

KARNATAKA BUDGET 2015-16

Presented by: Shri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister
13th March 2015

Hon'ble Speaker,

1) I present the budget for the year 2015-16.

2) Even in the midst of changed political events in the country there is no change in actions, words and priorities of our Government which is committed to the principles of social justice, secularism and communal harmony. I would like to assure this Hon'ble House once again that our Government will take forward the State on the path of progress by giving more stress on harmony and co-ordination keeping in view the safety and progress of the people of the State.

3) This is the third budget being presented by our Government. We had announced various new schemes in the first budget. All these schemes are bearing fruits now. Based on their success, in the second budget we implemented the schemes more effectively. In the present budget, by strengthening and expanding these successful schemes further, we have taken action to make the schemes more sustainable.

4) As the Hon'ble members are aware, inclusive growth is the objective of our Government. Safety of all communities - our commitment; social justice- our motto; welfare of farmers – our concern; rural development-our priority; reforms in infrastructure of urban area- our priority; conserving and promoting Kannada land and language – our responsibility; transparency and adoption of technology in Governance - our way of functioning.

5) Principle of social justice is the very foundation of our Government. The fabric of social justice is the very basis for formulation of economic, social and educational development schemes in the State. Our first priority is to safeguard the Schedule Caste/Tribe, Backward, weaker sections, minorities, farmers and women. Our commitment to this objective was proved the very moment we came to power. 'Annabhagya' Scheme, which we announced the very day we assumed office, has the objective of hunger free Karnataka. 'Runamuktha' Scheme has made the beneficiaries belonging to schedule caste/tribes and Backward classes and minority communities debt free. Through 'Vasathi Bhagya' scheme the dream of weaker sections to build their house has come true. 'Ksheeradhare' scheme has given encouragement to co-operative milk producers.

6) Prosperity of Scheduled Castes/Tribes is our prime objective. We have implemented the Karnataka Scheduled Castes Sub-plan and Tribal sub-plan Act, 2013 to allocate plan expenditure according to the population of these communities and to facilitate it to be spent fully. I have incorporated many more programmes for the development of these communities in this budget.

7) Many schemes that our Government has implemented with commitment for the development of various communities, have reached the target communities today and brought peace and happiness to them. 'Krishi Bhagya' scheme formulated by focussing on rain based farming has sprung up new vigour in dry land farmers. e-auction system implemented in the APMCs has earned national recognition, provided better price to agricultural produce and happiness to farmers. 'Vidyasiri', the scheme to pay for food and accommodation to backward classes students has succeeded beyond expectations and has brought cheer among students. 'Rajiv Arogya Bhagya' a scheme formulated and implemented by our Government for the first time in the country applicable to even to the families above poverty line has provided, health security for all.

8) The 15 Point programme formulated by our Government for rural development is commended at the national level and our State has stood first in the country in construction of toilets. Karnataka has won accolades at the National Level for the unique achievement in the Energy sector. Through 'Karnataka Mobile One', our Government has implemented people friendly concept called 'Governance in your Palm' and thousands of services have reached the finger tips of the citizens. This has drawn the attention of the Nation.

9) Our Government being committed to industrial growth, has implemented a new people-friendly industrial policy. Necessary amendments have been made to the Revenue Acts to facilitate easy procurement of land for the industry. Special incentives have been granted to encourage establishment of industries in backward regions.

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10) Ours is a Government that practices as promised. We had promised to provide

Rs.10,000 Crore for irrigation sector every year and we have fulfilled our promise. We have lived up to our word by constructing more than 3 lakh houses every year. We have improved the nutrition of school children through 'Ksheera Bhagya' scheme. We have waived loan dues of Ashraya housing scheme beneficiaries outstanding for several years and made all of them debt free.

11) Government is well prepared to conduct social and educational door-to-door survey of all families from 11th April to 30th April to ascertain social and education condition of everyone in the state. Based on the results obtained from this survey, suitable schemes for backward classes will be formulated.

State's Economy

12) The Gross State Domestic Product in the year 2014-15 grew at the rate of 7% as against the rate of 5% during 2013-14. This was possible to some extent by the partial recovery in the National Economy, particularly in the industrial and services sector. The service sector is growing at 8.9% while the industrial sector is expected to register of growth of 4.4% during the current year. Our Government continues to strongly support the agriculture sector. Despite the drought in many taluks of the State, the agriculture sector is estimated to grow by 4.5% during this year.

I would like to assure you that my Government will make all efforts to ensure higher growth in all sectors in the coming year. A lot will also depend on the policy environment of the Central Government relating to investment climate, ease of doing business and controlling fiscal deficit.

State's Financial Position

Plan performance in 2014-15:

13) The State's plan size for 2014-15 was fixed at Rs.65600 crore. This included support of Rs.57687 crore from State Budgetary sources and Rs.7913 crore as resources of the Public Sector Enterprises. As against this, as per the Revised Estimates the plan expenditure for the year 2014-15 is expected to be Rs. 65,904 crore.

14th Finance Commission and Central Sector Schemes:

14) As you are all aware the 14th Finance Commission has recommended an increase in the share of the Central devolution to the States from 32% to 42%. State Government has made continued effort and a strong pitch for an increase in the share of the States and also an increase for Karnataka within the divisible pool. In the past, the share of Karnataka was reduced by every successive

Finance Commission. Thanks to the convincing efforts of our State, for the first time, we have seen an increase by the 14th Finance Commission and our share has gone up from 4.33% to 4.822% in service tax and 4.713% in other taxes. The Central Government gave the impression to one and all that the States would be getting a huge financial largesse because of increase in divisible pool. However, our happiness was short lived. The Central budget revealed that while giving more through the Central devolution, they have equally reduced their support to the Central Sector Schemes. While certain Central schemes like JnNURM and Backward Regions Grant Fund have been dropped completely, for many other schemes the Central share has been drastically reduced. What is very disturbing is that even in very important sectors including Drinking Water Supply (NRDWP), Agriculture (RKVY), Nutrition and Child Development (Mid Day Meal and ICDS) etc., major cuts have been made. They have not even spared the much publicised Swachh Bharat programme. We are spending Rs.16245 crores for CSS Schemes. We should have got Rs.11721 crores of central grants for the same but we may get only Rs.7031 crores forcing us to fund gap of Rs.4690 crores from State funds. The net effect is that what has been given by the Central Government on the one hand has been

taken away by the other hand. The State has to now increase its share in most of the Central Sector Schemes thereby negating the benefit of higher devolution. Despite this, we have tried our best to compensate for this loss and to protect the scheme allocations.

