting to 1,900 crores which are expected to generate direct employment to approximately 3,000 persons in the state.

186. My Government intends to expedite the work currently being done on improving the ease of doing business in Goa and we will come out with prescribed timelines for grant of approvals or conveying reasons for rejection within the next three months.

187. Under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (MSMED Act, 2006), 485 new micro, small and medium enterprises have been registered during the current financial year with an expected employment generation of 6,600 persons and a proposed investment of Rs 142 crores.

188. Mr Speaker Sir, as a special incentive to boost creation of employment opportunities in the State through new investments and expansion of existing units, I propose the formulation of a scheme under Industries department, whereby, any new units or expansion of existing units resulting in employing at least 20 new persons will be offered rebates and concessions by the Government.

189. Sir, it is my Government's belief that employment saved also equals employment created and we intend to aid sick units in need of revitalization to protect the employment already created in the state.

190. With this aim, I propose to freeze the existing liabilities of such units and give certain concessions and incentives in order to give them fiscal space to re-start and run their operations. The Investment Promotion Board will be tasked to recommend alternate means of dissolving existing liabilities and graded recovery of future dues for consideration of the Government.

191. I am happy to state that the Government would revive the Modified Interest Rebate Scheme-2012 and extend it during 2015-16.

192. I am further glad to announce that the MSME incentives mentioned in the 2003 policy will also be extended till end of next financial year.

193. Sir, I have formed a separate demand for the Handicraft, Textile & Choir sector by bifurcating it from Craftsmen Training to lay greater emphasis on handicraft and handloom development in the State and intend allocating Rs. 20.20 crores for this purpose.

194. I also intend to rejuvenate the textiles and handicrafts sector by inviting the apparel export council under the Ministry of Commerce to open its office in the state and encourage the setting up of apparel export units to provide employment to our skilled women and men. To take up this activity a token provision of Rs. 10 lakhs has been made under the Integrated Training Handloom Project scheme.

195. To lay stress on skill development in the areas of handicrafts and handloom, a new scheme has been formulated by my Government called the "Integrated Skill Development Scheme, 2014". I intend to name this scheme as "Vishwakarma Kaushal Yojana" and utilize it for training, development and marketing of traditional and other village crafts aimed at promoting self-employment and income generation in these areas.

196. Sir, land measuring 63,925 Sq. meters have been acquired for the expansion of Tuem Industrial Estate, Phase III in Pernem taluka and the infrastructure development works are in progress. Similarly, land acquisition of 3,26,953 Sq. meters for setting up of a new industrial estate at Latambarcem in Bicholim taluka is in progress.

197. Under the Chief Minister Rojgar Yojana (CMRY) which has now been renamed as Dr. Verghese Kurien Rojgar Yojana (VKRY), 222 beneficiaries have been sanctioned loan assistance amounting to Rs 9.56 crores lakh during the current financial year up to December 2014. I propose to make a further allocation of Rs 5.50 crores under this scheme.

198. Goa has a medium – low presence of defence establishments as compared to other urban areas in the country. However, this scenario is changing rapidly. I am glad to share with the house that Ministry of Defence, Government of India has placed orders on Goa Shipyard Ltd. worth Rs 32,400 cr. which will be executed over a period of eight years. This will help the state government to a great extent in fulfilling our promise of providing employment to around 25,000 persons. This single order, the largest in the history of Goa will generate employment for 10,000 to 15,000 local youth.

199. Further, we have requested Ministry of Defence, Government of India to setup activities related to Hi Tech industries such as Helicopter assembly and manufacture in Goa.

Home, Fire & Emergency Services

200. Sir, My Government has been making all efforts to enhance the capabilities of Goa Police by augmenting infrastructure manpower and also through modernization of police force.

201. I am glad to mention that while keeping law and order situation in control in the State at large, the Government has paid extra attention on issues relating to security and safety of women in Goa. The Government has created 79 posts of female Police Sub-Inspectors and 221 posts of female Police Constables in order to set up a women battalion for a specific purpose and to solve problems of women so as to create a secured environment for women in Goa.

202. The overall crime situation in the State remained under control. A total number of 3,529 cases were registered under Indian Penal Code in the current year as compared to 4309 in the previous year thereby showing a reduction in the cases by 18 percent in the current year. Of these 3,529 cases registered 2,569 cases have been detected, which implies a detection rate of 73 percent.

203. My Government's law and enforcement machinery has worked overtime for detecting cases of heinous crimes. 82 percent of kidnapping and 92% of dacoity cases were detected during 2014-15. Also, 73 percent of the total murder cases and 92 percent of attempt to murder cases detected by the Goa Police deserve appreciation.

204. The seizure conducted by Anti Narcotic Cell police Station for the financial year 2014-2015 amounts to Rs. 11,49,24,600/- approximately. The seizure conducted during the financial year 2014-2015 has surpassed all the cumulative seizures conducted by Goa Police in the past years.

205. A new Fire Station Building at Curchorem with state of the art Fire Fighting Appliances such as Water Tender, Water Bowser, Emergency Rescue Tender and Ambulance has been commissioned successfully.

206. The Department has initiated a Training Programme "Disaster Preparedness and Fire Safety Training Campaign" at Village Panchayat level. 1,553 Village Panchayat Citizens have been trained from the various Talukas Viz; Mapusa, Ponda, Pernem, Valpoi, Curchorem, Bicholim and Kundaim during the year 2014-15.

207. During the period April 2014 to December 2014, the Fire & Emergency Services have collectively attended 6,626 Fire and Emergency Calls during which 144 human lives and 352 animal lives were saved. Property worth Rs.87.25 crores was saved or salvaged due to timely action of the Fire Personnel.

208. In view of recent incidents of fire in the coastal areas, we will make a Provision of Coastal Fire Stations along the beach belt of Morjim-Mandrem-Arambol, Baga-Candolim-Calangute and Varca-Benaulim-Mobor to be initiated in collaboration with Department of Tourism.

Panchayats and Rural Development

209. Speaker Sir, my government is committed to capacity building and strengthening the administrative setup and financial resources of the Panchayats to carry out the responsibilities devolved to them for rural development and I am allocating Rs. 171.41 crores under Rural Employment and Other Rural Development Programmes.

210. I am happy to inform the house that all the elected members and Officials of the PRIs and elected representatives of Zilla Panchayats are imparted training by Goa Institute of Rural Development and Administration and till date **949** officials and elected members have been covered.

211. The State Government is providing grants to the weaker Panchayats in form of Grants-in-Aid to provide support to the weaker Panchayats for payment of salaries to the Panchayat staff for strengthening their Administration. Under this scheme Rs. **4.26 crores** has been released to **90 weaker Panchayats** for strengthening their Administration.

