

“ CHIEF MINISTER’S BUDGET SPEECH 2016-17 ”

	1.	<p>Hon’ble Speaker Sir,</p> <p>With your permission, I rise to present the Budget Estimates for the year 2016-17. It is my pleasure and privilege to present my 19th Budget Estimates before this August House.</p>
	2.	<p>My Government has completed more than three years in the office. The State Government has achieved remarkable progress in core areas of health, education and balanced development in infrastructure with special focus on poor and under privileged.</p> <p>I extend my heartiest gratitude to the people of the State for conducting the Panchayat elections peacefully, in which 28,288 Panchayati Raj Representatives were elected.</p>
	3.	<p>Speaker Sir, I would like to inform this House that to strengthen and enlarge consultative process for budget proposals, My Government launched a web-portal for inviting suggestions. We have taken cognizance of feasible suggestions. I express my gratitude to the people, stakeholders and Institutions for giving their suggestions.</p>
	4.	<p>Speaker Sir, I wish to share with this August House some of the main achievements made during the last three years;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ In our manifesto we promised to raise the social security pension from ₹ 450 to ₹ 600 in five years. We achieved this mile stone in three years.➤ The pension of all persons having age of 80 years and above increased to ₹ 1,100 per month without any income limit.➤ Social Security Pension of persons having disabilities of 70 percent or above increased to ₹ 1,100 per month without any income limit.➤ Introduced Skill Development Allowance Scheme which has benefitted over one lakh youths.➤ More than four lakh Smart Cards have been provided under 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' (RSBY).➤ We have sanctioned three new Medical Colleges in Chamba, Hamirpur and Sirmour.➤ 37 Lakh people of the State have been provided food security under 'Rajiv Ann Yojna.' They are being provided 3 kilogram of wheat at ₹ 2 per kilogram and 2 kilogram of rice at ₹ 3 per kilogram per month. All the BPL families continue to get 35
--	--

		<p>kilogram of ration per month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ More than 1,000 schools opened or upgraded. 28 New Degree Colleges opened making the total more than one hundred. College of Fine Arts has also been opened. ➤ We have opened or upgraded more than 130 Health Institutions in the State. ➤ 24 new ITI's and two new Engineering Colleges opened. ➤ The Daily Wages enhanced from ₹ 150 to ₹ 180. ➤ 7 Revenue Sub Divisions, 31 Tehsils / Sub-Tehsils opened. ➤ Free travel facility to all students in Government Schools and Central Schools. ➤ Reduction of electricity duty to incentivize industries.
	5.	<p>Speaker Sir, let us all recall; Governments in earlier years with different ideologies had been formed in the State. However, there was no ill-will and no witch hunting. The relationship was of healthy opposition with respect for each other. But later, criminal cases on</p>

		<p>fabricated and false grounds were framed against me. Of course, none of these fabricated cases survived judicial scrutiny and I came out clean. Now again, some persons are harassing me by misusing Central Agencies. These pin pricks have not impacted my focus for good governance.</p> <p>May I say here;</p> <p>“मुझे मालूम है कि मुझमें इन्सान जिन्दा है, जमाने में इसी कारण मेरी पहचान जिन्दा है। मुझे जीना था जितना अपनी खातिर जी लिया मैंने, जियूं देव भूमि की खातिर दिल में ये अरमान जिन्दा है।।”</p>
	6.	<p>Speaker Sir, I am happy to inform that our State has been awarded "CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards 2014-15" for "Integrated land Record Computerization Project Award" that is "HIMBHOOMI". Besides Appreciation Award for "HIMKOSH" an "Integrated Financial Management System Project" was accorded during 50th Annual Convention of Computer Society of India in December, 2015.</p>
National Economy.	7.	<p>Speaker Sir, the performance of the National economy over past two years has not been so encouraging. The macro-economic circumstances of India have not fared well and the export has declined by 17.6 percent in 2015-16. Though, there has been sharp fall of about 75 percent in crude oil prices yet, neither green shoots are</p>

		<p>visible nor any turnaround is noticeable in components of Indian Economy.</p> <p>The Government of India at national level has released the new series of GDP estimates by shifting the base year to 2011-12. As per the new series of National Accounts released by Central Statistical Office, the Indian economy registered a growth of 7.6 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2015-16 after witnessing a growth 7.2 percent in 2014-15.</p>
	8.	<p>The pressure from domestic food items remained elevated during 2015-16 and there was a steep rise in commodity prices especially of cereals. At the same time, the CPI inflation excluding food items also remained sticky due to higher inflation in services led components such as medical, education and household requisites etc. The Inflation in terms of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) remained above manageable level of around 6.3 per cent in December, 2015.</p>
State Economy	9.	<p>While the State Government has been striving hard to ensure equitable growth, the timid initiatives of the Government of India to stimulate growth and address the core issues of export, infrastructure and savings are adversely impacting the economy of Himachal. As per advance estimates of State Gross Domestic Product, the growth rate of the State during 2015-16 has been estimated at 7.7 percent, as against National growth</p>

		<p>rate of 7.6 percent. It is heartening to note that State's growth is better than the National growth, which is evident from the fact that State's average growth rate is 7.2 percent against National average growth rate of 6.8 percent during the first four years of 12th five year Plan period.</p>
	10.	<p>The Per Capita Income measures the financial well being of the individuals. On this parameter, our performance during the three years has been encouraging and steady. Our Per Capita Income at current prices in 2012-13 was ₹ 98,996 which has increased to ₹ 1,30,067 in 2015-16. This indicates an increase of 31 percent over a period of three years. I have already laid the Economic Survey Report for the year 2015-16 on the floor of this August House. It contains other economic parameters, indices and statements of physical and financial achievements of the present Government.</p>
Sustainable Development Goals & Policy	11.	<p>Speaker Sir, the United Nations in September, 2015 has adopted agenda for Sustainable Development to be achieved by measurable targets by all nations by 2030. This agenda has a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. I take this opportunity to assure this August House and also people of the State that the State Government will make all out efforts to achieve not only various targets set under the Sustainable Development Goals but surpass them by 2022 much before the timeline of 2030.</p>

Speaker Sir, Napoleon Hill said, "**A goal is a dream with a dead line.**" I therefore, propose to achieve the following targets by the year 2022 ---

- Percentage of population living below poverty line will be brought down from the existing 8.1 percent to 2 percent.
- Universal coverage of safe drinking water supply to all households in the State.
- Additional 30 thousand hectares of CCA will be created for irrigation.
- Connectivity to all the Panchayats with motorable roads. Additional 4 thousand kilometers of roads will be metalled and tarred.
- Hundred percent electric connections to all the domestic consumers.
- Infant mortality rate will be reduced from 35 to 20 per thousand of live births.
- Number of females per thousand of males in the age group of 0-6 is 909 as per 2011 census which will be increased to 940.
- Enrollment Ratios for boys and girls belonging to

		<p>all communities will be made 100 percent in schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The enrollment ratio in Colleges will be increased from existing 29 percent to 36 percent. ➤ Dropout rate in the Elementary and Secondary Schools will be brought to zero from the existing rate of 0.73 and 5.96, respectively. <p>May I say ;</p> <p>“कोई भी लक्ष्य बड़ा नहीं, जीता वही जो डरा नहीं “</p>
Annual Plan	12.	<p>Speaker Sir, the Planning Commission, for over 60 years, used to approve and substantially finance State Plan. During 2014-15 we had received about ₹ 3 thousand crore, through the erstwhile Planning Commission. Its demise has closed a very important source of financing the State Plan. Even then, my Government proposes annual plan of ₹ 5,200 crore for the financial year 2016-17 which is an enhancement of ₹ 400 crore over the annual plan 2015-16. Out of the proposed outlay of ₹ 5,200 crore, an outlay of ₹ 1,310 crore has been proposed for Scheduled Caste Component Plan; an outlay of ₹ 468 crore has been proposed for Tribal Sub Plan and an outlay of ₹ 65 crore has been proposed for the Backward Area Sub</p>

		<p>Plan.</p> <p>I also take this opportunity to thank the Central Government and the NITI Aayog for acceding to our request to uniformly fund all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the ratio of 90:10 to the Himalayan Hill States.</p>
Externally Aided Projects	13.	<p>Externally Aided Projects have always been very useful to the economy of a Special Category State like Himachal Pradesh to supplement the State resources. At present, seven EAPs in the sectors of Public Works, Forestry, Power, Tourism & Agriculture amounting to ₹ 11,978 crore are being implemented in the State.</p>
	14.	<p>Speaker Sir, the huge debt burden of the state has remained a matter of concern for a long time. Our debt burden as on 31st March, 2015 is ₹ 35,151 crore. In 2016-17 our interest outgo is likely to be ₹ 3,400 crore. This huge interest servicing is leaving very little for the developmental requirements of the state.</p> <p>Despite all constraints my Government is committed to keep pace of development by providing sufficient financial resources for all round development of the State. We will strive to achieve this both through fiscal prudence and efficient resource collection at the State level.</p>

		<p>Speaker Sir, may I put it as :-</p> <p>“वो पथ क्या पथिक, कुशलता क्या, जिस पथ पर विखरे शूल न हो नाविक की धैर्य कुशलता क्या, जब धाराएं प्रतिकूल न हों ।”</p>
	15.	<p>Speaker Sir, an amount of ₹ 75 Lakh is provided to each MLA under ‘Vidhayak Kshetriya Vikas Nidhi Yojana’ to sanction developmental schemes. Most of the MLAs, during the budget meetings requested to raise this limit. I accede to their request and announce to increase the ‘Vidhayak Nidhi’ from ₹ 75 lakh to ₹ 1 crore. We have also recently increased their discretionary grant from ₹ 2 lakh to ₹ 4 lakh. Now, I announce to raise it to ₹ 5 lakh.</p> <p>May I say to the members of this August House;</p> <p>“ छू न सकूं आसमां तो कोई बात नहीं, आपके दिल को छू लूं ये क्या कम है ।”</p>
Information Technology	16.	<p>IT Department in collaboration with NIC and various departments of the State are providing 51 online applications and citizen centric services. It is targeted to enhance such services to 101 by the end of 2016-17. Presently, a person has to go to a number of offices to collect certified documents before availing an online service. The IT Department is now integrating databases of different Departments so that a citizen does not need to visit different offices. Aadhar biometric</p>

		<p>based identity verification will be started to eliminate the need for physical documents. In order to facilitate hosting of databases of different departments, a State of the Art Data Centre will be made fully operational in 2016-17. Besides this, minimum bandwidth to any office will be 2 mbps to ensure smooth operation of web based services.</p>
Food Security.	17.	<p>Speaker Sir, My Government had started the State Food Subsidy Scheme in 2007. We are providing three daals, two liters edible oil and 1 kg iodized salt on subsidized rates to the ration card holders.</p> <p>I am making a budget provision of ₹ 210 crore for implementation of this scheme in 2016-17.</p>
	18.	<p>My Government is implementing a project of automation of Public Distribution System (e-PDS) with a view to make it more effective and efficient, so that subsidy benefit reaches to the genuine beneficiaries. A strict vigil over availability of essential commodities, quality and mandatory display of price list will be ensured.</p>
	19.	<p>Several control orders were issued by the Government under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Such restrictions are against the interest of producers as well as the consumers. Thus, these orders should apply only in a situation of scarcity or emergency and not under the normal circumstances. I, therefore, propose that necessary amendments in these control orders</p>