15) Another recommendation of the 14th Finance Commission which has adversely affected us is their insistence on relying on the methodology of Central Statistical Organization for estimation of the GSDP of the State. This methodology has grossly undervalued the contribution of IT Sector in Karnataka. The Gross Value Added (GVA) of IT Sector in Karnataka has been assumed by the CSO at only 15% to 16% while the State's share of software exports is around 33 to 35%. This has led to under estimation of State's GSDP figure. Since borrowing capacity of the State is measured as a proportion of GSDP, the borrowing capacity has come down substantially on account of this revised methodology.

16) Overall, the net loss estimated to the State during this year, due to the increase in the Central Devolution on the one hand and reduction of Centre's support to CSS, severe reduction in the quantum of grants to state's specific schemes by Finance Commission and on account of the methodology in

arriving at the GSDP on the other hand is Rs.1,987 crores to our State.

Annual Plan 2015-16

17) I am happy to announce that the Annual Plan for 2015-16 has been fixed at Rs.72,597 Crore. It comprises of State Budgetary Resources of Rs.67,882 crore and Rs.8,645 crore from the resources of Public Sector Enterprises. This Plan Size is an increase of 10.67 percent over the Plan Size of Rs.65,600 crore for 2014-15.

Agriculture

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18) Achievements of 2014-15:

- As per the preliminary estimates, food grain production during 2014-15 is likely to be 130 lakh tones, despite drought situation and crop loss due to excess rainfall in some parts of the State.
- In the oil seeds category, the State has achieved highest production (11.62 lakh ton) and productivity (867 kg/hectare) and has received commendation at the national level.

- Department has distributed 6.5 lakh quintals of quality seeds and 22 lakh metric tons of fertilizer.
- 183 farm machinery & Equipment Hiring Service Centers have been established at hobli level.
- Bhoochetana programme has been implemented in 72 lakh hectares covering 40 lakh farmers.
- Launching of Krishi Bhagya scheme to support rain dependent farmers in 5 major dry agro climatic zones, covering 129 talukas of 25 districts of the State at an expenditure of 500 crore.
- Launching of Soil Health Mission on PPP basis.
- Establishment of the Karnataka Agriculture Price Commission to recommend appropriate support price on a scientific basis for agriculture and horticultural crops.
- To promote organic farming at hobli level, the Savayava Bhagya Yojane has been introduced in 566 hoblis and an area of 63677 hectare is being covered.

- A programme of agricultural extension service for agriculture and allied departments through private institutions / NGOs / agencies has been launched in four districts viz., Tumakuru, Chikkamagaluru, Vijayapura and Raichur.
- Management of agriculture inputs like seeds, micronutrients, bio-fertilizer, plant protection chemicals, etc., has been taken-up at hobli level in eight Raitha Samparka Kendras (RSKs) of Belagavi and Kalaburagi Districts.
- For crop insurance, the Gram Panchayat has been considered as the basic unit instead of hobli for all major crops. In addition, horticulture crops have been taken under weather based crop insurance scheme with farmer-friendly insurance packages/model.

New schemes for the year 2015-16

19) With Karnataka's geographical area spanning across ten agro-climatic zones, the state offers great potential as well as complex challenges in the agricultural sector. A 'Vision Group' for the agriculture, horticulture and food processing sectors, chaired by an eminent expert, will be setup to develop an overall vision for the agriculture sector in Karnataka.

20) Each drop of water is valuable. For efficient use of water and for preserving micro nutrients in the soil, a “Micro Irrigation Policy 2015-16” is going to be formulated.

21) Drawing upon the expertise of National and International institutes such as ICRISAT, ICARDA and CIMMYT, it is proposed to establish a Centre for Excellence. The focus of this Centre will be imparting training on improved cropping systems, integrated farming systems for dry land agriculture, moisture conservation and monitoring through sensor-based water management systems.

22) It is proposed to launch a “Krishi Abhiyaana” to interact with farmers and resolve issues pertaining to their cropping plans for the season, at the onset of monsoon and kharif seasons, during which all the staff of the Agriculture and allied departments, will go to the hoblis, along with the agriculture university scientists on pre-specified days.

23) To provide convenient access to farmers and to promote a coordinated and integrated approach, it is proposed that the agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and sericulture departmental staff will work together under one roof in Raitha Samparka Kendras at the hobli level.

24) This year, as part of '**Krishi Bhagya**' programme, a special package is proposed for 23 taluks in 7 districts that have been successively affected by drought for four years. This package includes drip/sprinkler irrigation along with fertigation and polyhouses and will offer the way forward for these areas that have been critically affected by drought in recent years.

25) To strengthen and consolidate the gains made through Savayava Bhagya in 566 hoblis covering an area 63677 hectare in the previous year, it is proposed to take up the certification process, establishing a federation and developing marketing linkages.

26) In 2015-16, it is proposed to set up 278 Service Centers for renting mechanical equipments to farmers.

27) 'Bhoo Samruddhi' currently operational in four districts, will be extended to four more districts.

28) 'Raitha Mitra' card and 'Soil Health' card will be distributed to each farmer by establishing K-KISAN electronic platform at RSK level. Soil nutritional support system for all farmers will be put in place. It is targeted to cover all farmers in next 3 years.

29) It is proposed to setup Digital Library and Decision Support System for scientific watershed management. Comprehensive information relating

to natural resources and data related to climatic variability, available here, will help in strengthening and sustainable development of local watershed organisations.

30) In 2015-16, through a collaboration of ICRISAT, IBAB and Agriculture Universities, it is proposed to initiate a research project on Genome Sequencing (non-GM) to bring out improved seed varieties in ragi, tur gram, jowar and kabul gram and for promotion of best suitable breeds.

31) New campus for the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga will be built.

32) In 2015-16, it is proposed to take up research and demonstration of productivity, profitability, sustainability and additional gains from alternate cropping systems in irrigated areas.

33) In 2015-16, it is proposed to double the area under the ragi and jowar special package to 40000 hectares. Further, we propose to give greater emphasis to Karnataka's indigenous and heritage nutri-milletts such as *same* (little millet), *navane* (foxtail millet), *araka* (kodo millet), *baragu* (barnyard millet), and obtain Geographical Indicator (GI) tags. A programme to build extensive awareness about the valuable nutritional benefits will be taken-up.

34) Pilot programmes have been taken up in Agricultural and allied departments for the provision of extension services through private agencies/NGOs in 4 districts. It is proposed to extend it to four more districts in 2015-16.

35) Two organic jaggery parks will be developed at Mandya and Mudhol on Public Private Partnership.