212. Rs 7 crores have been released to all the eligible Village Panchayats for carrying out different infrastructure development works. In addition, Rs. 5 crores have been provided to Zilla Panchayats (North & South) for rural infrastructure development. Further, a total amount Rs. 11.76 crores has been released to the **55** eligible Village Panchayats as grants in lieu of abolition of octroi.

213. Sir, I have decided to provide financial assistance to mining affected Village Panchayats by granting them one time Grant-in-aid of Rs 5 lakh per Panchayat. Overall **55** Village Panchayats of Sanguem, Dharbandora, Quepem, Bicholim, Sattari and Ponda Taluka will be covered under this Scheme.

214. Deendayal Infrastructure Development Scheme is a new scheme which aims to undertake major Infrastructure Development projects by village Panchayats for the progress and Development of Rural areas in the villages. I am making a provision of Rs. 30 crores for this scheme in 2015-16

215. Sir, we have made a provision of Rs. 7.78 crores under District Rural Development Agency.

216. As you are aware, a large number of self-help groups in our villages which give are involved in a number of entrepreneurial activities and I propose to initiate a scheme for construction of a “Swarozgar Goa Bazaar” with permanent stalls along with a Non-Conventional Resource Research Centre on land owned by Rural Development Department in the vicinity of Panaji to give an outlet for displaying and selling of wares to tourists and visitors.

217. Self-help groups of all our Panchayats would be accommodated on a rotational basis at this permanent bazar and also encouraged to hold regular exhibitions inviting SHGs from all over the country.

Urban Development and Municipalities

218. Speaker Sir, there is a synergistic relationship between rural prosperity and the continuum of urban development. A holistic approach to spatial development is needed if the state wishes to achieve more inclusive growth.

219. I am happy to inform the house that in the FY 2015-16, the provision for solid waste management is kept at Rs. 9 crores, on Integrated Development of Major Towns’ scheme, it is raised to Rs. 60 crores; Rs. 15 crores has been kept for JNNURM and Rs. 15 crores for Compensation to Municipalities in lieu of Octroi.

220. A plant for conversion of post consumer mixed waste plastics from Municipal Solid Waste into fuel/hydrocarbon derivatives of capacity 10 TDP in North Goa at Pernem Municipal Council Solid Waste Management facility has been successfully commissioned

221. GSUDA has supplied 1,95,000 waste bins of different capacities in the 13 municipal council in the State of Goa to augment capability in collection and segregation of waste.

222. The Goa State Urban Development Agency also intends to construct Multi-storeyed Parking at Margao, develop Parking space along NH17 from Colva circle to Bus Stand and construct an International Convention Centre adjacent to Bus Stand at Margao.

223. Curchorem-Cacora Municipal Council has been proactive in the area of Solid Waste Management. As promised, we are providing a special grant Rs 10 crores for infrastructure development to CCMC in view of their outstanding efforts.

Sports & Youth Affairs

224. Speaker Sir, a provision of Rs. 10 crores has been kept to operationalize the recently finalized state youth policy.

225. As Hon'ble members are aware, we recently conducted the Lusofonia Games very successfully. We need to develop International Standard facilities through SAG for the 36th National Games and as such I propose to allocate Rs 120 crores to Sports Authority of Goa for this purpose.

Housing

226. Sir, I propose to allocate another Rs 20 crores to the Housing Board for creation of housing facilities for the National Games. These housing facilities would then be allotted to persons belong to poor and low income group at a concessional rate after the completion the games.

227. Emphasizing our focus in the area of affordable housing, I further propose to formulate a scheme to construct affordable houses for the middle and low income groups on government land identified for this purpose and take up two such housing schemes to begin with next year.

228. Sir, as you are aware Indira Awas Yojana is a rural housing scheme of the Government of India wherein assistance is provided for construction of a new house as well as up-gradation of a kutcha/dilapidated house.

229. I am happy to announce here that the State Government has decided to provide Rs. 15,000 as additional assistance from our side to the Rs. 15,000 provided by the Central Government for up-gradation of a rural house. Thus assistance under the scheme would be enhanced to Rs. 30,000 from 2015-16 onwards.

Forest & Environment

230. The importance of Forest & Environment has been felt worldwide especially with reference to present scenario of climate change, global warming and different environmental hazards. The State of Goa has been very proactive in this direction in the conservation front.

231. In spite of being a small State with only 3,702 sq. km. area and mounting pressure on the land for various development activities, the Department has managed to protect 1,225.12 sq. km. area under forest, out of which 62% of the area has been declared as Wildlife Sanctuary or National Parks mainly along the Western Ghats thereby creating a complete corridor for the wild animals. As per the report of Forest Survey of India 2013, the total Forest cover of Goa is about 65%.

Revenue and District Administration

232. Speaker Sir, in order to take administration to the door step of the people, Revenue Department has introduced village level on-line delivery of certificates in Bicholim and Bardez Taluka. This kind of service is the first of its kind in Goa and perhaps in India. Over 6,900 online certificates in Bicholim Taluka, 2,453 certificates in Bardez Taluka and 500 online certificates in Ponda Taluka have been issued so far to the public.

233. A Single Window system for Partition of Land has been introduced as an innovative e-governance project in North Goa District. It is implemented in Panaji Sub-Division and Mapusa Sub-Division to begin with and will soon be expanded to all the Talukas.

234. Revenue Department aims to introduce a Single Window System for land conversion in North Goa district to begin with in the coming financial year.

235. I propose an allocation of Rs 20 crores for the implementation of the Mayem Evacuee Act and the work of Zuarinagar market will be taken up through the Rehabilitation Board at a cost of Rs 15 crores.

236. Mr Speaker Sir, during 2015-16, I propose to undertake construction of Government Office Complexes at Mapusa and Dharbandora.

Ports and River Navigation

237. Speaker Sir, the inland waterways of Goa hold immense potential for transport and river tourism activities.

238. A Fast ferry service to connect Dona Paula to Vasco is proposed in the coming year. An 'Expression of Interest' from interested and competent parties for preparation of 'Techno-Feasibility' report for operating ferry/launch service between Vasco-Panaji and other viable routes through inland water ways of Goa has been initiated by the River Navigation Department.

239. The Maritime School of the Ports Department at Brittona would be taken up for up-gradation and modernization in the coming financial year, including introduction of required courses. I propose to make a provision of Rs 25 lakh for carrying out a techno economic feasibility of the same.