		<p>would be carried out to achieve the aforesaid objective.</p> <p>I propose a total outlay of ₹ 236 crore for the Department of Food and Civil Supplies.</p>
Agriculture	20.	<p>Speaker Sir, I am happy to inform this August House that the efforts made by Himachal Pradesh Government and the hard work of the farmers have been duly recognized at the national level and the "Krishi Karman Award" has been conferred upon the State in January 2016, with a cash award of one crore.</p>
	21.	<p>Farmers suffer vagaries of weather and market price fluctuations. Another potent risk for farming is damage to crops by stray and wild animals. Monkey and wild life menace causes huge loss to crops annually. Present practice of crop protection by manual guarding does not ensure 100 percent crop protection.</p> <p>I therefore propose to introduce a new scheme that is 'Mukhya Mantri Khet Sanrakshan Yojna' (मुख्यमन्त्री खेत संरक्षण योजना). Under this scheme farmers will be provided 60 percent assistance for fencing the farm. The fence will be energized with the help of solar power or electricity. Current in the fence around the farms will be sufficient to keep away the stray animals, wild animals and monkeys from the farms. The detailed guidelines and eligibility will be issued separately. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 25 crore to start with, for this scheme.</p>

		<p>Speaker Sir,</p> <p>“ जो हँसकर सहता अक्सर मार मौसम की, विधाता की, करेंगे हम सुरक्षा पूर्णतः उस अन्नदाता की।”</p>
	22.	<p>Speaker Sir, awareness camps will be organized to educate farmers about the soil health of their farms to improve agriculture productivity. Farmers of the State will be provided useful advises on their mobile phones to improve farm production.</p>
	23.	<p>The diverse agro climatic condition of the state provide ample opportunity for crop diversification with high value crops. I propose an outlay of ₹ 80 crore for further promotion of offseason vegetables in 2016-17.</p> <p>My Government is according high priority for strengthening of existing and creation of new Market Yards. I propose an additional outlay of ₹ 10 crore for Market Yards to Marketing Board for 2016-17.</p>
	24.	<p>Speaker Sir, My Government launched “Uttam Chaara Utpadan Yojna” to increase the fodder production. Improved fodder and chaff cutters are being distributed to farmers on 50 percent subsidy. I propose to continue this scheme in 2016-17 with an outlay of ₹ 5 Crore.</p>
	25.	<p>Speaker Sir, organic farming has multidimensional advantages for all stake holders. Farmers can fetch better prices of certified organic product. People of the state can enjoy clear water, clean air and organic food leading to healthy life. I propose that the State Government will launch an 'Integrated Action Plan' to</p>

		encourage bio-fertilizer, bio-pesticide and discourage chemical fertilizer and pesticides. A system of certification of organic products and their marketing would be put in place. We will facilitate farmers in certification of their organic products. I call upon the farmers and orchardists of the state to make Himachal Pradesh an Organic State.
	26.	Our Government has started “ Dr. Y.S. Parmar Kissan Swarojgar Yojna ” in all the districts with an outlay of ₹ 111 Crore for the construction of Poly houses. I propose an outlay of ₹ 15 Crore, to cover additional two lakh square meters area under poly houses.
	27.	I had announced a new scheme named “ Rajeev Gandhi Micro Irrigation Scheme ” with 80 percent subsidy to the farmers. I propose to continue this scheme for 2016-17 with an outlay of ₹ 10 crore.
	28.	My Government is providing 50 percent subsidy for construction of Bore wells, Small and Medium Lift Irrigation, and Pumping Machinery for increasing irrigation potential in the state. I propose to include Water Storage Tanks, Flow Schemes and Water Carrying Pipes in this scheme. I propose to provide an outlay of ₹ 10 Crore in 2016-17. I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 482 crore for the Department of Agriculture.
Horticulture.	29.	Speaker Sir, Horticulture plays an important role in the livelihood of the people. The fruit crops especially apple

		<p>and mango are sensitive to the vagaries of weather. Therefore, I announce that the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme will continue in all the potential blocks with a budget provision of ₹ 15 crore in 2016-17.</p>
	30.	<p>World Bank funded 'Himachal Pradesh-Horticulture Development Project' with a total project cost of ₹ 1,115 crore is to be implemented during next seven years. Under this project, the Horticulture Sector will be modernized by application of new technologies to strengthen productive capacities of the producers. Horticulture will be diversified and made climate resilient. Agri-enterprises will be developed for value addition and access to market will be strengthened. This project will be a boon for the horticulturists of the State.</p>
	31.	<p>I am pleased to provide ₹ 10 crore under Horticulture Development Scheme, to meet out the requirement of power sprayers, power tillers and other equipments for farmers/orchardists.</p> <p>There is an urgent need for training of unemployed youth in pruning and chip budding which will facilitate the orchardists by having the services of trained manpower. This will provide self employment to the rural youth specially to the women. We propose to impart such training for five youth in each Panchayat in 2016-17.</p>

	32.	Himachal Pradesh is highly vulnerable to climate change. The apple belt is shifting upwards due to rise in temperature and decrease in chilling period. I therefore propose initiating a research programme to develop varieties of apple requiring low chilling hours for lower altitude areas with adequate funds. I also propose a budget of ₹ 12 crore in 2016-17 for importing good quality root-stocks and new polliniser.
	33.	During 2016-17, additional 500 hectare area will be brought under the revamped "Apple Rejuvenation Project" . To protect fruit crops especially apple from hailstorms, the State Government will bring 9 lakh square Meter area under Anti-hail Nets. During 2016-17, 2 lakh square meter area will be brought under protected cultivation of high value vegetables and flowers.
	34.	The honey bees play an important role in pollination of horticultural crops. To promote pollination through honey bees, I announce to provide 40 percent additional subsidy over and above the Government of India subsidy. I propose a total outlay of ₹ 286 crore for the Horticulture department for 2016-17.
Animal Husbandry.	35.	Speaker Sir, Animal Husbandry plays an important role in the strengthening of rural economy. We propose to install Liquid Nitrogen Gas Plants at Tal (Hamirpur), Solan, Jeori and Mandi at the cost of ₹ 10 Crore to

		improve artificial Insemination and breed improvement activities. In order to provide a platform to buyers and sellers of the animals, it is proposed to conduct monthly one ' Animal Mandi ' in each District to start with.
	36.	<p>Our Government is committed to protect the interest of the sheep breeders of our State. We introduced Quality Linked Wool Pricing Scheme in 2014-15 benefitting approximately 10 thousand sheep breeders. The scheme will continue in 2016-17 also.</p> <p>I propose ₹ 4.25 crore for development of Sheep & Goats in the State. This amount will be spent on providing Mobile Sheep Dip Tanks to provide dipping/drenching facility to 8 lakh sheep and goats of 5 Districts.</p>
	37.	<p>We will encourage NGOs and panchayats to strengthen the existing Go-Sadans and open new ones to house and feed the stray Cattle for which they will be suitably assisted from the 14th Finance Commission grant. We will also encourage Temple Trusts and Charitable Organizations to open Go-Sadans for stray cattle for which they will be suitably assisted from the corpus fund of the "Govansh Samvardhan Board". The Board will also award the best performing Go-sadans providing care and shelter to the abandoned cattle.</p>
	38.	<p>The problem of stray cattle has increased manifold in the Rural areas. In fact, these are not stray cattle but displaced cattle by their callous owners. The main</p>

	<p>reason behind this is that, once the milch cattle stop giving milk, they are abandoned by their owners. We will strictly enforce registration of cattle and their tattooing to identify the owners of such cattle. Panchayats will be empowered to levy enhanced penalty on such cattle owners. I also announce that two best Panchayats in each Development Block which has 100 percent registration, tattooing and no cattle owner has abandoned his cattle, thus making that Panchayat free from stray cattle, will be given an award of ₹ 5 lakh under "Panchayat Pashudhan Puruskar Yojna". I propose a budget provision of ₹ 7.80 crore for this purpose.</p>
39.	<p>Marketing of Milk is an important source of income to the farmers. I announce to continue the Scheme under which 60 per cent subsidy will be provided for setting up of Milk Processing & Chilling facilities to the Dairy Co-operative Societies.</p> <p>Himachal Pradesh Milk Federation will collect approximately 245 Lakh Liters of milk during the year. To supplement the income of milk producers of the State, I am happy to announce an enhancement of Milk Procurement Price by ₹ 1 per Litre. The MILKFED will be provided a Grant-in-Aid of ₹ 16 crore in 2016-17.</p> <p>I propose an annual allocation of ₹ 345 for the Animal Husbandry.</p>

Fisheries	40.	Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh has large potential for Fisheries development. 11,557 fishermen in the State are engaged in fishing occupation. There is a continuous growth in terms of highest per hectare fish production in Gobindsagar and Pong Dam Reservoirs.
	41.	We have 600 kilometers of trout streams in the State and there is a good potential of trout farming in high altitude areas. Over 570 trout units have already been established. I announce to provide a financial assistance for the construction of 100 trout units in the State during 2016-17.
	42.	During the next financial year the Government proposes to start commercial fishing in newly created Reservoir of Koldam where over 250 fishermen shall be involved in fishing occupation. A New Mahaseer Hatchery cum Carp Breeding unit would be established at Nagar in Tehsil Sunni of Shimla District for the development of fisheries.
Forest & Wild Life.	43.	<p>Speaker Sir, My Government remains committed for effective protection, efficient conservation and scientific management of the forests. A satellite based Fire Alert System, in collaboration with Remote Sensing Agency, is in place to receive information of fire incidents within hours through SMSs up-to the Forest Guard level. This has enhanced effectiveness of the department in controlling the fires.</p> <p>The State Government has power to divert forest land upto one hectare under the Forest Conservation Act and</p>

		<p>Forest Rights Act. We will effectively use these powers to execute works of public importance. A monitoring system will be put in place to expedite the clearances. Moreover, Himachal Institute of Public Administration will organize training in preparation of forest cases, for all departments.</p>
	44.	<p>Speaker Sir, I am also pleased to inform the house that KfW Bank of Republic of Germany has agreed to fund a project of about ₹ 240 Crore for Himachal Pradesh Forest Eco-system Climate Proofing Project. I am happy to announce that ₹ 226 crore project under Compensatory Afforestation fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) is expected to be sanctioned, which will be used to rejuvenate the habitats of wild animals with emphasis on protected areas.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 522 crore for the Forest Department.</p>
Environment Science & Technology	45.	<p>Speaker Sir, in order to adapt to the impact of climate change in agriculture sector, Ministry of Environment, Government of India has approved a programme under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) with the total financial outlay of ₹ 20 Crore. 30 thousand farmers of District Sirmaur will be skilled to adopt the climate smart packages for drought adaptation.</p>
Co-operation	46.	<p>The Integrated Co-operative Development Project (ICDP) has been successfully completed in the</p>

		<p>Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Sirmour Districts. Implementation of three new ICDPs in the District Kangra, Kullu and Shimla has been started for creation and strengthening of infrastructure and working capital requirement of the cooperatives.</p> <p>The State Government has also moved a proposal to the NCDC to accord approval to start 2nd phase of ICDPs in Districts Solan and Mandi.</p>
Rural Development & Panchayati Raj	47.	<p>Speaker Sir, State Government has made great achievements in making rural areas of the State Open Defecation Free (ODF). For achieving our cherished ideal of "SWACHH HIMACHAL SUNDAR HIMACHAL," we also introduced Solid and liquid waste management in 477 Panchayats in 2015-16. We will continue this effort and make all possible efforts for ensuring ODF status of whole Himachal by March 2017.</p>
	48.	<p>A special drive to delete the names of in-eligible persons in the BPL list will be launched. The BPL family will be required to put sign board prominently of BPL status on his house, to get various benefits.</p>
	49.	<p>The State Government has been providing housing subsidy to SC/ST and BPL families under Indira Awas Yojna, Rajiv Awas Yojna and under Scheduled Caste Component Plan. In the past, houses have been constructed mainly of BPL families of SC STs. The BPL families of General Category have not got sufficient houses. To fill this gap, I announce that a new scheme</p>