36) In 2015-16, a total provision of Rs.3,883 crore is made for the Department of Agriculture.

Horticulture

37) Achievements of 2014-15:

- Formation of 58 Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs) covering 58,000 farmers. Through these FPOs, progress was achieved in productivity and post-harvest maintenance, value-addition and developing market linkage.
- Subsidies were given to 3,200 horticulture farmers to build net-shade and poly houses in a total area of 2,600 acres under protected farming programme.
- Subsidy was given to install drip irrigation system in 1.68 lakh acre areas under drip irrigation scheme.

- Subsidy was given to 600 farmers to build pack houses.
- Extension of 1 lakh hectare area and increase of 5% in the present Horticultural crop area.
- 60 lakh saplings of various horticulture crops distributed.
- 10,000 farmers were given subsidy under mechanization programme by providing equipments.
- 15 lakh tissue culture banana saplings were produced and distributed.

New Schemes for 2015-16:

38) It is proposed to continue the process of organizing and strengthening farmers by affiliating them to FPOs in the current year.

- To support them, 90% subsidy will be given for procurement centres, cold storages, farm mechanization implements and processing units.
- Backward and Forward Linkages will be provided through PPP-IAD framework of Government of India.

- These organisations will act as Monitoring Organizations for activities within their jurisdiction. These organizations will be involved in selecting beneficiaries and training farmers.

39) FPOs will be strengthened by selecting beneficiaries on cluster basis under National Horticulture Mission.

40) Farmers will be given the services of higher value mechanization tools through providing Horticulture and Sericulture related equipments by strengthening Custom Hiring Centers.

41) Amendments will be made to Excise Act to permit members of coconut growers federation to harvest “Neera” in limited quantities from the coconut trees. It will help in increasing the income of the coconut growers significantly.

42) High priority will be given for the development and strengthening of HOPCOMS. Uniform bylaws will be framed and all transactions will be fully computerised.

43) Action plan will be implemented for accountability, transparency and identification in organic farming by involving Farmer Produce Organizations, Independent Professional Agencies and

State Government participation by giving more priority to Organic farming.

44) Horticulture college will be established in Devi Hosur village of Haveri taluk.

45) Glasshouses will be built in Kuppanna Garden, Mysuru, Shamanuru village of Davanagere district and in Ballari. A park will be developed in the premises of heritage Government Guest House of Mysuru.

46) Total provision of Rs.760 crore has been made for Horticulture sector during 2015-16.

Animal Husbandry

47) Achievements during 2014-15

- The department is successful in administering vaccination for foot and mouth disease to 96% livestock of the State during August, 2014 on the model of 'Pulse Polio'. No disease has been reported during the current year.
- Due to the enhancement of incentive for milk to Rs. 4/- per litre, there is an increase of milk procurement by 16% from 186.16 crore litres in 2013-14 to 222 crore litres in 2014-15.

- Recognition by Indian Council for Veterinary Sciences to Veterinary Colleges of Hassan and Shivamogga.
- Establishment of four new Regional Livestock Diagnostic Laboratories.
- Action to open 100 new Veterinary Hospitals and upgradation of 100 Primary Veterinary Centres.
- Disbursement of ex-gratia of Rs. 3.82 Crore at the rate of Rs.5000/- per farmer in cases of death of sheep and goats.
- Sanction of a separate milk producers' federation to Chamarajanagar District.

New schemes for 2015-16

48) Centralized Free Helpline facility will be set-up to provide veterinary services at the farmers' door-step by levying service charges. Mobile facility will be extended stage-by-stage through the levy of suitable users' fee.

49) By implementing a new scheme called 'Pashu Bhagya':

- Backended subsidy of 33% to farmers belonging to Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes and 25% to other small and marginal

farmers will be provided to establish cattle, sheep, goat, pig, poultry units in availing maximum loan of Rs.1.20 lakh from commercial banks.

- Short term loans upto Rs.50,000 at 0% interest will be provided through Co-operative Banks, on the lines of crop loan, for providing cattle feed/other maintenance expenditure.
- Subsidy will be provided to the members of Milk Producers' Co-operative Societies for payment of insurance premiums upto 5 cattle.
- The scheme of providing Rs.5,000/- ex-gratia under 'Kurigahi Suraksha Scheme' will be continued. A grant of Rs.5 crore will be provided for this programme.
- In order to facilitate purchase of various medicines for livestock according to the local requirements, the purchases made at the state level hitherto, will now be made at Zilla Panchayath level.

50) Backyard poultry farming will be encouraged through Karnataka Co-operative Poultry Federation.

51) To encourage sheep/goat rearing, grants to Karnataka Sheep and Wool Development Corporation

will be increased fourfold. Rs.25 crore will be provided for this.

52) Total grant of Rs.7 crore will be made for livestock welfare, development activities and for infrastructure/maintenance expenditure of 'Goshalas' in District/Taluks.

53) Ear-ring containing UID will be fitted to the cattle and tracking database of services provided to these cattle will be created with the assistance from Centre. Rs.10 crore will be provided for this.

54) Production of fodder in 'Gomala' and 'Kaval lands' will be encouraged. Action plan for Rs.10 crore will be formulated for conservation, legislation and development of Amruth Mahal Kaval Lands.

55) 750 new Milk Producers' Co-operative Societies in North Karnataka will be established in the next three years through a grant of Rs.16 crore.

56) Breed Development Policy and Rules/Regulations will be framed and implemented for cattle and sheep/goats.

57) Rs.15 crore will be given to provide 300 extension workers (MAITRI) in Milk Producers' Co-operative Societies with Central assistance.

58) Small and medium scale poultry units will be recognised as agriculture activity and legislation will be brought for the regulation of poultry zone.

59) 'Gokulagrama' will be established to conserve desi devani and malenada gidda breeds of cattle at the cost of Rs.10 crore.

60) Cattle fairs will be encouraged and farmers will be given prizes for best rearing of cattle under Central assistance programme.

61) Farmers will be provided sexed semen tubes at 50% subsidy under Central assistance programme.

62) Mobile Diagnostic Laboratories will be provided by setting-up Diagnostic Laboratories in all districts.

63) Bidar District will be developed as Milk Shed area and action will be taken to produce 8 lakh litres of milk a day over the next three years.

64) Separate procurement and marketing facility will be established for local breed cattle milk by giving premium product status.

65) Financial Incentive Scheme being provided now to Sheep and Wool Producers' Co-operative Societies in distress is continued and Rs.20 crore has been allocated in this year.