240. Sir, I have made a provision of Rs. 9 crores under the scheme of dredging of Mandovi, Zuari, Chapora and Sal rivers and an expression of interest has been invited for taking up feasibility study of development of Chapora river for both tourism and navigational purposes in the hitherto unexplored and under developed hinterland of North Goa.

Town and Country Planning

241. Speaker Sir, the required amendments to the TCP Act will be carried out in order to bring into effect the scheme permitting eco tourism projects in the eco sensitive areas of the hinterland talukas.

242. An outlay of Rs 25 crores has been earmarked for the infra creation scheme which could not be taken up in the previous year. In order to simplify the scheme, I propose that the infra development – power scheme for housing complexes and developments shall be subsidized at 75% of the cost exceeding Rs 5,000/- per connection in case of commercial and Rs 2,500/- per connection in the case of residential developments respectively. Housing projects/developments commissioned in the previous year would also be covered under the ambit of this scheme on the basis on claims made.

243. Sir, Educational Institutions in Goa are mainly run by private managements. The cost of land and related building infrastructure is making it financially prohibitive for future expansion and new constructions. Therefore, I propose to grant a special dispensation to educational institutions by way of further increasing FAR and providing required related relaxations.

244. The Department has already finalized the scheme regarding refund of Infrastructure tax up to maximum 25% of infrastructure tax paid in respect of buildings certified as Green by the TERI, which will be implemented in the coming FY.

Transport

245. Speaker Sir, Work of “Infrastructural Development and Traffic Management Plan for Ponda City” has been undertaken through GSIDC at an estimated cost of Rs100 crores.

246. Construction of Bus Stand at Marcel, Pernem, Mapusa and Sakhali has been taken up and will be completed by 2015–16 at an estimated cost of Rs 110 crores.

247. Land ad-measuring 79,000 sq. mts. has been acquired at Ponda to set up “Drivers Training Track” in order to train drivers of Heavy Vehicles as well as Public Transport Vehicles.

248. Tax Exemption to Truck Owners in Mining Belt Scheme has been further extended till 31st March 2015. The budget outlay for the Goa State Subsidy for Y/B Motorcycles, Y/B Auto rickshaws, Y/B Taxis and Tourist Taxis Scheme 2013 has been increased to Rs 6 crores.

249. For subsidy to Kadamba Transport Ltd, I have made a provision of Rs. 65 crores. In addition, for the Seasonal Pass Scheme of KTCL, the budgetary outlay has been increased to Rs 12 crores.

250. Under the Goa State Fuel Subsidy Scheme, 2014 it is proposed to provide Subsidy on fuel to the private bus operators due to their inability to participate in the monthly pass system. An amount of Rs. 3/- per kilometer of operation is envisaged in the scheme. The said scheme is approved and notified and a Budget Outlay of Rs. 14 crores is proposed.

Law and Judiciary

251. Speaker Sir, it is my firm belief that the temple of justice must rest on the same pedestal as the temple of democracy. To fulfill this requirement, we are constructing a new building to house the Goa Bench of the Hon’ble High Court at Povorim at an estimated cost of Rs 115 crores and I have provided Rs 40 crores for the same in 2015-16.

Civil Aviation

252. Speaker Sir, the persons whose lands have been acquired for construction of a new airport at MOPA are pioneering contributors in the developmental process. I intend to keep my promise of giving four times the value of land acquired as compensation for the same. For this purpose, I have earmarked a sum of Rs 50 crores as initial contribution against payment to those whose claims have been settled.

253. I propose to create a special skill development centre to train and skill local youths to benefit from employment opportunities that are going to emerge upon commissioning of the new airport.

Information Technology

254. Speaker Sir, information technology is powerful instrument to bring about good governance and effect a 'Corruption free' administration. Given the strong scientific human resource base of Goa, this sector is an important driver of income and employment.

255. Sir, I propose setting up of an Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) for Electronic System Design Manufacturing (ESDM) at Tuem, Pernem, Goa over an area of 5,00,000 sq.mts. under the EMC scheme of the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeITY), Government of India.

256. I also propose to setup an IT Park at Chimbhel on the Kadamba Plateau, Tiswadi, Goa utilizing land from over an area of 4,50,000 sq.m available there.

257. I have provided Rs 40 crores for both the above developments. In addition I have provided Rs. 15 crores as capital contribution of the IT Corporation.

Art & Culture, Information & Public Relations, Museums, Archives, Official Languages

258. Speaker Sir, Goa is now a permanent venue for IFFI which provides a common platform for cinematographers of the world to project the best of film art, through screening of quality films and appreciate culture of different nations and I propose an allocation of Rs. 20 crores to create a permanent secretariat for IFFI. I am also making a provision of Rs. 5 crores for up-gradation of State Museum.

259. The Department of I & PR has introduced new scheme known as “The Goa State Photo Contest and Exhibition Scheme 2014” to encourage young talents in the field of photography and photo journalism.

260. Directorate of Art & Culture presented a beautiful mixture of Folk forms & Handicrafts from all over India at the 16th year of “Lokotsav” in Goa with an overwhelming turnout of more than 1,00,000 people. Our effort will be to make this popular festival an international attraction by elevating it to the global stage.

Labour & Cooperation

261. Speaker Sir, taking a cue from Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, the Labour Department, Goa would undertake labour reforms through requisite amendments to labour laws. The contributions to Labour Welfare fund are also proposed to be enhanced and minimum wages raised keeping in mind the demand for labour.

262. Sir, my Government has also initiated steps to streamline the Labour Administration and put an end to arbitrariness during inspections. Accordingly, a single on-line return for all labour laws would be put in place for ease of compliance.

263. I also propose to formulate a project for modernisation and up-gradation of Sanjivani Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. by availing of financial assistance from the Government of India.

Part – B ... Tax Proposals

1. Speaker Sir, Adam Smith, widely considered as the father of modern economics, in his book, “The Wealth of Nations”, says that, “the subjects of every state ought to contribute towards the support of the government, as nearly as possible, in proportion to their respective abilities.”

2. Speaker Sir, with these words of Adam Smith, I now move forward towards the tax proposals for the year 2015-16. The State Share of Central Taxes is all set to increase by ₹ 1054 crores, as per the recommendation of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, which has been accepted by the Union Government and budgetary allocation made to this effect. This historic measure has given my Government, some fiscal space to provide for the social and infrastructure development of the State. Even then, it is required that we tap additional resources by rationalizing existing tax levies, in order to support the infrastructure development initiatives taken up by the Government.