		<p>called 'Mukhya Mantri Awas Yojna' will be started from 2016-17 under which BPL families of General categories will be covered. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 25 crore for this new scheme. We propose to construct 12 thousand houses with an investment of ₹ 97 crore, under various housing schemes during 2016-17.</p> <p>Speaker Sir,</p> <p>“ जिस दिन से चला हूं मेरी मंजिल पर है नजर आंखों ने कभी मील का पत्थर नहीं देखा ।”</p>
	50.	<p>The State Government is committed to strengthen the democracy at the grass root level. The government will release ₹ 130 crore to Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayats from the State Budget. Further, ₹ 306 crore will be released as per the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission in 2016-17.</p>
	51.	<p>In recently held Panchayat elections, people of 114 Gram Sabhas elected their representatives right from ward members to the Pradhans unopposed. I am pleased to make a budget provision of ₹ 11.14 crore in 2016-17 to provide a grant of ₹ 10 lakh each to such Panchayat for developmental activities.</p>
	52.	<p>The newly elected representatives of PRIs will require training and capacity building for the discharge of their duties efficiently. Extensive training programme has</p>

		<p>been chalked out. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 3 crore for this purpose.</p> <p>The State Government has regularized 52 Junior Engineers in Panchayati Raj department and have appointed 1,132 Panchayat Secretaries on contract in 2015-16.</p>
	53.	<p>Speaker Sir, My Government is fully aware of the responsibilities assigned to the representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions. Therefore, I announce to increase the honorarium of the representatives of PRIs. The honorarium of the Chairperson Zila Parishad will be increased from ₹ 6,500 to ₹ 8,000, that of the Vice-Chairperson from ₹ 4,500 to ₹ 6,000 and of Member Zila Parishad from ₹ 2,400 to ₹ 3,000 per month. In case of the Panchayat Samiti, the honorarium of the Chairperson will be enhanced from ₹ 3,500 to ₹ 5,000, of the Vice-Chairperson from ₹ 2,400 to ₹ 3,500 and of Member from ₹ 2,100 to ₹ 2,500 per month. In the Gram Panchayats, the honorarium of the Panchayat Pradhan will be enhanced from ₹ 2,100 to ₹ 3,000, that of Up-Pradhan from ₹ 1,800 to ₹ 2,200 per month and sitting fee for the members of Gram Panchayats will be enhanced from ₹ 200 to ₹ 225 per sitting. With this increase the representatives of PRIs will get an honorarium of ₹ 35 crore per annum.</p>

		I propose a budget allocation of ₹ 1,549 crore for the Department of Rural Development Panchayati Raj.
Urban Development	54.	<p>"Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation" (AMRUT) is a new scheme launched by Government of India. Shimla City has been included under the Mission. The State Annual Action Plan for 27 projects amounting to ₹ 159 crore has been approved.</p> <p>GIS based property assessment and collection system will be introduced in two Municipal Corporations and all the Municipal Committees, by having unit area method. Requisite amendment in the H.P. Municipal Committee Act will be made for this purpose.</p>
	55.	<p>In order to provide urban basic civic amenities at par with the existing urban areas and also to provide livelihood opportunities like wage employment under MNREGA, to the people coming to urban fold from the rural areas, I propose to launch a scheme named "LAKSHYA" (Lal Bahadur Shastri Kamgar evam Shahri Ajeevika Yojna) in all merged wards of the municipal corporation and newly created Nagar Panchayats in the State. Under this scheme I propose to provide annual urban infrastructure and livelihood grant of ₹ 10 Lakhs to each ward of Municipal Corporation and each newly created Nagar Panchayat to create basic urban infrastructure and provide waged livelihood similar to MNREGA to the people of these areas for three years.</p>

	<p data-bbox="379 197 1417 555">56. My Government is aware of the traffic congestion and parking problems due to urbanization. We will continue to provide 50 percent grant to Urban Local Bodies which intends to construct parking from its own fund. I propose to make a budget provision of ₹ 10 crore for this purpose.</p> <p data-bbox="475 607 1417 1935">Children Parks are necessary for healthy growth of young ones, however most of our towns do not have adequate Children Parks. I therefore propose that 50 percent cost of development of new Children Parks in towns would be borne by the State Government. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 10 crore for this purpose. The circular roads in Shimla need to be widened to reduce traffic congestion. PWD has identified 70 spots for widening. There is a need to construct alternate roads in Shimla Town to improve the vehicular movement. The work on alternate road from Holiday Home to National Highway bye-pass via Krishna Nagar, Road from Holiday Home to Lalpani, Road from Chotta Shimla-Flowerdale-Dhobighat to Malyana and Road from Ruldu Bhatta to Shankli will be started to improve flow of traffic. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 10 crore crore to start construction on these roads. I also propose an additional capital grant of ₹ 4.50 crore for Municipal Corporation Shimla for widening of internal roads, creation of parkings and development of playgrounds in Shimla.</p>
--	--

	57.	<p>Considering the diverse nature of responsibilities of elected representatives of Urban Local Bodies, I announce to increase the honorarium for the Chairperson of Nagar Panchayat from ₹ 2,500 to ₹ 3,500 for Vice Chairperson from ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 2,800 and the members from ₹ 1,000 to ₹ 1,500 per month. For Municipal Councils, the honorarium of the Chairperson will be increased from ₹ 3,000 to ₹ 4,000 Vice-Chairperson from ₹ 2,500 to ₹ 3,500 and for the members from ₹ 1,200 to ₹ 1,700 per month. For the Municipal Corporation Shimla and Dharamshala, I announce to increase the honorarium of the Mayor from ₹ 6,500 to ₹ 8,000, for the Deputy Mayor from ₹ 4,500 to ₹ 6,000 and the councillors from ₹ 3,000 to ₹ 4, 000 per month.</p>
Town & Country Planning.	58.	<p>Speaker Sir, we are all aware, that suitable building space is a constraint in hills. Therefore a conscious decision has been taken by my Government to promote mixed land use in planning areas. My Government's aim is to constantly encourage e-Governance and reduce interface with public servants. Therefore, electronic interaction for online map approval/ planning permission has been introduced in Shimla planning and SADA areas as a pilot project. This will be replicated in all other planning areas.</p>
Land Administration	59.	<p>Our Government has notified a policy namely, "Himachal Pradesh Conferment of Proprietary Rights on Chakotadars" Scheme, 2015. This policy</p>

		<p>will benefit lease holders in the State, particularly those belonging to Districts Solan, Kangra, Una and Hamirpur. This issue has been hanging fire for the past forty years and it is my Government which has found a lasting solution to the problem. The Chakotadars, who have been leased out or allotted land on chakota basis by the panchayats under the provisions of Punjab Village Common Land(Regulation) Act, 1961 shall be eligible to become land owner as per this policy. This is a historic decision focused on providing relief to thousands of citizens of the State.</p>
	60.	<p>Speaker Sir, web based software of Land Records will be made available on 24 X7 basis through centralized Data Centre for the benefit of general public. Further, Digitization of field maps under the Land Records will also be completed and made available on the web in 2016-17.</p>
	61.	<p>My Government is committed to grant land to the houseless. All the eligible persons would be allotted land expeditiously, in 2016-17. In past, such plots were allotted without leaving access to the adjacent Government land. Therefore, Revenue Department will identify land chunks, with access to each plot without hindering any right of way for others.</p>
	62.	<p>Himachal Pradesh is highly prone to natural and manmade disasters. The identification of all possible hazards is essential to reduce risks. Himachal Pradesh</p>

		is the first Himalayan State which has prepared comprehensive Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment and State is also in the process of establishing State Emergency Operation Centre and District Emergency Operation Centres for better coordination during disaster situations.
	63.	My Government has approved the revised norms and scale of relief assistance. Now Farmers will be entitled to input subsidy for crop loss of 33 percent in place of earlier condition of 50 percent. The ex-gratia payment to families of deceased persons has been enhanced from ₹ 1.50 Lakh to ₹ 4 Lakh. I also announce to include death caused by electrocution and injuries caused by dog bite, stray and domestic animals in the relief manual. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 248 crore for Disaster Relief for 2016-17.
Irrigation & Public Health	64.	Speaker Sir, the recurrent water borne diseases have been a cause of concern for the Government. Therefore, Standard Operating Procedures(SOP) for inspections of Sewerage and Water Treatment Plants have been issued for IPH, Pollution Control Board and Health Departments. Clear-cut responsibilities and frequency of inspections from Junior Engineer to Engineer-in-Chief have been spelt out in SOPs. There will be regular testing for organic and inorganic impurities. The IPH, Pollution Control Board and Health Department shall share with each other their test reports regularly. These reports will be made available

		<p>in public domain. Representatives of concerned Local Body will also be made part of IPH inspection teams. The State Government will also set up two State of Art Laboratories.</p> <p>'Jal Rakshaks' will be engaged for all rural water supply schemes maintained by the Panchayats. They would be given water testing kits to ensure quality of drinking water in their areas. IPH and M.C. Shimla will be provided adequate budget to revamp the sewerage system in Shimla town.</p> <p>Speaker Sir, the IPH Department together with Urban Development Department shall ensure maximum utilization of the capacity of the sewer schemes by ensuring connectivity. We will associate experts to bring new technology and processes in Sewer Management. We will also have third party quality assessment of all works and their implementation. Sewer network will also be extended by IPH in Sub-Urban areas near major towns. In rural areas all the households will be encouraged, in a mission mode, to opt for proper soak pit /septic tank toilets.</p> <p>We will also encourage flow water supply schemes to ensure quality of water. On higher altitude, ponds and small dams will be constructed in big way to ensure availability of drinking water in lean season.</p>
	65.	The members of this August House have demanded budget provision for Hand Pumps. I propose a budget

		<p>provision of ₹ 35 crore to supplement availability of portable drinking water. Hon'ble members could also install Hand Pumps under the MLA priority. I also announce that the Hand Pumps would be energized on the demand of the nearby habitants, provided they give an undertaking to maintain and pay the electricity bills of the pumps.</p>
	66.	<p>Speaker Sir, I propose an outlay of ₹ 245 crore under Minor Irrigation Schemes. Moreover, a new shelf of minor irrigation schemes of ₹ 338 crore, for covering 18 thousand hectares has been proposed for funding under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY) to Government of India. Proposal to chennalize Pabbar from Sandhasu to Hatkoti will be sent for funding under Flood Management Programme or Externally aided Projects.</p> <p>I propose a budget provision of ₹ 60 crore for medium irrigation projects in Nadaun area of Hamirpur and Phina Singh in District Kangra.</p>
	67.	<p>Speaker Sir, the last mile connectivity to farmer's field is the only criteria for the success of an irrigation scheme. The gap between the irrigation potential created and utilized will be minimized. I propose an outlay of ₹ 65 crore for Command Area Development Works.</p> <p>To ensure that the people of Himachal Pradesh continue to get potable drinking water and our farmers</p>

		<p>get irrigation facilities at an affordable cost, I propose to provide ₹ 425 crore to IPH Department to meet the energy charges for Water Supply and Irrigation Schemes.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 2,292 crore for Department of Irrigation and Public Health.</p>
MPP & Power.	68.	<p>Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh has vast Hydro-Power potential with five river basins and their tributaries. We have harnessed, 10264 MW power so far, out of which 830 MW has been achieved during 2015-16. I am happy to inform that three Hydro Electric Power Projects namely Kashang 65 MW, Sainj 100 MW and Uhal 100 MW under State Government sector will be commissioned during 2016-17. The State Government will ensure time bound clearances to expedite implementation of Power Projects. Further, process to grant lease for the hydro power projects will be simplified and lease rates will be reduced.</p>
	69.	<p>To harness the vast solar potential, the government has brought a revised Solar Power Policy. The processing fees has been reduced from ₹ 50 thousand to ₹ 5 thousand per MW per project. The tariff for purchase of solar power has been notified. I propose a Grid interactive Roof Top Projects for which 70 percent financial assistance and ₹ 5 per unit will be given to the developers under the Net Metering Scheme. Himachal</p>