66) Total provision of Rs.1,882 crore is allocated to Animal Husbandry Department during 2015-16.

Sericulture

67) Achievements of 2014-15

- State stands first in silk production at 8,574 metric tons, which amounts to 44% of the national production.
- Record increase in production of 1,200 metric tons of bivoltine raw silk.
- Automated reeling machines installed at Haveri, Gokak and Athani.
- e-auction of cocoons launched.
- Drip irrigation adopted in sericulture for the first time.

New Schemes for 2015-16.

68) There is a need to popularize high yielding mulberry breeds such as Vishala, G2, Suvarna etc. It is proposed to give an incentive of 75% of Rs.14,000/- unit cost per acre.

69) It is proposed to organize 5 Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs), 2 in northern Karnataka and 3 in southern Karnataka, on pilot basis, to provide the following services:

- Establish linkage between Grainage owners, CRCs operators, farmers, silk reelers, traders and other stake holders and provide financial assistance.
- To provide facilities such as manure, disinfectants, DFLs, equipments, transport services and market intelligence.
- To encourage best practices in sericulture activities and silk reeling technologies.

70) It is proposed to identify 10 RSPs in the private sector and encourage production of 50 lakh bivoltine eggs by giving subsidy. An amount of Rs.4.86 crore will be provided for this purpose:

- To procure sophisticated equipments such as walk-in cold storage, face contrast microscope, centrifuge etc.
- To provide recurring fund to incur the expenses towards raw materials.
- To support establishment of incubation chambers in CRCs.

71) It is proposed to set up reeling parks along with providing general reeling facilities in traditional areas, i.e., Ramanagara, Shidlaghatta and Kollegala with an outlay of Rs.10 crore.

72) It is proposed to promote installation of 3 automatic reeling machines in north Karnataka by providing 90% subsidy.

73) Central Silk Board (CSB) has developed a machine with the capacity of drying 2 metric tons of cocoons per day. It is proposed to extend support to 5 entrepreneurs by providing 75% subsidy to install these machines.

74) Karnataka Silk Marketing Board will be strengthened to facilitate silk farmers to get competitive rate and to encourage silk turnover.

75) During 2015-16, an amount of Rs.186 crore has been provided for Sericulture Department.

Fisheries

76) Achievements during the year 2014-15:

- Successful use of Fisheries Resources Information Management System (FRIMS).
- Production of 30.70 Crore fish seedlings and distribution to fishermen unions which is 5.4 crore more production when compared to last year.
- Contract has been awarded for development of 3044 tanks of the department and 1590 tanks of Grama Panchayaths.

- 2 crore fish seedlings from registered fish farmers have been purchased and sown in selected lakes in the State.
- Sanction of 2855 houses to fishermen under “Mathsyashraya” scheme.
- Construction of link roads to fishermen colonies, construction of Jettys and development of fish seedlings centres is undertaken at the expense of Rs.30 crore under “Rural Infrastructure” Fund scheme.

New schemes in the year 2015-16.

77) To bring in blue revolution in inland fisheries, short term loan upto one lakh rupees at zero percent interest will be provided to inland fish farmers in the State through co-operative banks.

78) Fish farming development will be taken up in a comprehensive and structured manner like cluster model in four selected Taluks under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

79) In lieu of exemption of Sales Tax payable on 1,50,000 Kilo Liters of diesel provided to owners of mechanized boats, a refund of Sales Tax will be given by directly transferring the amount to owners’

account. A separate grant of Rs.105 crore is earmarked for this purpose.

80) The pilot project of caged fish farming in K.R.Sagar Reservoir of Mandya District has been successfully implemented. It is proposed to implement this project in 5 other reservoirs of the State in PPP model.

81) Comprehensive sale of fish/sea food restaurant/selling of aquarium fish/information centers will be set up in 10 districts under RKVY project and PPP model. A grant of Rs.5 crore is earmarked for implementation of this project.

82) Each revenue division will be provided with a Mobile fisheries extension cum diagnostic vehicle and awareness will be created among people about the various opportunities in fisheries.

83) Mega "Matsya Mela" will be organized in North Karnataka Districts to provide information about fishing activities.

84) It is proposed to construct 3000 houses for fishermen families under "Mathsyashraya" scheme.

85) During 2015-16, total provision of Rs.297 crore has been made for Fisheries Department.

Co-operation

86) Achievements in the year 2014-15:

- Disbursement of short term agricultural loan upto Rs. 3 lakhs to 14.91 lakh members amounting to Rs.6,821 crore. Disbursement of loan of Rs. 442.12 crore to 25,445 Self-Help Groups at 4% rate of interest.
- 39.79 lakh members have been enrolled under Yeshaswini scheme, out of which 96,670 members have undergone surgeries as at the end of January 2015, at an expenditure of Rs.105.35 crore. This scheme has been extended even to urban areas.
- 16,756 women members are enrolled under the “Priyadarshini” scheme.
- 11,529 physically challenged persons were enrolled under the “Ashakiran” scheme.
- Construction of 1.54 Lakh MTs capacity warehouses at 59 centers in the state has been completed.
- For providing value added warehousing services 130 warehouses with a capacity of 75,900 MTs in the state registered.

- 51 major markets are brought under unified Rashtriya e-market service platform and farmers are provided with competitive prices. A total of 12.88 lakh lots of agricultural produce worth Rs.4,615 Crore have been traded. 37,000 traders have been issued with single unified license, enabling them to trade in all APMCs in the state. This 'Karnataka model' has got recognition in national economic survey.
- Under "Kayaka Nidhi" scheme for protecting the health of hamals working in APMCs, provision for reimbursement of medical expenses upto a maximum Rs. 1 lakh per individual for ailments such as Dengue, Swine flu, Asthma, Skin diseases etc.

New schemes for the year 2015-16:

87) The scheme of disbursing short term agricultural loans upto Rs.3 lakh at 0% rate of interest and medium term and long term agricultural loans up to Rs.10 lakh at 3% rate of interest will be continued. The target for disbursement of agricultural loans is fixed at Rs.10,000 crore to 23 lakh farmers during the year 2015-16.

88) A budget provision of Rs.110 crore is provided for the implementation of the most successful 'Yeshaswini health protection scheme'.

89) In order to enable Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies (PACS) to construct their own godowns, an amount of Rs.5 crore will be provided under the Private Partnership, with the Government contribution of 10% and contribution of 20% by the PACS.

90) Rs.3 crore will be provided to Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies (PACS) to buy cleaning and grading equipments and to provide better marketing facility to agricultural produce.