3. Sir, this year too, I propose to strengthen the tax administration and provide for certain measures to carry forward the growth agenda for the welfare of the State by taking measures for additional revenue collection to strengthen our fiscal situation. Such measures are essential for the larger and long term collective interest of the State and its citizens.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

4. Speaker Sir, the **Goods and Service Tax (GST)**, a revolutionary taxation measure, is proposed to be implemented across the country from April, 2016. It will replace most of the Central and State indirect taxes. GST will be implemented concurrently by the Central and State Governments, adhering to the destination principle. GST being a single indirect tax will be levied on goods and services treating the entire country as one market

5. Sir, as far as Goa is concerned, like any other State, we are not yet in a position to quantify the revenue impact likely to occur due to implementation of GST. Government of India has assured to compensate any revenue loss, in the event revenues of the States are negatively impacted. Personally, I feel that Goa being largely a consuming state, where service industry accounts for nearly 46% of the GSDP at current prices; we are going to be benefited significantly by the implementation of GST.

Value Added Tax

6. Speaker Sir, Government has in the recent past reduced rate of tax under VAT on CFL and LED bulbs and tubes. So also sanitary napkins were made tax free. It has been observed that inspite of best efforts by the Department; the manufacturers are unable to pass on the benefit on reduction of tax to the consumer, due to national pricing policy, which maintains fixed MRP. It is therefore proposed to bring these items under the Residuary Schedule of the VAT Act, 2005.

The amount being collected by this measure would be passed on to the needy citizen by means of suitable schemes to be formulated for the purpose whereby these items can be provided at concessional rates.

7. Sir, presently IT products sold in the course of inter-state sales against 'C' Form are taxed at the rate of 0.25% only. I propose to withdraw this special dispensation and bring them on par with other goods.

8. Sir, Mobile phones being IT products are taxed at the rate of 05% locally. Though a mobile phone is not a luxury item, it would be ideal to consider mobile phones costing above ₹ 12,000/- for higher rate of tax under VAT and therefore, I propose to bring these goods under the Residuary Schedule of the VAT Act, 2005.

9. Sir, I propose to make changes in the entry at Serial No. 11 of Schedule 'C', to include High Bouquet Spirit alongwith Rectified Spirit and maintain uniform rate of tax of 20%.

10. Sir, in order to bring clarity in the correct rate of tax being levied on certain cooked food items like pizza, burgers etc., presently sought to be treated as 'savouries'; I propose to modify the entry at Serial No. 26 of Schedule 'B', to read as "Biscuits, toast, cake and pastries / puffs manufactured and sold within the State".

11. Sir, similarly, I propose to modify the entry at Serial no. 128 of Schedule 'B' of the VAT Act, 2005 to read 'Tea Powder and Coffee Powder', in order to remove the ambiguity on applicability of rate of tax on Tea and Coffee being prepared or infused and served as a beverage or food item in hotels and restaurants.

12. Sir, in order to rationalize the rate of tax on Polyurethane Foam (PUF), I propose to include this good in Schedule 'B'.

13. Speaker Sir, it is observed that many dealers, mainly hotels, bars and restaurants, who are availing benefits for payment of VAT under Composition Scheme, are not disclosing their correct turnover nor are they discharging their liability of tax payments. I therefore propose to enhance the composition tax from existing 05% to 07% on those establishments serving food and non-alcoholic beverages and from existing 08% to 10% on those establishments serving food and alcoholic beverages.

14. Sir, price of petrol has gradually dropped, due to fall in crude oil prices in the international market, as well as, de-regulation of the prices by the Union Government. I therefore propose to enhance the VAT on Motor Spirit from 10% to 15%, which is the lowest amongst all the States in the country. This amount will be utilized for implementation of the increased number of infrastructure schemes. However, let me assure this august House, that in the event there is a drastic increase of

petrol price, the decision will be reviewed accordingly, keeping the spirit of our assurance given to the people of Goa, in our election manifesto of 2012.

15. Sir, assessments under Goa Value Added Tax Act, 2005, are to be completed within limitation period as provided under the provisions of law. However, it has been observed that some of the returns filed by the dealers, claiming refund have not been processed since they are beyond limitation period. This being the legitimate claim of the dealer, I propose to carry out necessary amendments to the Goa Value Added Tax Act, 2005, wherein such cases can be re-opened upon application by the dealer to the Commissioner, subject to an undertaking to the effect that any outcome of such assessment shall be binding on the dealer.

16. Sir, real estate developers / builders were brought within the ambit of Goa Value Added Tax Act, 2005 vide amendment effective from 01st June, 2013 and they were promised to be covered under a composition scheme. However, the said scheme could not be notified in time, thereby putting a heavy burden of tax on the developers / builders.

In order to give them some relief, I propose to shift the date of implementation of the amended provision to the date the composition scheme comes into effect. The rates under composition vis-à-vis the aggregate amount under consideration, will accordingly be modified at the rate of 0.5% for the amount exceeding ₹ 20 lakhs upto ₹ 50 lakhs, 01% for the amount exceeding ₹ 50 lakhs upto ₹ 100 lakhs and 02% for the amount exceeding ₹ 100 lakhs.

17. Sir, presently tax is deducted at source in case of works contracts at the rate of 05%, which has yielded good results. In order to facilitate ongoing works of infrastructure of value, above ₹ 100 crores, which are declared to be projects of State importance; I propose to authorize the

Commissioner to reduce the same not below 03%, upon request, subject to prior approval of the Government.

Luxury Tax

18. Sir, I propose to rationalize the Luxury Tax presently charged on luxuries provide in the hotels as per **Annexure-A** and utilize the amount generated to provide better tourism infrastructure. While doing so, let me assure the hoteliers that the scheme of exemption during off-season will continue, with certain modification, whereby such rooms in a hotel, which are charged a daily room rent of ₹ 20,000/- and above, shall be excluded from the entitlement of the scheme. This measure will help promote lower and middle class quality tourism.

Entertainment Tax

19. Sir, river / boat cruises are presently being taxed at the rate of 15% with composition benefit of 50%. It is noticed, that there is uncertainty in the number of tours and trips being made by the operators and the exact trip numbers cannot be determined in advance by the operator, while applying under the composition scheme. Now that, it is possible to ascertain the number of trips and number of passengers on real time basis, I propose to reduce the existing tax from 15% to 10% and simultaneously withdraw the composition benefit.

20. Sir, small vessels who carry out boat rides, other than those carrying out river / boat cruises, are currently charged ₹ 2,500/- per annum per vessel / ship, irrespective of their seating capacity. I propose to consider such vessels have seating capacity of more than 10 persons as river / boat cruise.