		Pradesh Solar Power Corporation Ltd. has been formed to execute the 2.5 MW Solar Hybrid Project at Kaza.
	70.	With the objective of energy conservation, Domestic Efficiency Lighting Program is being implemented in the State to give benefit to about 22 lakh consumers. 41 lakh LED bulbs have been distributed. The electricity bills of consumers will reduce by using LED bulbs. Remaining consumers will be benefitted under this scheme in 2016-17.
	71.	<p>HPSEB Ltd. plays an important role in providing electricity to every household in the remotest corners of the State. The State Government has taken various steps to improve the financial health of the HPSEBL. The State has already taken over the loan liability of ₹ 564 crore of the Board and will provide an interest payment of ₹ 56 crore on this to the HPSEBL in 2016-17. The State Government will also provide an equity contribution of ₹ 50 crore, so that the HPSEBL can upgrade the rural lines by installing new poles and transformers. In addition to this, I propose to provide ₹ 410 crore for subsidising electricity to the domestic consumers of the State.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 1,154 crore for the department of MPP & Power.</p>
Industries	72.	Speaker Sir, the State Government is committed to provide industry friendly environment for attracting new investments. We have already streamlined the system of grant of approvals by introducing a single application

		<p>form for clearing all medium and large scale units in the State. I propose to extend it to all categories of industry. On-line processing of common application by concerned line departments through a single portal will be rolled out in 2016-17. We will also grant permission under Section 118 to the Industrialists and workers for construction of residences expeditiously.</p>
	73.	<p>Speaker Sir, My Government proposes to set up 'Himachal Bureau of Investment' which will be an multi-departmental bureau to ensure speedy and time bound clearances and manned by officers of various departments.</p>
	74.	<p>The representatives of Industries have demanded that the existing Industry which goes for substantial expansion should be given the benefit equal to a new Industry. I accede to their demand and announce that such Industry which undertakes substantial expansion will be given benefit of reduced electricity duty and CST at par with new industry.</p> <p>Industries Association in the State have highlighted the issue of very high transport cost making their product uncompetitive in the market. The State Government will develop a suitable mechanism to rationally fix the transportation cost of goods.</p>
	75.	<p>The Government of India has stopped the National Mission on Food Processing from march 2015. My Government has decided to continue this Mission as</p>

		'State Mission on Food Processing' . I propose an outlay of ₹ 10 crore for this Mission.
	76.	My Government is proactively and aggressively allowing the approval of "Industry by Invitation." We organized meets and interactions with investors in Mumbai, Banglore, Ahmadabad and New Delhi. Since these meets, we have received 41 new proposals and 60 projects for expansion involving investment of ₹ 4,079 crore.
	77.	<p>Speaker Sir, with a view to develop more industrial areas, the work has been started at Pandoga in Una District and Kandrori in Kangra District at an estimated cost of ₹ 140 crore and ₹ 122 crore respectively. Land has also been identified in Dhabota, Tehsil Nalagarh for this purpose. The road between Barotiwala-Mandhala to Parwanoo would be widened to open up another Industrial corridor between Barotiwala and Parwanoo.</p> <p>We are soon going to put all our existing Industrial Areas under Geographical Information System for facilitation of potential entrepreneurs. This will help investors to finalize location and land requirements while sitting at home.</p>
	78.	My Government is committed to scientific and sustainable exploration of minerals in the State. I announce that all mineral locations would be auctioned in transparent manner and on long term basis in next

		<p>financial year. This will help in more resource generation, check illicit mining and open up the employment opportunities in the State.</p>
	<p>79.</p>	<p>Speaker Sir, Mark Twain said, "<i>The Secret of getting ahead is getting started.</i>" To encourage Start Ups and new enterprises in the State. I announce "Chief Minister Startup/New Industries Scheme." I propose following measures in this scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All the new enterprises in the state will be required to submit only self certified documents online or manually. All the departments will issue provisional registration within 15 days from submission of the documents. ➤ The department of Industries will provide land at concessional rate in the Industrial Areas to the small industries or other industries providing employment to 100 Himachalis. ➤ Incubation Centers will be established in premier Institutions in the State to support the Start Up. ➤ Stamp duty for registration of land for new industries will be charged at the rate of three percent only. ➤ Area based VAT concessions will continue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Start Ups in the manufacturing sector will also be entitled for purchase preference by Government of Himachal Pradesh/Public Sector Undertakings and will be exempted from the "Prior experience/turnover requirement' provided they meet requisite quality standards. ➤ Green and Orange category Industries to be established in designated Industrial Areas and not requiring environment clearances will be granted consent to establish on self certification without any prior inspection. ➤ I propose 25 percent reduction in fees for Green Industry and 10 percent reduction in Orange Industry for consent to establish and also consent to renewal. ➤ No inspection by the officers of the Labour Department, Pollution Control Board, Drug Department, Food and Supplies Department will be done for three years without permission of Head of Department. ➤ The New Start Ups in Micro Sector with investment upto ₹ 25 lakh provide maximum employment. They need support in initial years. I therefore announce that such industries which
--	---

		<p>employ at least 5 persons and take loan from banks will be provided interest subvention at the rate of 4 percent up to a loan of ₹ 10 lakh for three years.</p> <p>Speaker sir, “खामोशी से भी कर्म होते हैं । मैने देखा है, पेड़ों को छाया देते हुए ।।”</p> <p>I propose a budget outlay of ₹ 184 crore for the Industry Department.</p>
Labour & Employment	80.	<p>Sir, with a view to ensure transparency in the system online registration of factories and renewal of licenses etc. an online Factories Registration Information System software has been developed. We propose to make all services and requirements under various labour laws online during 2016-17.</p>
	81.	<p>In order to ensure transparency in the entire inspection process, the State Inspection Policy has been framed which will ensure that the units to be inspected are selected through software objectively and there is no selectivity in the units to be inspected by respective labour officers or inspectors. The inspection report will be required to be uploaded on the website within 24 hours of inspection so that employer is also aware of inspection being conducted in his establishment. This policy will be implemented from 2016-17.</p>

	82.	<p>I propose to convert all District level Employment Exchanges in to Model Career Guidance Centres. This will provide useful guidance to youth seeking employment. Further, Job portal will be operationalized for the benefit of job seekers.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 120 crore for the Labour and Employment Department for 2016-17.</p>
Transport	83.	<p>Road Transport is the main mode of transport in our hilly State. Our effort is to provide safe, reliable and comfortable travelling facility to the public. The HRTC assumes paramount importance as it provide transport facilities in the remotest corners of the state. I propose to provide ₹ 250 crore as grant and equity to HRTC in 2016-17 as against ₹ 200 crore during the last budget.</p>
	84.	<p>Himachal Pradesh will be first State in India to introduce zero emission electric buses. I announce exemption from token Tax, Registration charges and VAT on all electric vehicles for five years in order to promote eco-friendly transport services in the State.</p> <p>We also aim at providing best possible facilities in all the bus stands. I propose an additional outlay of ₹ 10 crore for construction of bus stands in addition to the resources of Bus Stand Management and Development Authority.</p> <p>I propose the development of four Transport Nagars in the State in first instance with a seed money of ₹ 2</p>

		<p>crore each for further development in PPP mode. These transport nagars will have integrated services at one place. I propose an outlay of ₹ 8 crore for this purpose.</p> <p>Speaker Sir, Government has constructed lot of new link roads in rural areas in last three years. I announce that buses plying on these roads will be exempted from levy of Special Road Tax and permits would be given liberally to the Unemployed Youth of the State to ply buses on such routes.</p>
Roads & Bridges.	85.	<p>Speaker Sir, roads are the lifeline of the State. In the absence of other means of transport, the State Government has always assigned high priority to road sector. The State currently has a network of 34,133 Kilometres of motorable roads. 3,117 out of 3,226 Panchayats have been connected with motorable road. The State Government is committed to link all panchayats in due course.</p> <p>The State Government will also encourage construction of alternate roads and new bridges which reduce distances to be constructed under PPP. The State Government will also ensure that works of buildings and roads are not allotted by splitting in parts, to ensure good quality.</p>
	86.	<p>With the persistent efforts in previous three years, the PMGSY has shown tremendous progress. Out of 2,354 road works sanctioned we have completed 1,933 roads.</p>

		<p>We have connected 3,318 habitations out of 3,689 habitations. Further, a proposal of 188 projects including 26 bridges amounting to ₹ 732 Crore has been submitted to Government of India.</p> <p>Various roads have been constructed under different schemes like PMGSY, NABARD, CRF and State Plan. We are receiving grievances regarding partial connectivity due to non construction of end roads penetrating into the heart of habitations. I therefore, announce a new scheme called "Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojna" under which last mile connectivity will be provided to villages/habitations. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 50 crore for this scheme.</p>
	87.	<p>The four-laning of two National Highways from Parwanoo -Solan and Kiratpur to Manali has been started. The State Government has also taken up with the Union Government to immediately start the work on the Four laning of the Pathankot- Jogindernagar - Mandi, Baddi-Nalagarh, Solan-Kaithlighat, Kaithlighat-Shimla, Ner Chowk-Takoli-Kullu and two lane from Kullu to Manali National Highway.</p>
	88.	<p>Under the World Bank State Road Project involving 10 Packages (435 Kilometres Length), 8 packages have been completed. Besides, maintenance of 446 Kilometres Road length has been taken up under Performance Based Maintenance Contracts and for the maintenance of such roads and State Highway/Major District Road a separate budget provision of ₹ 20</p>

		<p>crore has been made. I am happy to announce that Government of India has recommended to extend the phase-I of the World Bank Project for one year. I am also pleased to announce that Himachal Pradesh Road Project 2nd phase worth ₹ 3,200 crore has been approved in principle, by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India for funding under Externally Aided Project.</p>
	89.	<p>During 2016-17, we propose construction of 400 Kilometres of Motorable road, and 20 bridges. The Metalling and tarring of 500 Kilometres of new roads would also be carried out. Apart from this, cross drainage of 550 Kilometres would be carried out.</p> <p>I propose a budget provision of ₹ 50 crore for installing Steel Crash Barriers, at accident prone sites in 2016-17.</p> <p>I propose a budget outlay of ₹ 3,054 Crore for the Public Works Department in 2016-17.</p>
Excise & Taxation.	90.	<p>Speaker Sir, I have already announced Group Accidental Insurance Scheme with a cover of ₹ 2 lakh for dealers having a turnover of less than ₹ 25 lakh. There is a demand from dealers that all should be covered under the insurance scheme. I accede to their demand and announce that all the dealers irrespective of the turnover will be covered under the Group</p>

		<p>Accidental Insurance Scheme and the accident insurance cover will be increased from ₹ 2 lakh to ₹ 3 lakh.</p> <p>Solar Cookers and solar lanterns save precious energy. Presently VAT at the rate of 5 percent is charged on these items. I announce to exempt levying VAT on them.</p> <p>Last year I had reduced VAT on LED Bulbs. There are different kinds of LED lights available in the market. To promote energy conservation, I announce that VAT on all LED light will be reduced from 13.5 percent to 5 percent.</p>
	91.	<p>Small traders with a turnover of ₹ 25 lakh are covered under lump-sum tax payment scheme at the rate of 1 percent. I propose to increase the coverage for traders upto the turnover of ₹ 30 lakh.</p> <p>Dealers upto a turnover of one crore are covered under the deemed assessment scheme. Now, I propose that the dealers upto the turnover of ₹ 1.50 crore will be covered under deemed assessment.</p> <p>We will also ensure timely VAT refunds to industries by simplifying the procedure as well as by regular monitoring.</p>
	92.	<p>At present, industry is to pay 2 percent entry tax on all industrial input/raw material and the new industry is to pay 1 percent entry tax on inputs imported from outside</p>