91) In the next three years, it is proposed to register one member of each BPL family as member of Primary Agriculture Credit Co-operative Societies, if he is not a member of any other Co-operative Society. The share amount will be borne by the Government and Rs. 32 crore will be earmarked for this purpose.

92) Out of the disbursed loans for drilling of borewells for agricultural purposes through PCARD Banks in the State, the Government intends to waive off the loans of failed borewells. Rs.2 Crore is allocated for this purpose.

93) Separate District Central Co-operative Banks will be formed for Haveri and Chamarajanagara Districts.

94) Initiatives will be taken to bifurcate Shivamogga Co-operative Milk Federation and to form a separate Co-operative Milk Federation for Davangere and Chitradurga Districts combined.

95) Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation will take 663 Acres of land on lease basis from Agriculture, Horticulture and Sericulture Departments at 72 places. At these centers, 16.25 lakh MTs capacity, scientific warehouses at a cost of Rs.650 crore will be constructed with RKVY grants and loan from NABARD.

96) Operations & maintenance of KSWC warehouses will be taken up under PPP model for providing value added services and better prices to farmers facilitating on-line warehouse based sales of agricultural commodities.

97) Following reform measures will be taken up with market funds at Agriculture Produce Markets:

- An outlay of Rs.50 crore is earmarked for “Market Modernisation” scheme in 25 major APMC markets. 25% of grants will be provided by the Government.

- Rs.7 crore will be spent for providing necessary infrastructure in “Sunday market” at Mysuru, Hubballi, Udupi, Kalaburagi, Belagavi, Ballari and Davangere.
- “Nirmala Market” scheme will be started in major APMC markets for providing modern toilet facilities in PPP mode.
- “Solid waste management” plants will be taken up in major markets like Mysuru, Shivamogga, Vijayapura, Hubballi and Singena agrahara in Bengaluru at a cost of Rs.3 crore to process the collected vegetable waste in a scientific manner.
- “Pure Drinking Water Plants” to provide pure drinking water to farmers will be established in 50 major APMCs at a cost of Rs 5 Crore.
- “Cold Storage Units” will be established at markets in Hubballi, Tumakuru, and Dasanapura of Bengaluru and need based Mini Silos will be established in selected APMCs under PPP initiative.
- “Scientific Assaying Laboratories” will be established in APMCs at 4 cities viz. Mysuru, Tumakuru, Hubballi and Raichuru at a cost of Rs 3 Crore.

98) "E-permit system" will be introduced to facilitate a centralized permit verification system during this year.

99) A provision of Rs. 1,323 crore is made for the Department of Co-operation for 2015-16.

Water Resources

Major and Medium Irrigation

100) Achievements in the year 2014-15:

- At the end of January 2015, 64,169 acres irrigated at a cost of Rs.6,596.60 crore, percolation channel to an area of 86,477 acres and field irrigation channel to an area of 56,707 acres constructed and marshy and saline land in command area of 7,054 acres rejuvenated.
- Modernization of canals under Tungabhadra Project, Vishveswaraiah Canals, Chamaraja Canals, Krishnaraja (Kattepura) Canals, Mirle and Ramasamudra Canals, right bank canals of Harangi, Rajaparameshwari Canals.
- Sanction of projects of water filling to tanks in Vijayapura, Ballary, Mysuru, Chamarajanagara, Tumakuru, Hasana, Ramanagara and Mandya Districts.

- The first stage and second stage of water supply to 20 tanks in 52 villages of Gundlupete, Nanjanagudu and Chamarajanagara from Kabini reservoir at an expenditure of Rs. 254 crore is completed and the third stage has also reached completion stage.
- Administrative approval for Rs.12,340 crore has been accorded for the revised detailed project report to provide irrigation facility including micro irrigation to 5,57,260 acres and to facilitate filling up of 367 minor irrigation tanks in drought prone areas of Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davanagere and Tumakuru Districts.

New schemes for the year 2015-16

101) Our Government has given utmost importance for the implementation of Upper Krishna Project Stage-III. Works related to 9 sub projects under this scheme, 8 sub projects namely, Mulwad, Chimmalagi, Indi, Mallabad, Rampur, Koppal, Herkal Lift irrigation and extension of Narayanapura right bank canal will be expedited.

102) Administrative approval for Rs.5768.04 crore has been accorded for the revised detailed project

estimate of Singatalur Lift irrigation Scheme presently under implementation to provide irrigation facility to 2,65,299 acres of Ballari, Koppal and Gadag Districts. It is planned to adopt flow irrigation in 48,381 acres and micro irrigation in 2,16,848 acres under this project.

103) Modernization work of Shimsha anecut right bank canal will be taken up during this year.

104) The project of treatment of water in Vrushabhavathi Valley, filling up the water tank of Byramangala, Ramanagara District and thereon, filling water to tanks in Bidadi and Kasaba Hobli of Ramanagara Taluk as well as Harohalli Hobli in Kanakapura Taluk will be taken up during this year.

105) Brindavan Gardens of K.R.S. reservoir will be upgraded to international standards by adopting modern technology.

106) To prepare detailed project report for construction of balancing reservoir on the upstream of Mekedaatu across Cauvery river, Global Expression of Interest has been invited. Rs.25 crore has been provided in this year.

107) Sugarcane is grown in about 4.5 lakh hectare in the State. If drip irrigation system is adopted for sugarcane crop, the wastage of water can be prevented

and land can be prevented from becoming saline and alkaline. By adopting this method, the yield and income will be doubled. In the initial stage, it is decided to implement this project on pilot basis in some irrigation command area in the State.

108) Micro irrigation has been planned in 7 lakh hectare land under the 12 major projects in the drought prone districts of Kalaburagi, Raichur, Koppal, Vijayapura, Haveri, Bagalkote and Gadag Districts of the State.

109) In order to increase the scale of activities such as, research, training and studies in irrigation department as well as to extend scope for their effective implementation, Karnataka Engineering Research Institute and WALMI Institutes will be strengthened.

110) Madhavamanthri dam across Cauvery river near Talakadu village in T.Narasipura Taluk of Mysuru District was constructed in 1140 AD. The canals of this dam have already been modernized. Modernization of the dam will be taken up during this year itself.

111) Parks will be developed near Hemavathi and Kabini dam using modern technology under public private participation and tourism activities will be encouraged.

112) Lift irrigation project will be taken up with an amount of Rs.267 crore in two stages in Chennagiri Taluk, Santhebennur and Kasaba hobli. A scheme has been formulated to fill 77 tanks with water from Tungabhadra in Assembly Constituencies of Chennagiri, Mayakonda, Honnali and Shivamogga rural. Rs.50 crore will be reserved for these works during 2015-16.

