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***SUPPLEMENT**

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MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS -

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SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: I am unable to understand, wherefrom I should start my speech. But I want to say one thing that the country saw two important documents - Hon'ble President's Address and Central Budget. I had thought that there would be some concessions in the Budget and Hon'ble President would say something in his address, but we were disappointed. The Budget was presented with much clamour, but no section got anything. Today, we political people are being defamed excessively. It seems that those sitting in opposition only are corrupt. The actions being taken by CBI, ED and other agencies are targeted against opposition only. These things must be stopped. Media persons should be provided security by brining legislation for them, their salary may also be determined. In view of the conditions of ex-MPs, they should also be provided some relief. Markets in Delhi are closed for three days now in protest against sealing drive but the traders are not getting any relief. Today media is writing what Government wants it to write. As far as Uttar Pradesh is concerned, development work has totally stagnated, fake encounters are taking place and there is no law and order. During previous

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regime, everything looked bad to the media and now despite so many such incidents they are finding it right. We want a India where Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians may be united. We don't want India to suffer from communalism. As far as health insurance is concerned, no insurance company is ready to provide health insurance to the people aged 60 years or more while they require health insurance more. I want to know who are being provided health insurance. The prices of petrol, diesel are on the rise and the Budget has ceased to have any importance in this regard. Nobody is getting free LPG under the 'Ujjwala Yojna.' They can't afford Rs. 800 for gas Cylinder. What is the state of pollution in Delhi? Even after imposing so much cess, environment is getting polluted. We are inhaling poison. The Government must improve the condition of environment. Kashmir is a major problem for this country. It is an international issue. No one has been released from Pakistani jails including Jadhav. 800 soldiers have been martyred as of now. The government of Pakistan is governed by their military. It is essential to talk with the military of Pakistan. China is our enemy. The relation with Nepal is weakening. Due to Trump, the relation with Russia is also weakening. Russia was always a friend of India. Today China is applying Veto power in favour of Pakistan. More than 9 thousand stone-pelters have been released in Kashmir. If the army of the country is demoralized, the country will be ruined. The Army of India is the best Army of the world. Today China is becoming the supreme power of the world but is not good for us. One nation, one election is a good thing. It is necessary to bring amendment in the constitution for it. If an elected government runs for five years, only then one nation, one election can be discussed. RBI has no information about black money and benefits of demonetization. Black money should be checked. This country can't be run with plastic money. Only three percent population of this country pays income tax. The power given to the officers should be checked. The corruption has increased four times and it has now become etiquette. There is a provision of seven years punishment, five years punishment and three years punishment. This is not good for one act. Real Estate has also become a jail. 12 crore people were employed in the real estate sector. Women are not safe. They are

kidnapped for marriage purpose. Speaking truth is a good thing. It provides happiness. Today old persons are not happy. They are helpless. Their condition is not good. In respect to old age home the condition of India has become worse than Japan and China. The conditions of old persons are very bad at all places including villages. A law should be enacted to ensure that it is the responsibility of sons to take care of their parents. Senior citizens should be secured through law.

SHRI A. NAVANEETHAKRISHNAN: Young students of Tamil Nadu are worrying about the NEET examination while preparing for their Plus-II examinations. The Bill passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislature seeking exemption from NEET is a rebuttal to Indian Medical Council Act, Section 10(c) passed by Parliament of India. If the law passed by Tamil Nadu Government is repugnant to the Central law, the Bill has to be sent to the president for his assent; only then it must be taken over by the Central Government to consider whether a Bill could be introduced to amend, vary or to nullify the Act passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislature, Repugnancy can be resolved only by the Parliament passing the law. It is urged to prevent suicides of young students in this current academic year. The Tamil Nadu Legislature has passed a law which is repugnant to the Central law. It has no legislative jurisdiction and competency. I urge the Central Government to forward the Bill to the honorable President for assent. Parliament alone can say that the Bill passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislature is not valid. The concurrent List is now deleted by the Central Government, which is a basic feature of the Constitution. The Central Government has announced that six medical colleges would be established in Tamil Nadu, but they are yet to be established. For AIIMS, NEET is not applicable. AIIMS conducts its own examinations. Students of poor, rural background are not able to reach medical colleges. My humble submission is that do not bypass the Parliament; do not delete the Concurrent List from the Constitution. I humbly urge the honorable President, through this House to kindly consider and give assent to this Bill. I hope, the Bill passed by the Tamil Nadu government will be accepted by the Government.

SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: The President Address has mentioned several Government schemes. It has touched upon the issue of simultaneous election. The house should consider it. Does Constitution have a provision on conducting simultaneous elections for the Centre and States? Will such an exercise really save time, money and resources, as the Government is claiming? We are not against the Triple Talaq Bill. The Bill has certain deficiencies. We want it to be sent to the Select Committee for scrutiny before passing. Condition of maternal and infant death rates is deplorable. India is at third place in the world in terms of number of Aids patients. A large number of rural and urban population is devoid of sanitation facilities, then what is the base of 'Swachh Bharat' slogan? The ways of doubling of income of farmers till 2022 when already three and half years of Government have already passed. MSP is declared for 23 crops, but it is implemented only for 2 or 3 crops. It is cheating with farmers, moreover, MSP does not bring profitable remuneration for farmers. In presidential address there is no mention of black money coming back after demonetization and NPA of PSU banks, which has arisen up to Rs. 10 lakh crore. The willful default may be made criminal offence and related laws may be revised accordingly. There has been increase in unemployment in country especially after demonetization. The income up to Rs. Five lakh may be exempted from income tax. There is no mention of cow vigilantism and Love Jihad in presidential address. The events taking place in India should be shown on social sites. The killings in the name of cow protection raise a question in new India whether we are the citizens of Indian Republic or not?

SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: I rise to thank the President. However, I have some differences with President's speech on which I have given amendments. I am leaving these assertions and facts to be judged by the house. My friend, Shri Navaneethakrishnan, spoke on NEET that how Tamil Nadu Government unanimously passed a Resolution. One Central Minister came to Chennai. She assured that she would try to get you one year extension. Then only they passed by the Assembly. I wrote a letter to the President who mentioned in his reply that he got no such bill from Home Ministry. Whether it is

NEET or anything else, it is all the same for Tamil Nadu, Bengal, Gujarat, U.P. and all other states. Tamil Nadu only expressed that feeling. For *Jallikattu*, an assurance was given but permission was denied later on. Tamilnadu faces discrimination. Apart from us, the Shiv Sena and the Telugu Desam Party, are also unhappy with you. President's Address also mentions about doubling the income of farmers by 2022. All Governments were also worried about farmers, but nothing was implemented. The number of farmers committing suicide is increasing every year. The problems of water scarcity and irrigation faced by farmers and Cauver water issue in Tamil Nadu have been brought to the attention of the Government. Tamil Nadu has not got its share of Cauvery water. Even the ruling of Supreme Court has not been complied with. The Central Minister, Mr. Ananth Kumar, said that they would not give water to Tamil Nadu. A central minister should have not made such a statement. In Tamil Nadu, for irrigation purposes, an area of ten lakhs acres need 15 TMC of water and 80 TMC of water was supposed to be given to Tamil Nadu. The Prime Minister is very popular and he should use his good offices to get Cauvery water Issue resolved so that Tamil Nadu gets its share. Karnataka is due for polls shortly. Isn't Tamil Nadu a part of India? Their farmers should get their dues. In such a situation, how can farmers' income double by 2022? It is an act of deceiving the people. According to a 'Survey on Unemployment- 2015-16' nearly half of India's workforce is self-employed. I don't consider self-employment to be bad, but I do not venture to call them '*pakora sellers*'. With an income of less than Rs. 5,000 per month and less than Rs. 200 per day how can their families survive? People are unemployed. And therefore they go for self-employment. The auto rickshaw drivers are B.A./M.A. today. Thanks to the neo-liberal policy, there is no job creation and the trend is picking up wherein less wages and contractual jobs are the order of the day. The economic slowdown and demonetization have aggravated the situation. You talk about "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*", but push back the Rohingyas when they sought refuge in our country. When Pope could visit Dhaka and Britain, America and other Asian countries sent their representatives, then why you are silent ? In this, China has played the role of a peace

maker. Why are they negative? But why our attitude is so negative ? You have your ideological compulsions. Owing to Indian indifference and China's involvement the role and importance of India in the region has dwindled. There is a mention about the benefits extended to the poorest of the poor. But 99 per cent of the population divided among themselves the remaining 27 per cent of the wealth created whereas 73 per cent of the additional wealth is owned by one percent population. There is a mention of Ease of Doing Business in Address but is silent about India's going down in the rank of Global Hunger Index. In India, 38 per cent of children suffer from stunting and malnutrition. The malnutrition happens to be one of the major causes for diseases among children. Since I come from Tamil Nadu, I wanted to raise two or three points relating to Tamil Nadu. I request the Central Government to issue necessary orders to the Archaeological Department to continue the excavation in Keezhadi. The State Government has allotted two acres of land for establishing a museum in Keezhadi, but the Central Government has not even started the preliminary work of its construction. The findings of Keezhadi will throw new light about the history of human civilization in India. Sir, while the environment needs to be protected, we cannot ignore the lifeline of the eight lakh workers engaged in the fire cracker industry. I request the Government to come forward to adopt Thirukkural, the sacred book of Tamil as our National Book. I also request the Government to erect a statue of Thiruvalluvar inside the premises of Parliament.