		<p>the State. The Industrial Associations have intimated that such a heavy entry tax is making the industry uncompetitive vis-a-vis the industry in other States and have requested to reduce the entry tax on raw material. I have considered their demand and announce that for the existing industry, entry tax would be reduced from two percent to one percent and for the new industry, it will be reduced from one percent to half percent.</p>
	93.	<p>The Iron and Steel manufactures are under pressure because of slump in the market. I announce that the AGT of steel/iron will be reduced ₹ 75 per metric tonne to ₹ 50 per metric tonne. I also propose to rationalize taxes under CGCR/AGT Acts for such industries which are paying tax on transportation of the raw material as well as on the finished products.</p>
	94.	<p>The representatives of Industries have pointed out that old cases of assessment are pending for want of submission of statutory forms. I announce that if a dealer pays due tax in lieu of statutory forms, then interest and penalty will be waived of to settle assessment cases pending prior to 2011, for want of statutory forms.</p>
	95.	<p>The representatives of industries have intimated that it takes long time to add raw material or finished material in the Registration Certificate. This leads to delay in</p>

		<p>issue of C Forms. It is, therefore, proposed that a simplified online system of addition of items in the RC would be introduced.</p>
Tourism.	96.	<p>Speaker Sir, Tourism is among the most vibrant sector of the State's economy. Our Government is promoting sustainable tourism in the State. In order to increase the duration of the stay of the tourists, special emphasis will be laid on the development of activities based tourism. I also propose to set up a helipad near Sanjauli where private helicopters would be allowed to land, to boost tourism in Shimla.</p> <p>I also announce to increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and number of storeys of Hotels under the Town and Country Planning Act and Rules.</p>
	97.	<p>Himachal is a Tourist State. The entertainment duty on various entertainments was reduced from 100 percent to 10 percent in the year 2012. However, the entertainment duty on ropeways continues to be 25 percent and on cinema-halls 20 percent. I announce that entertainment duty on ropeways and cinema-halls will also be reduced to 10 percent to promote these facilities. I also announce that new cinema-halls will be exempted from entertainment duty for 5 years in the State.</p>
	98.	<p>I propose to develop various ropeway projects in the State, such as; Dhramkot to Triund in Kangra District, Toba to Shri Naina Devi Ji in Bilaspur District, Shahtalai to Deotsidh in Bilaspur/Hamipur District, Bashal Kanda</p>

		<p>in Shimla/Kinnaur District, Neugal (Palampur) in District Kangra & Bhunter to Bijli Mahadev in Kullu District on Public Private partnership mode for which the bidding process would be undertaken in 2016-17.</p> <p>Five sites at Shoja, Jhatingri, Bilaspur, Suketi and Baddi will be offered to the private sector on long term lease basis for developing tourism activities like Resorts, amusement/water parks, golf courses etc. Way side amenities will be developed for providing tourists facilities.</p>
	99.	<p>We are implementing the Tourism Infrastructure Projects under the approved loan assistance of US \$ 95 million from Asian Development Bank (ADB) Development of tourist infrastructure at Jawalamukhi, Dharamshala-McLeodganj, Restoration of two Churches at Shimla, temples in Rampur area, development of Naldehra and improvement of Chamunda-Brijeshwari temples etc. in Kangra District shall be awarded in 2016-17.</p>
	100.	<p>To develop tourist destinations in the State, the Tourism Department has submitted ₹ 100 crore Project under Himalayan Circuit of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India's scheme 'Swadesh Darshan'. An Artificial Rock Climbing Centre at Manali has also been proposed under this project.</p>
	101.	<p>Our State organized the Para Gliding World Cup at Bir-Billing successfully. We will organise more such events in future. In order to ensure safety and protection</p>

		of the tourists, department will frame rules for adventure tourism activities.
Education.	102.	Speaker Sir, educational achievements of Himachal Pradesh are widely acknowledged. Literacy rate has increased from 31.71 percent in 1971 to 82.80 percent, in 2011. The enrolment level in our state is one of the highest in the country. To ensure better learning levels, the State Government is carrying out end term assessment of 5th and 8th classes with support of HP School Education Board.
	103.	<p>In certain Subjects like Maths, Science and English etc. Students do not get good marks. To motivate teachers, I announce "Mukhya Mantri Shikshak Samman Yojna" under which one year extension in service will be given to such teachers who have consistently given 100 percent results in board examination for a period of five years in respect of such subjects to be notified by the Department of Education.</p> <p>I propose to start "Mukhya Mantri Adarsh Vidyalaya Yojna" by designating two Senior Secondary Schools as Model School in each Assembly Constituency which will have State of the Art infrastructural and teaching facilities. I propose an outlay of ₹ 30 crore for this purpose.</p> <p>At present the students of 10+2 are not provided uniform by the State Government. I am also pleased to</p>

		<p>announce to start the "Mukhya Mantri Vardi Yojna" for the students of 10+2 classes that will benefit 1.34 lakh students.</p>
	104.	<p>In order to encourage deserving and meritorious students pursuing professional/technical and higher education courses in recognised institution in the Country, I announce the start of "Mukhya Mantri Gyandeeep Yojna." Under this scheme, interest subvention of 4 percent would be given to all Himachali Students availing educational loan from banks upto ₹ 10 lakh irrespective of income level.</p> <p>May I quote here John F. Kennedy; <i>"Things do not happen Things are made to happen."</i></p>
	105.	<p>Speaker Sir, EGS instructors have been converted into Gramin Vidya Upasaks. They are being paid honorarium of ₹ 3,500 per month. I announce to double their honorarium to ₹ 7,000 per month.</p> <p>The State Government will regularise the services of Primary Assistant Teachers once they complete the JBT training as per the requirement of the NCTE.</p> <p>Government has taken important measures to promote Art and Culture by opening new College of Fine Arts. We will start Music Subject in all the Government Colleges by creating and filling all the posts of Assistant Professor Vocal, Assistant Professor Instrumental and Posts of Tabla Vada. I also announce to fill up the</p>

		posts of Librarian in all colleges and in all the Government Libraries. I further announce to fill all the vacant posts of DPE /PET and Drawing Master in all the Senior Secondary and High Schools.
	106.	With the aim to strengthen learning activities in schools, the Government will distribute 10 thousand Net Books to meritorious students of 10th and 12th classes under the " Rajiv Gandhi Digital Yojna. " I announce to implement phase-II of ICT Project in Senior Secondary Schools to improve and strengthen the teaching learning activity using smart class rooms and multi-media teaching aids.
	107.	Speaker Sir, teachers require continuous updating of knowledge relating to their subject. The State has started " Swayamsidham Project " with an aim to provide academic support to school heads and online solution to problems of teachers and students through web portal facility, which is being implemented in 2,153 schools. I propose to extend this facility to an additional 340 schools in 2016-17.
	108.	Drug trafficking and drug abuse has become a big menace. Youth and teenagers are more prone to drug abuse. The Government will use the media to propagate against the evils of drug taking. Sensitization programmes about adverse effects of drugs will be organized in educational institutions. Children will be sensitized through skits, declamation contests and painting competitions etc. on ill-effects of drug use.

		<p>Early intervention at school level to 'Say No to Drugs' will be initiated to target adolescents. We will constitute anti-drug committees in all High and Senior Secondary Schools comprising School Heads, experts and members from SMC of the School. NGOs and members of community policing schemes will be associated for creating awareness against ill-effects of use of drugs and other narcotic substances. De-addiction centres will be strengthened in all the Districts. The Government will act strictly against the people involved in drug trafficking. Police will keep close vigil on sale and distribution of banned products. An effective monitoring system will be put in place to check the menace of drug abuse.</p> <p>Speaker Sir, May I say here;</p> <p>“विकल्प मिलेंगे बहुत, मार्ग भटकाने के लिए, संकल्प एक ही काफी है, मंजिल तक जाने के लिए ।”</p>
	109.	<p>Speaker Sir, Reading habits have phenomenally declined. Therefore, there is a need to revive reading habit by revitalizing state and district public libraries. I propose to strengthen the Public libraries in the State by providing adequate budget.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 6013 crore for the Department of Education for 2016-17.</p>
Technical Education.	110.	<p>Speaker Sir, My Government is committed to provide quality technical education to increase employability.</p>

		<p>Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology Baddi and Regional Vocational Training Institute for Women (Jundla) in Shimla District has become operational from the academic session 2015-16. The Government has opened two Engineering Colleges one at Nagrota Bagwan in District Kangra and at Kotla in District Shimla.</p>
	111.	<p>ITIs play a very important role in providing technical skills, which lead to employment of the youth. My Government has opened 24 ITIs during last three years with an intake capacity of 3,200 students. The State Government has covered all the Assembly Constituencies in the State by opening Government ITIs. Himachal has 525 seats per lakh population in ITIs compared to 212 seats at the national level. It is proposed to open Government Polytechnics at Rehan in District Kangra.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 204 crore for the department of Technical Education.</p>
Skill Development	112.	<p>Speaker Sir, Skill Development is key to stimulating sustainable development and to facilitate the transition from the informal to formal economy. It is also essential to address the opportunities and challenges to meet new demands of changing economy.</p>
	113.	<p>Benjamin Franklin rightly said,</p> <p><i>"By failing to prepare,</i></p>

	<p><i>you are preparing to fail."</i></p> <p>My Government has established HP Kaushal Vikas Nigam to synergise skill and livelihood training programmes of different departments for the youth. The Government has initiated ₹ 640 crore ADB funded HP Skill Development Project which would improve employment opportunities for youth in the State. One lakh youth will be provided NSQF aligned training linked with placement and self employment. H.P. Kaushal Vikas Nigam has signed 17 memorandum of understanding (MOUs) on Skill development with industrial organisations with an aim to increase employment opportunities.</p>
114.	<p>Speaker Sir, we have started vocational education in 500 schools where 35 thousand students are learning various trades. We are conscious of the need to provide college going youth with advanced courses in Vocational Education. Therefore, Bachelor of Vocational Education Courses (B.Voc.) in ten colleges and short term courses aligned to NSQF in various Government Colleges will be started to provide new and additional skills, to make them employable.</p> <p>I am also happy to announce that 17 skill development projects worth ₹ 166 crore have been approved under the "National Rural Livelihood Mission" (Aajivika Scheme). Under these Projects 50 thousand rural youth would be trained in various trades over a period of</p>

	<p>3 years.</p> <p>We will also provide Training and Proficiency in Computer Applications and Allied Activities to Widows, Disabled and Residents of Aashrams in department of Social Justice and Empowerment.</p> <p>The Skill Development Allowance Scheme, has been successfully implemented in the State by our Government which has benefitted over one lakh students in the state. I propose a budget outlay of ₹ 100 crore for the Skill Development Allowance Scheme in 2016-17.</p> <p>May I say it here;</p> <p>“कड़ी मेहनत जो करता है उसी का सूरज चढ़ता है, सफलता के वही इंसा नए प्रतिमान गढ़ता हैं। तजुर्बों से बड़ों के सीख लेकर के अगर सच में, युवा शक्ति बढ़े आगे तभी तो देश बढ़ता है।।”</p>
<p>Language, Art & Culture.</p>	<p>115. Speaker Sir, We all know fairs are an important and integral part of our cultural ethos and traditions.</p> <p>I propose to enhance the grant-in-aid to District, State and National level fair from ₹ 15 thousand to ₹ 30 thousand, ₹ 50 thousand ₹ 1 lakh and from ₹ 1 Lakh to ₹ 2 lakh respectively. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 10 crore for construction of Indoor Auditorium at District Headquarters, where such facility does not exist.</p> <p>Many young artists of Himachal Pradesh are making</p>