Minor Irrigation

113) Achievements of the year 2014-15.

- 750 works under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Project (A.I.B.P.) have been implemented in 10 batches from 2009-10 with the approval of Government of India. Of this, 462 works have been completed and the remaining 288 works are under progress.
- Successful implementation of “Surya Jyothi Rythara Balina Paranjyothi” scheme.

New schemes for the year 2015-16.

114) In the year 2015-16, construction work of series of pickups across natural rivers and streams in the districts of Raichur, Bagalakote, Chithradurga, Tumakuru and Ramanagara Districts will be taken up additionally at an estimated cost of Rs.100 crore.

115) Integrated development of 191 lakes has been taken up under 'Kere Abhivruddhi- Nadina Shreyobhivruddhi' programme at an estimated cost of Rs.192.30 crore. This programme will be continued.

116) The repair works of feeder canals/canals (Raja Kaluve) and lake encroachment removal drive through Lake Development Authority will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.100 crore.

117) Following projects will be taken up to fill the tanks with treated sewage water in the year 2015-16:

- The detailed lift irrigation project report relating to filling of lakes in Kolara, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru Rural Districts after treating sewage water flowing in Koramangala-Challagatta Valley is ready and action will be taken to implement the same shortly.
- Lift Irrigation Scheme near Muttasandra village to fill 60 tanks of Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District with treated sewage water flowing to South Pinakini River.

118) Total provision of Rs.12,956 crore is made for Water Resource Department during 2015-16.

Forest, Environment and Ecology

119) Achievements during 2014-15

- More than 5 crores saplings have been planted in 51,141 hectares area.
- 2.41 crores saplings have been distributed for planting in agricultural and private lands.
- Devara kadus (Daivi Vana) have been developed in 25 locations.
- Tiger population in the state is 406 and stands first in the Country.
- The Karnataka has a share of 25% of the country's total elephant population, with the state elephant population at 6072, it stands first in the country.
- Elephant proof trench of 200 Kms and solar fencing have been erected to control Man-Animal conflict. Work of constructing barricades using railings is under progress.
- Apart from existing 11 tree species, for another 16 tree species farmers have been exempted from getting tree felling permission by amending Karnataka Tree Preservation Act, 1976.

- Development and maintenance of Medicinal Plants Protected Areas have been taken up in 17 places.
- The maximum limit of compensation is enhanced to Rs.1.00 lakh in the cases of crop damages caused by wild animals. Similarly compensation of Rs.5,000/- per goat/sheep and Rs.10,000/- per cattle in the case of death is being paid.

New programmes for 2015-16

120) A new scheme called “Talukige Ondu Hasiru Grama” at a cost of Rs.3.00 Crores will be commenced. Under this scheme, the programme of development for forest area, cultivation of medicinal plants, providing lightings running on renewable energy sources, composting and imparting training in production of wormi-compost will be conducted in a selected village of each taluk.

121) Following two programmes will be commenced with the aim of creating awareness among the students about the importance of forest and environment.

- It is proposed to start a five year programme at an expenditure of Rs.2.25 crores under a new scheme called “Talukige Ondu Hasiru

Shala Vana”, to grow plant and trees involving students of one Government School/Collage located near Government land/Forest of approximately 3 to 5 acres in every Taluk.

- It is proposed to frame a scheme with a budgetary provision of Rs.5.00 Crore under a new project called “Chinnara Vanadarshana” to create awareness among 10,000 students studying in Government High Schools.

122) It is proposed to establish Rehabilitation Cell to take up a programme of Relocation and Rehabilitation of forest dwellers of Tiger Reserve, Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks more effectively.

123) It is decided to develop Bio-diversity Parks, based on the recommendation of Karnataka Knowledge Commission. To begin with, Madivala Lake Bio-diversity Park will be developed at a cost of Rs. 24.72 Crores.

124) Grant of Rs.2.00 crore will be provided to EMPRI institute for the purpose of implementing State’s action plan relating to the climate changes, for which approval has been obtained from the Government of India.

125) A grant of Rs.5.56 crore is provided for the purpose of protection and development of lakes, enhancement of ground water and beautification of the lakes situated in metropolitan areas, by enacting Karnataka Lake Protection and Development Act.

126) A total allocation of Rs.1,757 crore will be made for the Department of Forest, Environment and Ecology in 2015-16.

Primary and Secondary Education

127) Achievements during 2014-15

- 1.20 lakh school dropout children have been brought to educational main stream through different programmes.
- 250 Gram Panchayat libraries situated in Hyderabad Karnataka region are being improved and converted into knowledge centres.
- Distant education is being provided in 1000 government schools of rural areas in the State, teaching these school children mainly Science, Mathematics and English through the experienced teachers.

New Schemes for 2015-16

128) Rs.110 Crore will be allocated for providing library, laboratory, new buildings, additional buildings, toilets, drinking water facility and other basic facilities to Government schools and colleges.

129) As pilot implementation of the project in 1000 schools of rural areas has received good response, Tele Education programme will be extended further to 1000 additional schools with the association of IIM-B and its associated institutes.

130) "Shalegagi Naavu Neevu" programme will be implemented constructively through Private Partnership, by constituting a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee to develop infrastructure facilities and education development programmes in Primary, Higher Secondary schools and Colleges in the state.

131) Grants of Rs.120 crores has been allocated for providing one pair of shoes and two pairs of socks to 54.54 lakhs children studying from 1st standard to 10th standard in Government schools for bringing uniformity amongst Government school children and for their physical protection and good health.

132) DSERT, CTE and DIETs will be upgraded under the programme of centrally sponsored scheme

“Shikshakara Shikshana”. Under this project, Education Service Centers will be opened by establishing “Shaikshanika Adhalath” and TESS India OER KIOSKS in the offices of BEOs, DDPIs, DIETs and CTEs in the state.

133) By providing “Solar Educational Kits” to 100 Govt.Higher Primary Schools, 100 Govt. High Schools and 100 Govt. Pre-university Colleges and installing solar electric equipments to save electricity in these schools, they will be declared as “ Green Power Schools”.

134) “Spardha Kali” programme will be taken up on experimental basis through DSERT and HCL Foundation in order to create competitive awareness in educational learning for primary and high school children of the rural area in the State and thereby encourage them to participate in national and international examination/tests.

135) In order to upgrade the Government B.Ed. college at Chickballapura, necessary infrastructure will be provided.