21. Sir, I propose to enhance the rate of tax on water sports or jet skiing and boat rides with carrying capacity of less than 10 persons, parasailing, motor cart riders or any other similar activity, from existing ₹ 2,500/- per annum to ₹ 5,000/- per annum.

22. Sir, the Commercial Taxes Department has moved rapidly to fully computerize its operations, in order to facilitate better services to the dealers. With on-line payment gateway through State Bank of India, linking as many as 65 banks and the ease of payment of taxes under all

the Acts through e-challan, the Department is moving a step ahead to reap the benefits of IT, in true sense of e-governance.

This benefit, should be taken by all dealers and in that directions, I propose to make compulsory payment of taxes through on-line mode only, for tax payment above ₹ 20,000/- at any point of time, during this year onwards.

Excise

23. Speaker Sir, it is proposed to marginally increase, the Excise Duty on Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Beer other than Milk Punch and Wines manufactured in the State of Goa or imported from the rest of India or from outside India and sold in the State of Goa; so also country liquor manufactured with rectified spirit or extra neutral alcohol; as per the details provided in **Annexure - B**.

24. Sir, it has been observed that for certain mega events, there are additional points of sale of liquor taking place within the event arena and there is a need to license these additional points. For this purpose, I propose additional license fee of 50% of the rate as charged presently, per day per additional point, for events upto 5000 guests. For events where the numbers of guests are above 5000, ₹ 06 lakhs per day shall be charged as licence fees and ₹ 01 lakh shall be charged for every additional point beyond six points.

25. Sir, further, for any licenced premises which are holding special events or occasions, shall be charged additional licence fees on similar lines as that applicable for grant of occasional license for events.

26. Sir, I propose to rationalize various licence fees as well as licence fee structure for grant of temporary licenses usually granted during the months of October to May. The details are provided in **Annexure – B**.

27. Sir, in order to standardize the collection of excise duty for various types of liquors, I propose to include 'liqueur spirits' under Indian made foreign liquor for the purpose of collection of excise duty.

28. Sir, I propose to enhance the fee for permit / no objection certificate, for the purpose of import as well as export of exciseable items from the existing ₹ 500/- to ₹ 1000/-. In the case of any amendment or any alterations, of the permit / NOC so granted, an additional fee of ₹ 500/- shall be levied.

29. Sir, it is proposed to enhance the license fee for possession of rectified spirit / extra neutral alcohol / denatured spirit by industrial units, other than liquor manufacturing units, from existing ₹ 20,000/- to ₹ 30,000/- per annum. Similarly, I propose to levy a processing fee of ₹ 25,000/- for obtaining licence for possession of rectified spirit / extra neutral alcohol / denatured spirit by industrial units.

30. Sir, it is observed that the many distillers are importing different types of spirit, from outside Goa, other than regular spirits, namely, concentrate of scotch, malt spirit etc. To maintain uniformity in the import of spirits by distillers, it is proposed to amend the entry and notify 'any other spirit' along with concentrate of scotch, malt spirit etc.

31. Sir, it is observed that, at present no fees are charged for the purpose of transportation of liquor from custom bonded warehouse to other States upto check post. For this purpose, I propose to amend the Rules to provide for such application form and collect fees of ₹ 2000/- per application made.

32. Sir, IMFL units are now packaging bottles of various quantities for the purpose of export. However, the present fees leviable for bottling is ₹ 3/- per case for the capacity of 09 bulk litre or proportionately for bigger packaging. It is proposed to provide some relief for those units who are packaging smaller quantities by maintaining the same fee irrespective of the type and quantity of packaging.

33. Sir, it is proposed to make changes in the notification relating to licence fees for manufacture of liquor by units other than beer and wine manufacturing units, from existing ₹ 70,000/- to ₹ 01 lakh for micro and small enterprise and from existing ₹ 02 lakhs to ₹ 03 lakhs for those units which are not classified as micro and small enterprise.

34. Sir, there are requests being made from entrepreneurs to permit sale of liquor in super markets. Having considered this request, I propose to permit issue of licence for sale of liquor in packed bottles in super markets, situated in any area, subject to the condition that liquor vending and consumption will not be permitted in such supermarkets or in the nearby vicinity and that such supermarkets should have self service facility and a separate enclosure for storage and display of liquor. This permission shall further be subject to such conditions as the Commissioner of Excise may stipulate.

35. Sir, the Excise Department has moved ahead to provide better services to the licencees, by implementing the “Goa Excise Management Software” (GEMS), whereby the applicant is able to obtain the NOC or permits within a matter of few hours, after he credits the prescribed fee through the on-line payment gateway. This is indeed a commendable effort and surely a step forward in the e-governance agenda of the Government. It is proposed, to ensure 100% registration of all excise licence holders during the year and streamline the excise functions to make the Department a truly “paperless” office.

Stamp Duty & Registration Fees

36. Sir, as a measure of additional revenue generation, I propose to revisit the stamp duty payable on any conveyances and accordingly rationalize the same, as per the rates and slabs as given in **Annexure – C**. There will be no change in the total amount to be paid as stamp duty and registration fees in case of conveyances in favour of co-operative housing society.

37. Sir, I propose to exempt all gifts / donations in favour of Educational Institutions and Charitable Organisations, which are registered before 15 years, with the Inspector General of Societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in the State of Goa; from payment of Stamp Duty.

38. Sir, in order to derive benefits of the on-line payment mode as well as to reduce use of stamp papers, I propose to introduce a mechanism whereby the stamp duty payable as well as registration fees, can be paid by means of an e-challan with proper recording mechanism. This measure will largely alleviate the problems being faced by the public in general for procurement of stamp papers, franking procedures as also payment of registration fees.

Transport

39. Speaker Sir, I propose to extend the digitization of transport Department Records and as first step all RTO Offices in the Department are connected through GBBN network and online through "Saarathi" and "Vaahan". Towards this end, I propose to issue Motor Driving Licence as well as Registration Certificates in Smart Card format. It is proposed to levy a processing fee of ₹ 50/- per document.

40. Sir, I propose to enhance the fees for choice vehicle registration numbers in the range of ₹ 1,000/- to ₹ 15,000/-, for various types of vehicles, by amending the Goa Motor Vehicle Rules, 1991, with effect from 01st April, 2015.

41. Sir, I further propose, to increase the fees for issue of duplicate motor tax book, from the existing ₹ 5/- to ₹ 100/-.

42. Sir, I propose to rationalize and enhance the motor vehicle tax collected at the time of registration, in case of two wheelers, at the existing 08% for two wheelers costing upto to ₹ 1.50 lakhs and from the existing 12% to 14% in respect of two wheelers costing more than ₹ 1.50 lakhs.