		<p>documentary films on Art and Culture of the State. The State Government will formulate a suitable scheme to provide financial support to such artists.</p>
<p>Youth Services & Sports.</p>	<p>116.</p>	<p>Youth Services and Sports Department plays a very useful role in channelizing the energy of youth in Sports and also in Youth leadership programmes, camps and festivals etc. Participation in sports and such activities wean away the youth from social evils like drug addictions, depression and loneliness; and enhances their self esteem, team spirit and to be a useful social being.</p> <p>I announce to enhance Grant-in-aid to District Sports Associations in Category-A from ₹ 10,000 to ₹ 15,000 in Category- B from ₹ 8,000 to ₹ 12,000 and in Category-C from ₹ 5,000 to ₹ 8,000. I am also happy to enhance Grant-in-aid to State Sports Associations in Category-A from ₹ 1,00,000 to ₹ 1,25,000 in Category-B from ₹ 75,000 to ₹ 1,00,000 and in Category-C from ₹ 50,000 to ₹ 75,000.</p> <p>I am pleased to enhance existing Cash Awards to Senior National in category-B in individual/team event from ₹ 80,000 to ₹ 1,50,000 and ₹ 16,000 to ₹ 35,000 respectively for Category-C from ₹ 8,000 to ₹ 20,000 and ₹ 4,800 to ₹ 10,000 respectively.</p> <p>The State Parshuram Award money will be doubled</p>

		<p>from ₹ 1,00,000 to ₹ 2,00,000.</p> <p>I announce an outlay of ₹ 1 crore for State Youth Board in the shape of Grant-in-aid. I also propose a budget provision of ₹ 15 crore for construction of Multipurpose Indoor Sports Complexes at District Headquarters and Sports Fields/facilities in the State.</p>
Information & Public Relations	117.	<p>Press is the fourth Estate of a democracy. Our Government is committed to protect the interests of the Journalists and has been a strong votary of a free and independent Press. In order to further the welfare of serving and retired accredited journalists, I announce to start "Himachal Pradesh Patrakar Kalyan Yojna." The fund would be used to meet immediate adverse situations as accidents, illness etc. apart from providing other welfare benefits to them. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 1 crore for this purpose.</p> <p>I also propose a budget provision of ₹ 1 Crore for Construction of Press Clubs in 2016-17.</p>
	118.	<p>I propose to hike the prize money of Award for Developmental Journalism for Electronic Media Award from 40 thousand to 50 thousand, District Award from 25 thousand to 50 thousand, State Award from 40 thousand to 75 thousand and National Award from 51 thousand to 1 lakh.</p>
Health & Medical Education	119.	<p>Himachal Pradesh has made remarkable strides in providing healthcare services to its people. We spend</p>

	<p>around ₹ 26 thousand per capita on health care which is probably the highest in the country. In order to improve affordable and equitable access to health care services to our people, I announce to introduce "Himachal Pradesh Universal Health Protection Scheme." All persons in the State who are not covered under the RSBY and the 'Mukhya Mantri State Health Care Scheme' or other Medical Reimbursement Schemes, will be covered under this scheme. The beneficiaries will be required to pay just one rupee per day i.e. ₹ 365 per annum for their health protection. This scheme would entitle them for a basic package of ₹ 30 thousand for indoor patient treatment and ₹ 1 lakh 75 thousand for critical care package. With this scheme Himachal Pradesh will become one of the first states in the country to provide Universal Health Care Protection to all its residents.</p> <p>May I say here;</p> <p>“कह दो अन्धेरोँ से कहीं और घर बना लें मेरे प्रदेश में रौशनी का सैलाब आया है।”</p> <p>I also propose that all beneficiaries under various health insurance schemes will be given the facility of a basic health check-up once in two years at his or her nearest health institution.</p>
120.	In order to stimulate medical research, I propose to set

		<p>up an Intramural Research Fund of ₹ 1 crore for Government Medical Colleges. Junior faculty in these institutions will be eligible to obtain financial support for preparing research proposals and submit them for extra mural funding.</p> <p>In order to produce more medical specialists, I propose that our Regional and Zonal Hospitals with 200 beds or more will start Diplomate National Board(DNB) Courses in specialties.</p>
	121.	<p>My Government has started Telemedicine Project in 25 rural CHCs/PHCs in District Chamba, Sirmour, Shimla and also at Kaza and Keylong to provide specialized medical services in tribal and remote areas.</p> <p>We have 321 ambulances under the National Ambulance Service which are providing free services to the patients in the remotest corner of the State. The National Ambulance Service has handled 6.35 lakh patients since its inception. We have also decided to provide 56 free drugs in our hospitals.</p>
	122.	<p>Speaker Sir, Indira Gandhi Medical College and Dr. Rajendra Prasad Medical College Tanda are the premier tertiary health care unit of the state. People coming from different parts of the State have to stand in queues at OPDs. I propose to start online registration and issue of token to avoid queues.</p> <p>I propose an outlay of ₹ 1689 crore for Health and</p>

		Medical Education Department.
Ayurveda	123.	<p>Speaker Sir, Ayurveda Department is playing a significant role in providing better health services in far flung areas. 'Panchkarma' treatment has been started in 26 Ayurvedic institutions to provide better health care.</p> <p>I propose a budget allocation of ₹ 250 crore for Ayurveda during 2016-17.</p>
Women & Child Development	124.	<p>“सभी ये जानते हैं त्याग, ममता प्यार है नारी, धरा पर सृष्टि का सच में सकल आधार है नारी। उसे अब प्यार से, अधिकार से वंचित नहीं रखो, सभी की आस्था विश्वास की हकदार है नारी।।”</p> <p>Speaker Sir, today is International Women's Day and I take this opportunity to extend my warm greetings and good wishes to all women in the State. Worldwide, women continue to contribute considerably to social, economic, cultural and political achievement. We remain committed to provide an environment of safety, security, dignity and equality to women in the State.</p>
	125.	<p>The declining sex ratio in some parts of the State is a matter of great concern. Female foeticide is a heinous crime.</p> <p>Speaker Sir,</p> <p>May I say here;</p> <p>“माना कि अन्धेरा घना है</p>

		<p>लेकिन दिया जलाना कहां मना है।”</p> <p>State Government would start a special drive to effectively implement the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act. A massive awareness campaign would be launched to highlight the importance of female birth which is vital to maintain the very fabric of the society. ASHA and aganwari workers will be encouraged to counsel newly wedded couples. I announce that any person providing credible information about illegal female foeticide would be given a cash grant of ₹ 1 lakh. Panchayats can play a key role in creating social awareness, therefore, I announce that the 15 Panchayats in the State having the best female birth rate relative to male birth rate would be given ₹ 10 lakh additional development grant under "Panchayat Balika Gaurav Puruskar".</p> <p>I also propose that appropriate reservation will be given to such girls in recruitment of Nurses, Lady constables and Female Health Workers and Anganwari Workers, whose parents have adopted terminal family planning method after the birth of first or second girl child only.</p>
	126.	<p>Speaker Sir, My Government has taken several policy decisions for improving the condition of women and children to ensure a healthy State. State Government has hiked assistance of scholarships to girl child students by 50 percent, from 1st to 10+2 standard students under 'Beti Hai Anmol' scheme from July</p>

		<p>2015. Further, Foster care assistance has been increased from ₹ 500 per child per month to ₹ 2,300 per month. Our Government has also doubled financial assistance from ₹ 2,500 to ₹ 5,000 per annum under the scheme of self employment of women.</p>
	127.	<p>The marriage grant under 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Daan Yojna' is given only if the boy is from Himachal Pradesh. Now I propose that the marriage grant will be given even if the girl from Himachal Pradesh is marrying a boy from outside the state. I am also happy to announce that marriage grant under this scheme will be enhanced from ₹ 25 thousand to ₹ 40 thousand.</p> <p>At present bonds are taken under various welfare schemes like remarriage, follow-up, housing subsidy etc. in the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. In future, simple undertaking will be taken from the beneficiary and the present system of taking bond will be discontinued.</p> <p>I feel that it is very important that the residential house should be in the name of woman. I therefore, propose that stamp duty for registration of any house in the name of female will be only three percent compared to six percent being charged in case of men.</p>
	128.	<p>A marriage grant of ₹ 25 thousand is being given to the women inmates of the Nari Seva Sadans at the time of their marriage. I propose to increase marriage grant for</p>

		<p>them to 51 thousand.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 404 crore for Women and Child Development Department in 2016-17.</p>
SC/OBC & Minorities Affairs	129.	<p>Speaker Sir, My Government is committed to uplift the under privileged and weaker sections of the society. The Government has taken several policy decisions for the socio-economic development of these sections of the society, especially the Senior Citizens, Disabled, Widows, SCs, STs, OBCs and Minorities. I am happy to announce that Himachal Pradesh State Commission for Scheduled Castes will be constituted soon.</p> <p>The Safai Karmcharis and persons working on sewerage treatment plants are most vulnerable section of the society. I announce that life insurance cover would be provided to such workers.</p>
	130.	<p>I announce introduction of Aadhar based Postal Accounts System for disbursement of Social Security Pension. This will be introduced on pilot basis in two Districts, Kullu and Mandi with an intention to bring transparency and efficiency in delivery mechanism. Pensioners would continue to receive the pension at their door step.</p>
	131.	<p>I propose to implement the Persons With Disabilities Act, 1995 in its true spirit by introducing a comprehensive scheme including those who are mentally challenged. The scheme would be life-cycle</p>

		<p>based, starting from early detection of disability, provision of required aids and appliances, appropriate vocational training as well as other actions for provision of livelihood. The scheme would involve dovetailing of existing multifarious interventions and additional support as needed. I propose a budget outlay of ₹ 5 crore for this purpose.</p> <p>I propose the creation of a residential institution in Shimla for 50 mentally challenged children which will be run in partnership with experienced NGOs.</p> <p>In order to cater for the need of Visually Impaired, Hearing Impaired and Orthopedically Handicapped children and to ensure their enrolment in Special ITI at Sundernagar, special hostel for 150 such girls of ₹ 10 crore would be made operational in 2016-17. I also propose to construct a similar hostel for 50 such boys for ₹ 4.50 crore.</p>
	132.	<p>In our manifesto we had promised to raise social security pension to ₹ 600 in five years but we have fulfilled this promise in three years by raising the Social Security Pension from ₹ 450 to ₹ 600 per month. I announce to increase it further to ₹ 650 per month in 2016-17. Our Government has sanctioned 57 thousand Social Security Pension cases during last three years. An additional 24 thousand eligible pending pension cases will be sanctioned from 1st April, 2016, raising the total to 3.63 lakh social security pensioners in the</p>

		State.
	133.	<p>My Government has increased the pension to persons with 70 percent disability and persons aged above 80 years not getting any other pension to ₹ 1,100 per month without any income limit. I propose to increase their pension to ₹ 1,200 per month.</p> <p>The young widows with kids are the most disadvantaged. I therefore, announce that young widows of less than 45 years of age having child/children will be given a monthly pension of ₹ 1,200 per month from the present level of ₹ 600. I propose a budget provision of ₹ 368 Crore for Social Security Pension in 2016-17.</p> <p>May I say here;</p> <p>“समय की धारा में सब बह जाया करते हैं, लेकिन कुछ लोग होते हैं जो इतिहास बनाया करते हैं।”</p> <p>I propose ₹ 457 crore for the SCs, OBCs & Minority Affairs Department in 2016-17.</p>
Tribal Development	134.	<p>All round development of tribal areas and welfare of the Tribal people has always been the top priority of my Government. I therefore propose an outlay of ₹ 468 crore for the Tribal Sub-Plan in 2016-17. The total budget allocation for Tribal Areas is proposed to be ₹ 1,307 Crore including the Non-Plan.</p>