136) Printing services will be made online, by fully computerizing the department of Printing, Stationery and Publications using SAP-ERP technology and

security labels required for the Excise department will be printed at the Government press.

137) A special one-time grant of Rs.5 crores will be provided to Bharath Scouts and Guides Karnataka State Organization this year for the purpose of developing the infrastructure to training and camp centres.

138) A total allocation of Rs.16,204 crore will be made for the Department of Primary and Secondary Education in 2015-16.

Higher Education

139) Achievements during 2014-15

- Process of filling up of 2,160 teaching posts vacant in the Government First Grade Colleges by special recruitment is under progress.
- 24 women and 27 co-educational colleges have been established in order to impart quality education.
- Hostels in 71 Government First Grade colleges, 44 Government Politechnics, 10 Government Engineering colleges for SC/ST students and in 10 Engineering colleges for general students are being constructed.

- Tele-education programme is being implemented for providing science and mathematics education through qualified and skilled experts for the students of educationally backward areas.
- Tuition and laboratory fees being paid by girl students studying in all aided colleges has been waived. Approximately 1.15 lakh girl students have been benefited by this programme.

New Schemes for 2015-16

140) 'Sahabhagitva', a community participation scheme will be launched in Government polytechnics, Government colleges and Universities. An amount of Rs.10 crore will be earmarked in order to provide grants proportionate to the donations collected under this scheme.

141) Under 'Jnana Sangama' Scheme, which is a part of Smart-KEY (Karnataka Education Yardstick), a higher education quality improvement programme, action will be taken to provide ICT infrastructure facilities in higher Education Institutions including Universities, Colleges, Polytechnics and PU colleges in a phased manner.

142) 'Swavalambane' scheme will be started to encourage the entrepreneurship, skill development and IPR awareness among the students. In order to encourage entrepreneurship, Government will reimburse the interest on bank loans upto 10 lakhs per annum for 3 years, obtained by 1% of selected and interested students setting up new industries. Rs.10 crores will be provided for this purpose.

143) Under "Jnana Prasara" scheme, action will be taken to achieve better learning outcomes among all students of Higher Education, to overcome shortage of teachers and to achieve uniform high quality syllabus in all subject disciplines at all levels.

144) Through implementation of 'Vignana-Sugnana' scheme, Government will promote Science Education, especially basic science and Research by introducing science courses at graduate and post-graduate levels. A total of Rs. 10 crores will be provided for implementation of this scheme.

145) A grant of Rs. 10 crores will be provided under 'Hirime-Garime', a special initiative, to meet the infrastructural needs of Government higher education institutions which have completed 100 years, 75 years and 50 years.

146) Rs.50 crores will be provided to Mysore University completing 100 years for centenary celebration.

147) Under the scheme of 'Abhyasa', encouragement will be provided for creating better learning outcomes among weaker students. An amount of Rs. 40 Crores will be provided to this scheme through Karnataka Examination Authority.

148) Two Zonal Offices at Kalaburagi and Dharwad will be established for better administration of the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA).

149) Rs. 1 Crore grant will be provided to establish "Rani Abbakka Peetha" in Mangalore University.

150) Rs.3 crores will be provided to establish Nehru Chinthana Kendra in Bangalore University to commemorate Jawahar Lal Nehru's 125th birth anniversary and 50th death anniversary.

151) A Study Chair will be established in University of Mysore to take up studies about renowned literature, Late Dr. U R Ananthamurthy. An amount of Rs 1 crore will be reserved for this.

152) To increase the admission opportunities for the students of other universities, 15% additional seats to students from outside universities will be included

utilizing existing spare capacity and resources in all courses of all universities in Karnataka.

153) To encourage internationalization of Higher Education, a Centre for Overseas Education will be set up under Karnataka State Higher Education Council. To give guidance on upgrading Universities, Colleges and Polytechnics to higher standards, Scientists, Educationists and Scholars of National and International repute will be appointed as consultants for each Institution.

154) A special grant of Rs.20 crores will be provided over a period of 5 years for establishing a national level Fine Arts Education Off-Campus Centre of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat in Ganakal village near Kengeri.

155) An assistance of Rs.5.00 crores will be provided for establishing Nalanda Buddhism Study Centre in the Himmavu village in Nanjangud taluk of Mysore District.

156) A total provision of Rs.3,896 crore will be made for the Department of Higher Education in 2015-16.

Health and Family Welfare

157) Achievements of 2014-15

- Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the state has come down to 31 per 1000 live births.

- Increase in institutional deliveries to 99%.
- Percentage of children to whom Vitamin-A Syrup has been administered is increased to 93%.
- Mortality rate of children below 5 years is 37 per 1000 live births and thus millennium development goal has been achieved.
- Our State has become the first in the country to ensure the Universal Health Coverage in providing tertiary health care with the introduction of Rajiv Arogya Bhagya for the APL families and the Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme for the Government employees.
- A programme 'Super Tuesdays' has been introduced in all hospitals of the state, catering specially to the needs of the mentally ill persons through 'Mano Chaithanya' and 'Manasa Dhara' programmes on every tuesday.
- Programme for sickle cell anemia screening and treatment has been organized for the tribal population in the districts of Mysore, Chamarajanagar, Chickkagaluru, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada.

New programmes for 2015-16

158) e-hospital software will be implemented in all the hospitals of the state with a view to document and utilize the health information of every patient visiting Government hospitals in the state. This will help improving the administration of health care to the patients.

159) By establishing Intensive Care Units (ICUs) with ventilators in all district hospitals and a few taluk hospitals, treatment will be provided for patients suffering from severe diseases.

160) System of grant based supply of medicines exists hitherto in all Government hospitals of the state. Henceforth, supply of essential medicines will be made to all hospitals as per the requirements. With this, all patients will get free medicine.

161) Five laboratories will be established in the state at Bellary, Hubli, Bagalkot, Mysore and Mangaluru for detection of communicable diseases like H1N1, Dengue, Malaria, Chikunguniya.

162) With a view to prevent female foeticide in the state, real time data will be documented through internet from all ultra-sound scanning centres, which will be monitored till delivery.

163) By installing digital software in the high-frequency x-ray machines of the taluk and district hospitals, action will be taken to get the opinion and advice of experts by way of sending the x-ray reports to the higher level hospitals through tele-radiology.

164) Taluk and district level hospitals will be linked to medical colleges through tele-medicine. With this, opportunity will be provided to the doctors of taluk and district level hospitals in providing good treatment to the patients by getting advice of the expert doctors in the medical colleges.

165) Arogya Sahayavani (104) 'Phone Doctor' programme will be popularized.