43. Sir, as a measure towards stronger enforcement and in order to facilitate a secure environment and proper tariff, for the citizen and the visiting tourist, it is proposed to compulsorily install digital fare meter with printer and GPS tracking device, for new vehicles by 01st May 2015. The existing permit holders will be assisted in shifting over to this new scheme, by providing subsidy on these equipments during the year.

44. Sir, like in the manner done last year, this year too, I propose to extend the exemption granted to the truck / tipper and barge owners, who were providing services for mineral ore transportation only; from payment of fees or taxes with the Transport Department and Captain of Ports Department, provided these assets are still in their possession and are not being utilized at all. As and when the mining transportation activity resumes, this exemption will be withdrawn and the truck / tipper and barge owners will have to pay the dues on pro-rata basis for the remainder of the period of this year.

Water Tariff

45. Speaker Sir, water is a precious natural resource and we need to conserve and utilize it in an optimal manner. Goa has been bestowed plenty with this nature's gift and the Government through various of its public water supply schemes has been able to provide safe, treated and potable drinking water to its citizens, year round. The cost of treating water and its supply has increased manifold and there is case made out to revise the water tariff as applicable. I therefore propose to rationalize and revise the rates of water tariff, to compensate the cost of treatment as also to curb the wastage of treated water by the public, who make use of this resource for washing cars, extensive gardening and for other non-domestic purpose. The details of the revised tariff are provided in **Annexure - D**. While doing so, I have ensured that the needs of the basic family unit, remains untouched in this revision of water tariff.

46. Sir, recently my Government has approved the Ground Water Policy, which makes registration of wells mandatory. So also the policy provides installation of a water meter for ground water extraction, as a condition for grant of licence.

In order to ensure and encourage compulsory registration by all citizens who have wells in their properties, I propose to do away with the registration fees for non commercial wells and levy a registration fee of ₹ 500/- for commercial wells. For the purpose of registration of wells, the application shall be made on stamp paper or affixed with an adhesive stamp, worth ₹ 50/-.

Likewise, I propose an annual fee of ₹ 1000/- for testing and certification of water meters installed for ground water extraction.

Casino Fees

47. Speaker Sir, I propose to revise the application fee, annual recurring fee and security deposit, for land based and off-shore casinos. The details are provided in **Annexure - E**.

Measures for additional revenue generation

48. Speaker Sir, during this year, I propose to undertake a review of the fees and charges presently levied for various services offered by the Government, as well as, explore new areas for levy of certain fees and charges for various new items etc.

49. Speaker Sir, while concluding my tax proposals, I wish to recall the words of Wilfrid Laurier, former Prime Minister of Canada, who says, "It is a sound principle of finance, and a still sounder principle of Government, that those who have the duty of expending the revenue of a country should also be saddled with the responsibility of levying and providing it."

Concluding Remarks

1. Speaker Sir, it is my privilege to be serving Goa, a state on the move, at this juncture.

2. Sir, I am sure that all the Honourable Members would agree that we are blessed to have the advantages of an enlightened and talented human resource, huge natural resource, progressive policies, pollution free environment, captivating scenic beauty and salubrious year around climate, which enables our continued march towards greater economic progress.

3. Sir, before I conclude, I would like to assure this august House and, through you, all the people of our beloved Janani that this Government will leave no stone unturned to do what is right and in the interest of the people. Our efforts are with the firm belief that,

“We reap what we sow. We are the makers of our own fate. The wind is blowing; those vessels whose sails are unfurled catch it, and go forward on their way, but those which have their sails furled do not catch the wind. Is that the fault of the wind? ... We make our own destiny.”

4. With these words of Swami Vivekananda, I commit this Budget to the House.

Jai Hind, Jai Goem.

SCHEDULE – I
OF GOA TAX ON LUXURIES ACT, 1988

Sr. No.	Turnover of Receipts	Rate of Tax
(1)	(2)	(3)
(a)	Where the charge for the luxury provided in a hotel is not exceeding Rs. 1000/- per room per day.	NIL
(b)	Where the charge for the luxury provided in a hotel is exceeding Rs. 1000/- but does not exceed Rs. 3000/- per room per day.	06%
(c)	Where the charge for the luxury provided in a hotel is exceeding Rs. 3000/- but does not exceed Rs. 5000/- per room per day.	09%
(d)	Where the charge for the luxury provided in a hotel is exceeding Rs. 5000/- per room per day.	12%
(e)	Where the hotel is a club or any other entity wherein luxury provided to its members/guests under time share agreement or any other similar system, and wherein the facility of availing residential accommodation by such members / guests during the given period in a year is allowed upon lumpsum payment against his/her membership.	Ten paise in a rupee, with a deemed room receipt of Rs. 2000/- per room per day.
(f)	Where any room in a hotel or guest house registered under the Goa, Daman and Diu Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1982 (Act 10 of 1982) are leased by the hotelier to any company or a person on monthly basis to provide accommodation either as rest house or guest house and the charges for such room exceeds Rs. 1000/- per day.	06%

Excise Duty / Fee proposals

1. Indian made foreign liquor other than milk punch, wines and beer manufactured in the State of Goa / imported from the rest of India / imported from outside India and sold in the State of Goa for brands whose strength is below 80 U.P.,—

(i)	whose maximum retail price is upto Rs. 90/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 20/- per bulk litre.
(ii)	whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 90/- upto Rs. 170/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 58/- per bulk litre.
(iii)	whose maximum retail price is above Rs.170/- upto Rs. 235/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 70/- per bulk litre.
(iv)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 235/- upto Rs. 400/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 75/- per bulk litre.
(v)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 400/- upto Rs. 590/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 85/- per bulk litre.
(vi)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 590/- upto Rs. 875/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 190/- per bulk litre.
(vii)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 875/- upto Rs. 1175 /- per 750 ml.	Rs. 255/- per bulk litre.
(viii)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 1,175/- upto Rs. 1,450/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 275/- per bulk litre.
(ix)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 1,450/- upto Rs. 1,650/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 300/- per bulk litre.
(x)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 1,650/- upto Rs. 1,900/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 320/- per bulk litre.
(xi)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 1,900/- upto Rs. 3,000/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 550/- per bulk litre.
(xii)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 3,000/- upto Rs. 5,000/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 1,040/- per bulk litre.
(xiii)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 5,000/- upto Rs. 10,010/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 1,530/- per bulk litre.
(xvi)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 10,010/- upto Rs. 20,010/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 1,765/- per bulk litre.
(xv)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 20,010/- upto Rs. 40,010/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 2,020/- per bulk litre.
(xvi)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 40,010/- upto Rs. 80,010/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 2,275/- per bulk litre.
(xvii)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 80,010/- upto Rs. 1,00,010/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 2,525/- per bulk litre.
(xviii)	Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 1,00,010/- per 750 ml.	Rs. 3,025/- per bulk litre.
	Additional Excise Duty, whose strength is above 42.8% v/v but below 60% v/v	Rs. 200/- per bulk litre