<p>Welfare of Ex-Servicemen & Freedom Fighters</p>	<p>135.</p>	<p>Speaker Sir, Himachal is known for bravery of our soldiers. My Government is committed to the welfare of Ex-servicemen, Freedom Fighters and Serving Soldiers. Our Government is providing 15 percent reservation to Ex-Servicemen and two percent reservation to wards of Freedom Fighters in Government Services. I announce to raise the one time lump-sum grant to the recipients of Param Vir Chakra and Ashok Chakra from ₹ 25 lakh to ₹ 30 lakh and annuity from ₹ 1.25 lakh to ₹ 3 lakh and for the recipient of Mahavir Chakra from ₹ 15 lakh to ₹ 20 lakh an annuity from ₹ 1 lakh to 2 lakh.</p> <p>I propose a budget outlay of ₹ 5 crore for War Memorial Museum at Dharamsala for 2016-17.</p> <p>“आओ झुककर सलाम करें उनको, जिनके हिस्से में ये मुकाम आता है। खुशनसीब होते हैं वे लोग, जिनका लहु इस देश के काम आता है।।”</p>
<p>Home/ Law & Order.</p>	<p>136.</p>	<p>General Law & Order situation has remained peaceful during 2015-16. Our focus areas would be to maintain peace especially in border districts; to address the drug trafficking problem and addiction to narcotics & psychotropic drugs, reduce traffic accidents and related deaths and address crime against women promptly.</p>
	<p>137.</p>	<p>Speaker Sir, Women Police Stations have been established in the State in Shimla, Dharamshala and Mandi which have provided succour to women. Two</p>

		<p>more Women Police Stations at Baddi and Kullu have also been approved which will be made functional shortly. To empower girls and instil confidence in them while dealing with eve-teasers and other anti social elements, 90 thousand girl students of schools and colleges have been imparted training under “Samarth Scheme”.</p>
	138.	<p>Himachal Pradesh is among the first state to implement the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) in all Police Stations. A central Cyber Police station along with Cyber Labs at the Range Level are being established to police the cyber space and address the ever increasing spectrum of cyber crimes.</p> <p>State has become the first State in the country to have a mobile tablet based Road Accident Data Management System (RADMS). This system helps in scientific analysis of road accidents and measures to improve road safety in the State.</p> <p>I propose an initial outlay of ₹ 2 crore for road safety fund to the police directly.</p> <p>I also propose to provide ₹ 30 Crore for Police Housing in 2016-17. Further, ₹ 10 crore is proposed for construction/renovation of Police Stations.</p>
	139.	<p>I propose to establish Fire Posts at Jaishighpur in District Kangra Churah and Kharamukh in District Chamba, Tahliwal in District Una, Arki in District Solan</p>

		and Chopal and Kumarsain in District Shimla.
	140.	<p>Home Guards Volunteers provide valuable services in times of need and emergencies. Presently the honorarium is ₹ 280 per day. I announce to revise it to ₹ 350 per day.</p> <p>I propose a total budget outlay of ₹ 1,036 crore for the Department of Home i.e. Police, Home Guards, Fire Services and Prisons.</p>
	141.	I am happy to announce that a National Law University would be set up near Shimla. This will function on self sustaining basis. The State Government will provide initial Capital Grant to make it functional.
Treasuries	142.	It is endeavour of our government to ensure efficient and transparent governance. I propose to launch a new application software which will enable online processing and submission of bills by all DDOs to treasuries, this will make government transactions cash-less and paperless. I am also pleased to inform that Integrated Financial Management Project of ₹ 240 crore is going to be funded by the World Bank. Under this project Treasuries will be modernized, Schemes/ Works Management Information System will be introduced in the Departments of PWD, IPH, and Department of Excise and Taxation will be made GST ready.
Social Security for Unorganized Sectors	143.	My Government, in the last budget had announced a Co-Contribution of ₹ 1,000 per annum to all ' Atal Pension Yojana ' Subscribers. The Government is keen

		<p>that farmers, MGNREGA Workers, farm Labourers etc. are covered by a Social Security Scheme . Therefore, the State Government Co-Contribution for the Yojana will continue for next two years. I propose ₹ 10 Crore for this purpose in 2016-17.</p>
<p>Employees' Welfare Pensioners' Welfare.</p>	<p>144.</p>	<p>Speaker Sir, employees are a very important instrument of Governance.</p> <p>We will fill up more than 13 thousand functional posts namely; Assistant Professors(Colleges) 400, P.G.T(IP) 610, Additional posts of PGT(IP) will be created as per requirement. PGTs 500, TGTs 1700, C&V(i.e. OT, LT, DM, PET) 1,500, JBT 700, Patwari Candidates 1120, Doctors 250, Nurses 400, paramedics 650, Female Health Workers 200, Ayurvedic Doctors 100, Veterinary Doctors 40, Veterinary Pharmacists 100, Assistant Engineers 50, Junior Engineers 250, Pump Operators 302, Fitters 352, Junior Draftsman 140, Surveyors 140, Police Constables 1,500 including 300 lady Constables, Range Forest Officers, 50, Forest Guards 400, Junior Office Assistants(IT) 800, Coaches 50, Firemen 70, Driver-cum-Pump Operators 35, Ayurvedic Pharmacists 150, and 800 other posts in various departments.</p> <p>I am happy to announce that all contract employees who will complete five years of service as on 31st March, 2016 will be regularized. I am also pleased to announce that Contract Employees completing 5 years service as on 30th September, 2016 will also be</p>

regularized in due course. The contract employees are given emoluments based on minimum of the pay band plus grade pay. I am happy to announce that their emoluments will be enhanced by 50 percent of the grade pay in addition to what they are already getting.

The daily wage has been increased from ₹ 150 to ₹ 180 during the tenure of our Government. I am happy to announce that Daily Wage will be further increased to ₹ 200 in 2016-17 fulfilling our promise in the election manifesto. Further, I announce that all Daily Wagers, who complete seven years of service as on 31st March, 2016, will be regularized. Further, the Daily Wager completing 7 years service as on 30th September, 2016 will also be regularized in due course. I am also happy to announce that the Part-Time Workers, on completion of eight years of service as on 31st March, 2016 will be made Daily Wagers. Further, the Part-time Workers completing 8 years service as on 30th September, 2016 will also be made Daily Wage workers in due course. I announce that the honorarium of Part-Time Water Carriers will be enhanced from ₹ 1,700 per month to ₹ 1,900 per month. The Grant-in-aid for Water Guards will be increased from ₹ 1,350 to ₹ 1,500 per month. The honorarium of Tailoring Teachers will be increased from ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 2,300 per month. I also propose to increase the Grant-in-aid for Panchayat Chawkidars from ₹ 1,850 to ₹ 2,050 per month. The

		<p>remuneration of the outsourced manpower will also be enhanced suitably. Further, in future State Government will not take manpower on outsource basis.</p> <p>The State Government recognizes the need for adequate residential accommodation for Government Employees. Existing houses also need maintenance. I propose to provide ₹ 35 crore for construction of new residences for the Government employees especially Class-III and IV. I also propose to provide ₹ 20 crore budget for repair of Government residences. I propose an outlay of ₹ 10 crore for construction of Teshils/Sub-Teshils and Revenue Housing.</p>
	145.	<p>Despite financial constraints, we have been extending due benefits to our employees from time to time. My Government has always been sympathetic to employees and pensioners. I am happy to announce that 6 percent Dearness Allowance will be released to the regular employees with effect from 1st July, 2015. The DA will be paid with the salary of April. The increased DA will also be given to the pensioners of Himachal Pradesh Government. The Additional benefit of 6 percent DA to State Government Employees and to the Pensioners will be to the tune of ₹ 360 crore per annum.</p> <p>Speaker Sir, I am also happy to grant Interim Relief to</p>

		<p>the regular State Government Employees and Pensioners 5 percent on basic pay from 1st August, 2016. The additional benefit will be of ₹ 300 crore per annum. This Interim Relief will be absorbed in future pay/pension revision to be allowed by the State Government. I am sure that these decisions will bring smile on the faces of lakhs of employees and pensioners.</p>
Budget Estimates.	146.	<p>Speaker Sir, now I come to the Macro Budget Estimates for 2016-17 and Revised Estimates for 2015-16. As per the Revised Estimates for 2015-16, the Revenue Deficit will be 0.22 per cent and Fiscal Deficit will be 3.40 per cent of GSDP. In 2016-17, the Revenue Deficit will be 0.37 percent and Fiscal Deficit will be 3.17 percent of GSDP. As required by the FRBM Act, I am separately presenting the Medium Term Fiscal Plan of the State Government for the period-2016-17 to 2019-20. The full details of the next year's budget are available in the comprehensive budget documents being tabled in this August House.</p>
	147.	<p>The Total Budget Expenditure estimated for 2016-17 is ₹ 32,593 Crore, out of which Estimated Expenditure on Salaries is ₹ 9,445 Crore, on Pensions it would be ₹ 4,200 Crore, Estimated Interest Payments would be ₹ 3,400 Crore, and Loan Repayments are expected to be ₹ 2,229 Crore apart from ₹ 428 Crore on other Loans and ₹ 2,216 Crore on Maintenance.</p>

	148.	As per Budget Estimates for 2016-17, the Total Revenue Receipts are estimated at ₹ 26,270 Crore and the Total Revenue Expenditure is estimated to be ₹ 26,746 Crore with a Revenue Deficit of ₹ 476 Crore. The Expected Receipts in Capital Account of the Government are ₹ 5,102 Crore apart from ₹ 1,000 Crore in Public Account including Provident Fund, etc. Capital Expenditure including Loan Repayments is Budget estimated to be ₹ 5,847 Crore. The fiscal deficit for 2016-17 is likely to be ₹ 4,076 Crore.
	149.	Thus, as per the Budget Estimates, against an expenditure of every 100 rupees, the State will have ₹ 80.60, as the Total Receipts including Transfers from the Central Government excluding Loans. The gap of ₹ 19.40 will be met by borrowings. Out of every 100 rupees of State revenue receipts, ₹ 28.43 will accrue from Own Tax Revenues, ₹ 6.35 from Non-Tax Revenues, ₹ 16.50 from Share in Central Taxes and ₹ 48.72 from Central Grants. Out of every 100 rupees spent, Salaries will account for ₹ 28.98, Pensions for ₹ 12.89, Interest Payments for ₹ 10.43, Loan Repayments for ₹ 6.84 and the remaining ₹ 40.86 will be spent on Developmental Works.
Highlights	150.	<p>Speaker Sir, I would like to summarise the main highlights of this budget :—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 101 online citizen centric services to be provided by the end of 2016-17. ❖ Targets set to achieve Sustainable Development

		<p>Goals by the year 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Amount of "Vidhayak Kshetriya Vikas Nidhi Yojna" increased to ₹ 1 crore and discretionary grant raised to 5 lakh.❖ ₹ 210 crore proposed for continuing State Food Subsidy Scheme.❖ Amendments in control orders under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 proposed.❖ New Scheme "Mukhya Mantri Khet Sanrakshan Yojna" to protect farms from wild animals etc. with an outlay of 25 crore.❖ ₹ 80 crore proposed for promotion of offseason vegetables.❖ ₹ 10 crore proposed for development of Market Yards.❖ ₹ 5 crore earmarked for "Uttam Chara Utpadan yojna".❖ Organic farming will be made more effective and sustainable.❖ ₹ 15 crore proposed for construction of Poly Houses.❖ ₹ 10 crore proposed for "Rajiv Gandhi Micro-Irrigation Scheme".❖ Water Storage Tanks, Flow Schemes and pipes included in 50 percent subsidy scheme under Irrigation .❖ ₹ 15 crore earmarked for Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme.
--	--	---