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: This Government's "Swatchh Bharat" programme is really a marvellous programme under which toilets are constructed for the poor with the financial support of the Government. The spirit of health consciousness is being inculcated in the minds of the people of the country through this programme. I request the Government to earmark sufficient funds for the success of this programme. Further, the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the Jan-Dhan Yojana are other praiseworthy schemes introduced by the Government. I suggest the Government to plan in such a way that every Jan Dhan account holder gets some sort of financial benefit. The recommendations of the State Governments have to be taken into

consideration for proper implementation of GST. I express my profound thanks to the hon. President of India, on behalf of my party, for taking up all the developmental schemes with a request to honour the commitments made to Andhra Pradesh by releasing sufficient funds for completion of Polavaram National Project, establishment of Visakhapatnam Railway Zone, establishment of steel plant in Rayalaseema, development of Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor, rapid road connectivity between proposed State capital Amaravati and Telangana, Amaravati Metro Rail Project, along with release of revenue deficit for five years and implementation of Special Financial Package announced in lieu of Special Category Status for the development of newly-formed backward State of Andhra Pradesh to develop at par with other States. Even if you see the recent Budget announcements, importance has been given to all the other States except Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Sir, there is no mention about the children of India and their rights in the Address at all. Whereas, the Presidential Address given by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in 1952 and the first Presidential Address given during the Prime Ministership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1998 talked about the children. On one hand, you talk about Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and on the other hand, Economic Survey is saying that there are twenty-one million unwanted girl children in India. I fail to understand why India is behind even Pakistan, Bhutan and Nepal in the Happiness Index issued by the United Nations a few months ago? It is shameful that India ranks a low among world's happiest countries. Many Members have talked about doubling farmer's income. Government talks about new India in the concluding para of the Presidential Address. This Address lays more emphasis on the Government and less on the people whereas the Address by Dr. Rajendra Prasad talks about the onward march of the people, the basic essence of the people. People are, more or less, absent in this Address. Government does not talk about people's endeavours and efforts whereas the Address by Dr. Rajendra Prasad talks about all that. The first Presidential Address when Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee assumes office as Prime Minister of India, gives a vision and says that merely Parliamentary arithmetic is

not basis of democracy, Co-operation, conciliation and consensus are essential for democracy. It also says that secularism is integral to Indian tradition. I would like to compare this Presidential Address with the other two Addresses. It is not surprising that there is no mention of communal harmony in the present Presidential Address. This Address does not present a vision of India which is based on tolerance, diversity and togetherness. What kind of image we are showing to the world. It depends on the actions of the Government. As for as the doubling of income of the farmers is concerned, as per the Economic Survey report, the income of the farmers in the irrigated sector will decline by 15 to 18 per cent and in the unirrigated sector it will decline by 20 to 25 percent. The second thing is about the nature of growth. GDP components are manufacturing, consumption and export. According to Economic Survey, consumption is 95 per cent of your GDP. The domestic investment has been going down.

SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Hon'ble Leader of Opposition has mentioned about some schemes. Schemes which remain only on papers, are of no use for the common man. Modi Ji has initiated many social welfare schemes for the welfare of each class of the society. Modi Ji has come down heavily on the corruption. Middle man culture has been abolished. In order to make direct transfer to the beneficiaries, zero balance bank accounts for the crores of countrymen have been opened. During 'UPA' regime corruption was prevalent. Modi Ji and Jaitley Ji have played a big role in beating the corruption. Not even a single blame of corruption has been levied on our MPs. Our Government has provided good governance. Consequently 'NDA' went on winning elections one after another and you are reduced to minimum. BJP has emerged as one of the biggest parties of the world having 11 crores members which cannot be blamed on gimmicks without any basis. Modi Ji has the courage to take risk for the upliftment of the people. He doesn't play vote politics. He does not worry for power but for the country. It is unfortunate that you remained in power for 55 years and country was subjected to looting. The corruption which rendered you helpless, has been checked now through technology. The GST bill which you failed to get passed, has

been unanimously passed now under the leadership of Modi Ji and Jaitley Ji. This government have confidence of the public. We are committed to work. Our Prime Minister urged to make india corruption free, poverty free and caste free. He insisted to make india clean. Bullet train will be started soon. Our government took initiative on triple talaq. We extended the maternity leave. Ayushman Bharat has an important role in health sector. So far as electricity is concerned it will be available to all by 2022. We are focusing on development of infrastructure.

SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: I have gone though the Address of the President. My friend has said that they are clean. If you are clean then what is Rafael scam. What about Vyapam. There was a big scam in Rajasthan. Look at the Patanjali scam of Nagpur. There is another scam, which is Chikki scam. There are number of scams. We have seen fall in the share market after budget. You are abolishing the vacant posts. You have divided the religious unity and you have disturbed the stability of the economy. Your position in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh is not good. I do not want to give the example of Punjab here. So many soldiers have scarified their lives within last 44 months. Cease fire is constantly being violated. We live for the Country and you live for the party. This is the difference. Government told that the Minimum Support Price has been increased by 50 percent, but by reducing the cost, a cruel joke has been cracked with the farmers of the country. If this is the yardstick, why are farmers committing suicide and why people's displacement is taking place? The prices of petrol and diesel are continuously rising. I request to stop picking pockets of the common men and the farmers. In my opinion, it is the Government's statement before its death.

SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: I support Government's vision mentioned in the President's Address. There are so many Schemes therein for the poor and weaker sections. One Rank, One Pension has also been implemented for the soldiers. Farmers' concerns have also been taken care of but they are not getting actual prices for their cost as promised to them. I suggest that the calculation of actual prices of farmers' crops should be done according to C-

2 formula suggested by the Swaminathan Commission and the crops should be procured accordingly. This will improve financial conditions of both the farmers and our country. There is also a huge shortage of storage facility in the country. Until the entire cost is borne by Centre, the promise of procuring all crops will remain empty slogan. The amount of Rs. 500 crores for Open Green Mission is very less amount. The formula of Insurance Scheme should be changed. Under Institute of Eminence Scheme, Punjab should be given Agriculture, Dairy and Horticulture. The President delivered very good Address. It should be rightly implemented.

SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: It was stated in the President's Address that if there is no social justice and economic democracy in the democracy, it will not be good for the country. The Opposition has been ignored by the people. The BJP under the leadership of Hon'ble Narendra Modi had pledged that they would make the nation free from corruption in coming times. At the same time, we would bring schemes for the upliftment of poor, farmers, labourers, youths and women. The works and the results of that class are coming forward. The party that ruled for 55 years thought about the poor that let the poor be poor. They should not be provided enough resources and they become economically strong as well as come forward on the basis of education and able to judge between good and bad people. 32 crores of people were linked to the accounts through Jan-Dhan Yojana. 73 thousand crores of rupees were put in these accounts as the savings of poor people. At the time when this Government was not in the power, they were not able to get their money through Government Schemes by brokers and mediators. Today, Narendra Modi has brought their self-esteem up through Jan-Dhan Yojana. Different classes of people are getting their pensions. Under Ujjwala Yojana, 3 crore 20 lakhs people were provided gas chulhas. Today, 3 crore 20 lakhs women have got chulhas, which increased their self-esteem. Now, the target has been fixed to provide chulhas to 8 crore people. 10 crore families will get the benefit under a very big National Health Scheme. It is high time when, the people of Opposition should work with positive attitude. They should co-

operate in providing the poor their right and not to mislead the people by false publicity.

Discussion not concluded.

SPECIAL MENTION

Need to take Necessary Steps for Reorganisation of State of Uttar Pradesh

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: The population of Uttar Pradesh is already over 20 crore which will continue to increase astronomically and is projected to exceed 40 crore by the middle of the century, which is just a little over a generation away. The reorganization of Uttar Pradesh has become an inescapable reality. There are already enormous complexities in governing a State with large administrative structure. These complexities will only multiply in the years ahead. Debates have taken place in the past on such a reorganization. In November 2011, the Uttar Pradesh State Assembly had passed a resolution urging the creation of four new States from the existing State of Uttar Pradesh and had forwarded the resolution to the Centre. I urge the Government of India to take the necessary steps to reorganize the State of Uttar Pradesh to make for more effective governance and give a boost to the accelerated development of some of the poorest and backward parts of the country.

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Page No.	Line No.	Correction
20	17&24	Read "accounts" for "account".
21	22	Read "crop yield" for "crop".
27	22	Read "not allow" for "allow".