2. Indian made foreign liquor manufactured in the State of Goa / imported from the rest of India / Imported from outside India other than milk punch, wines and beer whose strength is above 80 U.P. and sold in the State of Goa.

whose alcoholic strength does not exceed 5% v/v	Rs. 20/- per Bulk Litre
whose alcoholic strength exceeds 5% v/v	Rs. 22/- per Bulk Litre

3. Beer Manufactured in the State of Goa /imported from the rest of India/ imported from outside India and sold in the State of Goa as well as Beer manufactured in the State of Goa by the pub brewery / microbrewery for consumption on the premises itself , —

Whose alcoholic strength does not exceed 5% v/v or 8.77% of proof spirit and whose maximum retail price is upto Rs. 63/- per bottle of 650 ml.	Rs. 17/- per bulk litre.
Whose alcoholic strength does not exceed 5% v/v or 8.77% of proof spirit and whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 63/- per bottle of 650 ml.	Rs. 21/- per bulk litre.
Whose alcoholic strength exceeds 5% v/v or 8.77% of proof spirit but does not exceeds 8% v.v. or 14.03% of proof spirit and whose maximum retail price is upto Rs. 66/- per bottle of 650 ml.	Rs. 22/- per bulk litre.
Whose alcoholic strength exceeds 5% v/v or 8.77% of proof spirit but does not exceeds 8% v.v. or 14.03% of proof spirit and whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 66/- per bottle of 650 ml.	Rs. 30/- per bulk litre.

4. Beer manufactured in the State of Goa by pub brewery / microbrewery and sold in the premises other than manufacturers premises in bottles/kegs in the State of Goa, —

Whose maximum retail price is upto Rs. 63/- of 650 ml. and whose alcoholic strength does not exceed 5% v/v or 8.77% of proof spirit	Rs. 20/- per bulk litre.
Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 63/- of 650 ml. and whose alcoholic strength does not exceed 5% v/v or 8.77% of proof spirit	Rs. 23/- per bulk litre.
Whose maximum retail price is upto Rs. 68/- of 650 ml. and whose alcoholic strength exceeds 5% v/v or 8.77% of proof spirit but does not exceed 8% v/v or 14.03% of proof spirit.	Rs. 25/- per bulk litre.
Whose maximum retail price is above Rs. 68/- of 650 ml. and whose alcoholic strength exceeds 5% v/v or 8.77% of proof spirit but does not exceed 8% v/v or 14.03% of proof spirit.	Rs. 33/- per bulk litre.

5. Country liquor manufactured with rectified spirit / extra neutral alcohol as a base material and / or blended thereof ₹ 20/- per bulk litre.

6. Licence fees for grants of seasonal licence during October to May, —

For seasonal licence for period exceeding 7 days but not exceeding 30 days	Rs. 15,000/-
For seasonal licence for period exceeding 30 days but not exceeding 60 days	Rs. 30,000/-
For shacks in Government property for a period not exceeding 180 days	Rs. 12,000/-
For seasonal licence for temporary structure in private property for a period not exceeding 180 days	Rs. 15,000/-

7. Licence fees

For wholesale vendor of Indian made foreign liquor	Rs. 50,000/- per annum.
For wholesale vendors of country liquor effecting sale of such liquor by using carboys/colsos/jars	Rs. 3,500/- per annum.
For wholesale vendor of country liquor, whose turn over does not exceed Rs. 50.00 lakhs, except those effecting sale of such liquor by using carboys/colsos/jars	Rs. 17,000/- per annum.
For wholesale vendor of country liquor, whose annual turnover exceeds Rs. 50.00 lakhs, except those effecting sale of such liquor by using carboys/colsos/jars	Rs. 22,000/- per annum.
For wholesale vendor of foreign liquor imported from outside India	Rs. 35,000/- per annum.
For wholesale vendors of Indian made foreign liquor and or country liquor intending to obtain additional licence in their existing licensed premises.	Rs. 12,000/- in addition to the fees specified for such licence.
For retail vendors of foreign liquor for consumption on the premise:	
(a) Hotels with 3 Stars and above category issued by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and having 'A' category issued by Tourism Department, Government of Goa.	Rs. 3,00,000/- per annum
(b) Hotels with 2, 3 and 4 star category issued by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and having 'B' category issued by Tourism Department, Government of Goa.	Rs. 50,000/- per annum
(c) Additional fees for hotels having casino licences issued by the Government irrespective of any category	Rs. 1,25,000/- per annum
For retail vendors of foreign liquor for consumption on the premise in other shops,:	
(a) located in "A" class municipalities and coastal villages.	Rs. 4,000/- per annum.

(b) located in Towns other than "A" class municipalities	Rs. 3,000/- per annum.
(c) located in villages other than coastal villages.	Rs. 2,000/- per annum.
For retail sale of foreign liquor in packed bottles	Rs. 6,000/- per annum.
For retail vendors of Indian made foreign liquor and country liquor for consumption on the premises:	
(a) Hotels with 3 Stars and above category issued by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and having 'A' category issued by Tourism Department, Government of Goa.	Rs. 3,25,000/- per annum.
(b) Hotels with 2, 3 and 4 star category issued by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and having 'B' category issued by Tourism Department, Government of Goa.	Rs. 1,50,000/- per annum.
(c) Hotel with 'C' Category issued by Tourism Department, Government of Goa and having swimming pool.	Rs. 40,000/- per annum.
(d) Hotel with 'C' Category issued by Tourism Department, Government of Goa and not having swimming pool.	Rs. 20,000/- per annum
(e) Additional fees for hotels having casino licences issued by the Government irrespective of any category	Rs. 1,25,000/- per annum.
For Bars/Bar-cum-Restaurant to which Air-Conditioning facilities are not available / not provided and situated in 'A' class municipalities / coastal villages.	Rs. 12,000/- per annum.
For Bars/Bar-cum-Restaurant to which Air-Conditioning facilities are not available / not provided in towns / cities other than areas under 'A' class Municipalities	Rs. 6,000/- per annum.
For Bars/Bar-cum-Restaurant to which Air-Conditioning facilities are not available / not provided and situated in villages other than coastal villages	Rs. 4,000/- per annum.
For Bars/Bar-cum-Restaurant to which Air-Conditioning facilities are available / provided and situated in 'A' class municipalities / coastal villages	Rs. 22,000/- per annum.
For Bars/Bar-cum-Restaurant to which Air-Conditioning facilities are available / provided and situated in town / cities in 'B' class municipalities other than coastal villages	Rs. 14,000/- per annum.
For Bars/Bar-cum-Restaurant to which Air-Conditioning facilities are available / provided and not situated in either 'A' or 'B' class municipality or situated in villages other than coastal villages	Rs. 8,000/- per annum.