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ₹ 1,115 Crore Himachal Pradesh Horticulture Development Project to be implemented. ❖ ₹ 10 crore proposed for purchase of Power Sprayers, Power Tillers and other equipments for farmers. ❖ 40 percent additional subsidy to honey bees colonies. ❖ ₹ 12 crore proposed for importing good quality root stocks and new polliniser varieties. ❖ 9 lakh square meter area under anti- hail net and 2 lakh square meter will be brought under protected cultivation of high value Vegetables and flowers. ❖ ₹ 10 crore earmarked to improve artificial insemination and breed improvement activities. ❖ ₹ 4.25 crore proposed for development of Sheep and Goat. ❖ Milk procurement price to be enhanced by ₹ 1 per litre. H.P. MILK FED to be provided Grant-in-aid of ₹ 16 crore. ❖ 60 percent subsidy to set up Milk Processing and Chilling Units for Dairy Cooperative Societies. ❖ ₹ 226 crore project proposed to rejuvenate the habitats of wild animals. ODF status of whole Himachal proposed by March, 2017. ❖ New Scheme "Panchayat Pashu Dhan Puraskar Yojna" under which ₹ 5 lakh award will be given to 2 best Panchayats, where owners
--	--	---

		<p>do not abandon their cattle in each Development Block, with an outlay of ₹ 7.80 crore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ New Scheme- "Mukhya Mantri Awas Yojna" to provide housing subsidy of 75 thousand to each house for BPL families of general categories with an outlay of ₹ 25 crore.❖ ₹ 97 crore earmarked for Rural Housing Schemes.❖ ₹ 130 crore to be released to three tiers of PRIs.❖ ₹ 306 crore to be released to Panchayats under 14th Finance Commission.❖ ₹ 11.14 crore to be released to Panchayats elected unopposed.❖ ₹ 3 crore for training to elected representatives of PRIs.❖ Enhancement of Honorarium of Representatives of PRIs and ULBs.❖ ₹ 10 crore for construction of Alternate Roads in Shimla Town.❖ ₹ 10 crore for construction of Parking for ULBs and ₹ 10 crore for Children Parks. Special grant of 4.50 crore for Shimla M.C.❖ Death caused by electrocution and injuries caused by dog bites, stray and domestic animals covered in Relief Manual.❖ New Scheme "Lal Bahadur Shastri Kamgar evam Shahri Ajeevika Yojna" (LAKSHYA) launched in all merged wards of Municipal Corporation and newly created Nagar Panchayats
--	--	--

		<p>to provide basic civic amenities and livelihood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ₹ 248 crore proposed for Disaster Management. ❖ ₹ 338 crore for Minor Irrigation schemes covering 18 thousand hectare to be funded under PMKSY. ❖ ₹ 35 crore for installation of Hand Pumps. ❖ ₹ 245 crore earmarked for Minor irrigation schemes. ❖ ₹ 60 crore allocated to accelerate the completion of Nadaun and Phina Singh Irrigation Projects. ❖ ₹ 65 crore for Command Area Development works. ❖ ₹ 425 crore earmarked for IPH Department to meet energy charges of water supply and irrigation schemes. ❖ Capacity addition of 265 MW Hydro power in State Sector in 2016-17. ❖ 2.5 MW Solar Hybrid Project to be constructed in Kaza. ❖ ₹ 410 crore provided to HPSEBL for subsidising electricity to Domestic and Agriculture Consumers. ❖ "Himachal Bureau of Investment" to ensure speedy clearances to new investments for employment generation. ❖ ₹ 10 crore provided to "State Mission on Food Processing." ❖ New Scheme "Chief Minister Start Up/ New Industries Scheme" launched. It includes 4 percent Interest subvention upto a loan of ₹ 10
--	--	---

		<p>lakh. Purchase preference to such industries. Stamp duty at the rate of three percent. No inspection of new industries for three years without permission of Head of the Department. Provisional registration within 15 days etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Consent fees for green and orange industries to be reduced. District Employment Exchanges to be converted into Model Career Guidance Centres. ❖ Exemption of VAT, Registration Fee and Token Tax for Electric vehicles for five years. ❖ ₹ 10 crore for construction of New Bus Stands. ❖ ₹ 250 crore provided as grant and equity to HRTC. ❖ ₹ 8 crore seed money to establish 4 Transport Nagars in PPP mode. ❖ ₹ 50 crore for installation of Steel Crash Barriers. ❖ New Scheme- "Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojna." launched to provide last mile connectivity to villages/habitations with an outlay of "₹ 50 crore. ❖ Himachal Pradesh Road Project 2nd Phase worth ₹ 3,200 crore approved. ❖ All dealers covered under Group Accidental Insurance scheme and insurance cover enhanced to ₹ 3 lakh. ❖ Solar Cooker and Solar lanterns will be exempted from VAT. ❖ VAT on LED lights reduced from 13.5 to 5 percent. ❖ Small Traders with turnover upto ₹ 30 lakh
--	--	--

		<p>covered under lump-sum tax payment scheme at the rate of 1 percent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Dealers up to turnover of ₹ 1.50 crore covered under Deemed Assessment Scheme.❖ Entry Tax for existing Industry and new industry reduced from 2 percent to 1 percent and 1 percent to half percent respectively.❖ Entertainment duty on Ropeways and existing cinema halls reduced to 10 percent.❖ No entertainment duty on new cinema halls for five years.❖ Meritorious Students of 10th and 12th class to be given 10 thousand Net books under "Rajiv Gandhi Digital Yojna."❖ New Scheme "Mukhya Mantri Shikshak Samman Yojna" under which one year extension in service to teachers who consistently give 100 percent results in Board Examinations for a period of five years in the subjects to be notified by the Education Department.❖ New Scheme- "Mukhya Mantri Adarsh Vidyalaya Yojna" launched to provide State of Art Infrastructural and Teaching facilities in Two Senior Secondary Schools in each Constituency with an outlay of ₹ 30 crore.❖ New Scheme -"Mukhya Mantri Gyandeep Yojna" launched to provide interest subvention of 4 percent to all Himachali Students availing
--	--	--

		<p>education loan upto ₹ 10 lakh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ New Scheme -"Mukhya Mantri Vardi yojna" launched to provide uniform to students of +1 and +2 classes. ❖ All the vacant posts of DPE/PET and Drawing Master in Senior Secondary School/High Schools. ❖ The honorarium of Gram Vidya Upasaks(EGS) doubled. ❖ Primary Assistant Teachers will be regularized on completion training as per NCTE norms. ❖ Public Libraries will be strengthened in the State. ❖ ₹ 100 crore for Skill Development Allowance. ❖ B.Voc. courses in ten Colleges. ❖ Grant-in-aid for District, State and National level fairs enhanced. ❖ ₹ 1 crore earmarked for State Youth Board. ❖ ₹ 15 crore for Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Complexes at District Headquarters. ❖ Grant -in-aid to Sports Associations and Medal winners enhanced. ❖ ₹ 1 crore for construction of Press Clubs. ❖ The prize money of Award for Developmental Journalism enhanced. ❖ New Scheme -"Himachal Pradesh Patrakar Kalyan Yojna" launched for welfare of serving and retired accredited Journalists. ❖ New Scheme -"Himachal Universal Health Protection Scheme." launched to provide
--	--	---

		<p>Universal Health Care to the people of Himachal Pradesh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ New Scheme "Panchayat Balika Gaurav Puruskar" of ₹ 10 lakh each announced to 15 Panchayats where there will be best female birth rate relative to male birth rate.❖ ₹ 1 Crore for Intramural Research Fund.❖ Marriage grant under "Mukhya Manrti Kanya Daan Yojna" increased from ₹ 25 thousand to ₹ 40 thousand.❖ Stamp duty for registration of house in the name of women to be reduced to three percent.❖ Marriage grant of residents of "Nari Seva Sadans" increased from ₹ 25 thousand to ₹ 51 thousand.❖ Cash grant raised from ₹ 10 thousand to ₹ 1 lakh to any person providing credible information about illegal female foeticide.❖ Life Insurance cover for Safai Karamcharis and persons working in Sewerage Treatment Plants.❖ Social Security Pension increased from ₹ 600 to ₹ 650 per month.❖ Residential institution for 50 Mentally Challenged Children proposed in Shimla.❖ Special hostel having capacity of 150 girls to be made operational at Sundernagar.❖ Pension to persons with 70 percent disability and persons aged above 80 years increased from
--	--	---

		<p>₹ 1,100 to ₹ 1,200 per month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ New Scheme of Monthly pension of young widows with less than forty five years of age with child/children to be enhanced from ₹ 600 to ₹ 1,200 per month.❖ The lump-sum grant and annuity to recipients of Paramvir Chakra, Ashok Chakra and Mahavir Chakra to be enhanced.❖ ₹ 5 crore provided for War Memorial Museum at Dharamsala.❖ Seven Fire Posts to be opened.❖ Remuneration to Home Guards enhanced from ₹ 280 to ₹ 350 per day.❖ National Law University to be opened near Shimla.❖ ₹ 10 crore for Government contribution to Social Security of unorganized sectors.❖ More than 13 thousand functional posts in different departments will be filled up.❖ 6 per cent Dearness Allowance & Dearness Relief to the State Government Employees/Pensioners to be released.❖ 5 percent Interim Relief to the regular State Government Employees and Pensioners.❖ Contract employees completing five years service as on 31 March and 30th September, 2016 to be regularized.❖ Enhancement of emoluments of Contract Employees by 50 percent of grade pay.
--	--	--

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Daily Wage increased from ₹ 180 to ₹ 200. ❖ Daily Wagers completing seven years of service as on 31st March and 30th September, 2016 will also be regularized. ❖ Part-Time workers completing 8 years of service as on 31st March, and 30th September, 2016 will be made daily wagers. ❖ Enhancement in honorarium of Part-time Water Carriers from ₹ 1,700 to ₹ 1,900. ❖ Enhancement of Grant-in-aid to Water Guards from ₹ 1,350 to ₹ 1,500. ❖ Enhancement of honorarium of Tailoring Teachers from ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 2,300. ❖ Grant-in-aid for Panchayat Chawkidars raised from 1,850 to 2,050 per month. ❖ ₹ 35 crore for construction of New Government Residential Buildings. ❖ ₹ 20 crore for Repair of Government Residential Houses. ❖ ₹ 30 crore for Police Housing. ❖ ₹ 10 crore for construction of Teshils/Sub-Teshils and Revenue Housing. ❖ The budget for 2016-17 proposed for ₹ 32,593 crore.
Conclusion.	151.	<p>Speaker Sir, I am confident that the Budget 2016-17 will accelerate the process of building the State on sound lines and pave way for taking rapid strides in the years to come. All my budgets have been pro-poor. Our</p>

priority is inclusive growth with focus on vulnerable sections of the society. Hon'ble members will appreciate that through this Budget our Government has reconfirmed its commitment to growth with equity.

I have briefly touched upon the major developmental initiatives proposed in 2016-17. The complete details of all these schemes are mentioned in the budget documents presented in this August House.

I am sure the members of this August House will be convinced about the stellar performance of my Government on all development fronts which have been achieved despite the overall financial constraints. This budget is a continuation of our Government's effort to provide a vibrant future. This is also a token of gratitude to the people of Himachal Pradesh for having given us the opportunity of serving. With the following lines, Speaker Sir, I commend the present budget to this August House:-

“कुछ तुम बदल के देखो कुछ हम बदल के देखें,
जैसे भी हो दिलों के मौसम बदल के देखें।
ये आईने भला क्या बदलेंगे अपनी सूरत,
आओ कि अपनी सूरत खुद हम बदल के देखें।।”

Jai Hind

Jai Himachal.