For retail vendor of Indian made foreign liquor and country liquor in packed bottles:-	
(a) 'A' class municipalities and coastal villages	Rs. 12,000/- per annum.
(b) Towns other than 'A' class municipalities	Rs. 6,000/- per annum.
(c) Villages other than coastal villages	Rs. 4,000/- per annum.
For retail vendor of country liquor:-	
(a) 'A' class municipalities / coastal villages	Rs. 3,500/- per annum.
(b) Towns other than 'A' class municipalities	Rs. 2,000/- per annum.
(c) Villages other than coastal villages	Rs. 1,500/- per annum.
For retail vendor of beer in beer parlours for consumption on the premises.	Rs. 15,000/- per annum.
For retail vendors of liquor i.e. Indian made foreign liquor, country liquor & foreign liquor effecting sale on luxury vessel / craft carrying passengers for entertainments,-	
(a) Used for purpose of gambling / having licence for gambling or casinos:-	
(i) Vessel / craft having capacity less than 50 passengers to ply	Rs. 06,00,000/- per annum
(ii) Vessel / craft having capacity of 50 passengers and above but upto 200 passengers to ply	Rs. 12,00,000/- per annum
(iii) Vessel / craft having capacity of more than 200 passengers	Rs. 25,00,000/- per annum
(b) Vessels other than referred to (a) above	Rs. 80,000/- per annum.
For wholesale vendor of rectified spirit or absolute alcohol or both.	Rs. 4,000/- per annum.
For retail vendors of rectified spirit or absolute alcohol or both	Rs. 1,000/- per annum
For wholesale vendors of denatured spirit	Rs. 5,000/- per annum
For retail vendors of denatured spirit	Rs. 1000/- per annum
For wholesale vendors of denatured spirituous preparations	Rs. 1000/- per annum
For retail vendors of denatured spirituous preparations	Rs. 500/- per annum

Annexure - C

Rates of Stamp duty and Registration fees for conveyances

	Stamp Duty
Upto 50 lakhs	3.5%
Above 50 lakhs and upto 75 lakhs	4.0%
Above 75 lakhs and upto 100 lakhs	4.5%
Above 100 lakhs	5.0%

Note: The Stamp Duty and Registration Fees for conveyances in favour of co-operative housing society will be 02% respectively.

Annexure – D

Sr. No.	Type of Consumer / Item	Proposed rate
1.	Domestic Consumer	
	(i) Upto 15m ³	₹ 2.50 per m ³
	(ii) Above 15m ³ upto 25m ³	₹ 5.00 per m ³
	(iii) Above 25m ³ upto 50m ³	₹ 10.00 per m ³
	(iv) Above 50m ³	₹ 15.00 per m ³
2.	Small Hotels and Small Restaurants	(i) ₹ 20 per m ³ for first 80 m ³ (ii) ₹ 25 per m ³ above 80 m ³ Minimum charges ₹ 200 per m ³
3.	Defence	₹ 20 per m ³ (flat rate) Minimum charges ₹ 200 per month
4.	Small Scale / Medium / Large and all types of industries / hotels (other than small hotels and restaurants)	₹ 30 per m ³ (flat rate) Minimum charges ₹ 300 per month
5.	Commercial and other Establishments	₹ 35 per m ³ (flat rate) Minimum charges ₹ 400 per month
6.	Supply of water by big tankers between 6m³ to 10m³	₹ 1000 per trip
7.	Connection charges	
	(a) Domestic consumer	
	<i>Size of connection</i>	
	(i) 15mm / 20mm	₹ 800
	(ii) Above 20mm upto 25mm	₹ 2000

	(iii) Above 25mm upto 50mm	₹ 3000
	(iv) Above 50mm	₹ 7000
	(b) Non – Domestic consumer	
	<i>Size of connection</i>	
	(i) 15mm / 20mm	₹ 3000
	(ii) Above 20mm upto 25mm	₹ 7000
	(iii) Above 25mm upto 150mm	₹ 15000
8.	Meter Rent	
	<i>Size of Meter</i>	
	(i) 15 mm	₹ 20
	(ii) 20 mm	₹ 70
	(iii) 25 mm	₹ 90
	(iv) 40 mm	₹ 250
	(v) 50 mm	₹ 300
	(vi) 80 mm	₹ 800
	(vii) 100 mm	₹ 1000
	(viii) 150 mm	₹ 1500
9.	Inspection Charges once in a year	
	a) Water connection	
	(i) Domestic connection	₹ 70/- per connection
	(ii) Non – Domestic connection	₹ 300/- per connection
	b) On-site sanitation Septic Tank	
	(i) Domestic connection	₹ 150/- per connection
	(ii) Non – Domestic connection	₹ 750/- per connection
10.	Testing of water meters	Domestic, ₹ 150/- per meter per test Non – Domestic, ₹ 300/- per meter per test

Casino Fees**1. Application Fees:**

- a) *On shore / Land based Casinos:* ₹ 20 lakhs irrespective of the number of machines.
- b) *Off-shore Casinos:* ₹ 20 lakhs for machines / tables irrespective of the number of their number or size or capacity of vessel.

2. Annual recurring fees for Casinos:

- a) *On shore / Land based casino*

<i>Area</i>	<i>Fees</i>
Upto 100 sq. m.	₹ 2.50 crores
Above 100 sq. m. upto 300 sq. m.	₹ 3.00 crores
Above 300 sq. m. upto 500 sq. m.	₹ 3.50 crores
Above 500 sq. m.	₹ 4.50 crores

- b) *Off shore casino*

<i>Passenger capacity of vessel</i>	<i>Fees</i>
Upto 100	₹ 7.00 crores
Above 100 upto 200	₹ 7.50 crores
Above 200 upto 400	₹ 8.00 crores
Above 400	₹ 9.00 crores

3. Security Deposit:

₹ 20 lakhs at the time of grant of new license and ₹ 10 lakhs at the time of renewal, in the case of both On shore / Land based casino and Off shore casino