166) With a view to provide good treatment facility to the patients by dentists in Government hospitals, dental laboratories in all districts will be established.

167) Integrated AYUSH Hospitals will be established at Mangaluru and Gadag.

Medical Education

168) Necessary steps have been taken to provide building and other infrastructure facilities to the 6 Medical Institutions announced in 2013-14, namely, Kalburgi, Gadag, Koppal, Karwar, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu Medical institutions. Proposed colleges

will be functional from 2015-16. Preparatory work is in progress in respect of medical colleges announced in 2014-15.

169) It is proposed to set up a cardiac treatment unit in Kalburgi at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 Crore. For this purpose, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru and Hyderabad Karnataka Development Board will bear the expenditure of Rs. 6 Crore each. The balance Rs.3 crore will be borne by the Department of Medical Education.

170) It is proposed to implement the programme of kidney transplantation in the Nephrology Institute of Bangalore at a cost of about Rs.2 crores for the patients suffering from kidney related problems.

171) A total allocation of Rs.6,107 crores will be made for the Department of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Medical Education in 2015-16.

Women and Child Development and Empowerment of Differently abled and senior citizens

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172) Achievements in 2014-15

- Under 'Balasanjeevini' scheme, children suffering from severe illness due to malnutrition were given special treatment for 6477 beneficiaries at an expenditure of Rs. 638.85 lakhs.
- Multi sector nutrition programme was implemented in the severely affected districts of the State, namely, Kolara, Bagalakote, Bellary and Kalaburgi.
- Sneha Shivira programme was implemented in severely affected districts of Kolara, Bagalakote, Bellary and Kalaburgi.
- Special Treatment Unit for the victims of violence in each district hospital and Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital and K.C. General Hospital in Bengaluru have been established.
- General gramasabhas in all Grama Panchayaths were held to enable women to avail benefits and for selecting eligible women beneficiaries under various schemes of different departments.
- 82 beneficiaries availed the benefit under the scheme of incentive for marrying differently abled persons.

- 250 beneficiaries availed the benefit under the scheme of reimbursement of fees for differently abled persons pursuing higher and technical education.
- Implementation of 'Niramaya', a health insurance scheme for the benefit of differently abled persons suffering from mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism and multiple disorder.

New programmes for 2015-16

173) The system of Electronic Information Management (EMIS) would be developed to manage the details of beneficiaries of Anganwadi centres, information about the children suffering from severe malnutrition, food distribution, Bhagyalakshmi scheme, child tracking, etc. For this, grant of Rs.2 crore would be provided.

174) Honorarium for Anganawadi workers and assistants would be enhanced by Rs.500 and Rs. 250 per month respectively.

175) It is proposed to establish a women's fund of Rs.5 crore at the State level to give compensation to the women victims of acid attack. Maximum compensation of Rs.2 lakh would be given in each case for immediate relief to the victim and in case of

death, compensation of Rs.1 lakh would be given to the family members from this fund.

176) Grant of Rs.5 crore will be allocated to install solar lamps and fans in Anganawadi Centers.

177) A Girl Child Policy will be framed to deal with issues such as prevention of exploitation of girl children, child marriage, eradication of malnutrition, providing proper status in the society, etc.

178) Karnataka State Women's Development Corporation would be allocated a grant of Rs.68.22 crore in 2015-16 and following programmes will be taken up.

- Incentive amount of Rs.20,000 will be provided to 2,500 Ex-devadasis for encouraging income generating activities, instead of the present system of providing loans to the tune of Rs.10,000 and incentive of Rs.10,000.
- It is proposed to increase the monthly pension of ex-devadasis from the present Rs.500 to Rs. 1,000.
- Housing facilities will be provided to 11,818 ex-devadasis without sites under SCSP and TSP components in a phased manner under various housing schemes.

- Subsidy will be given to 15,000 beneficiaries under the 'Udyogini Scheme'.
- The interest free loan limit for Sthree Shakti Sangha will be enhanced from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh. For this purpose grant of 5 crore will be provided.
- The rehabilitation scheme for sex workers will be renamed as 'Chetana'. Under this scheme, 1,000 beneficiaries will be given financial help of Rs.20,000 each directly through Government recognized societies and institutions instead of through banks.
- Transgender Policy of the State will be implemented in the year 2015-16 to enable sex minorities to lead a respectable life by taking up income generating activities. Under this policy 1,000 beneficiaries will be provided incentive of Rs.20,000 each.

179) Rs.2 crore will be provided to Mahila Sadhanashrama established under the auspices of Sri Nidumamidi Muth, Vijayapura for building construction and other facilities.

180) The honorarium paid to V.R.Ws. and M.R.Ws. will be enhanced from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,000 and from Rs. 4,000 to Rs.5,000 respectively and 10 district

co-ordinators with one co-ordinator for three districts will be appointed with a honorarium of Rs.13,000 per month under Vikala Chethana Grameena Punarvasathi Yojane.

181) Presently, Daycare Centers for Senior Citizens are functioning in 14 Districts and this will be extended to the remaining 16 districts.

182) The interest amount accrued on principal extended and outstanding upto 31.03.2014 under "Adhara" self employment scheme will be waived off in respect of 5,200 differently abled persons.

183) Satellite based education will be provided to children studying in 5th, 6th and 7th standards in 46 deaf and dumb schools of the State at a cost of Rs.3.63 crore in collaboration with Government of India.

184) Helpline centres for providing information and suggestion to differently abled persons will be started in all 30 districts at a total grant of Rs.2.15 crores with Rs.7.15 lakh for each district.

185) A total of Rs.4,232 crore will be allocated to the Department of Women and Child Development and Empowerment of Differently abled and Senior Citizens.

Social Welfare

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186) Achievements of 2014-15

- Implementation of the Karnataka Scheduled Castes sub-plan and Tribal Sub-plan (Planning, Allocation and Utilization of Financial Resources) Act, 2013. Under the Act, Rs.15,834 crores is provided for 308 programmes.
- Construction of 63 hostels at the cost of Rs.198.75 crores undertaken. Grants of Rs.143 crores released for repair and upgrading of hostels and Rs.20 crores spent for construction of 10 hostels for scheduled tribes.
- 61,000 students benefited through 260 Morarji Desai residential schools / Kittur Rani Chennamma residential schools and 12 pre-university residential colleges.
- An amount of Rs.43.59 crores for 6.98 lakh students as pre-metric scholarship and Rs.197.05 crores for 2.30 lakh scheduled

caste students as post-metric scholarship has been sanctioned and action is taken for direct remittance to the bank account of the students.

- An amount of Rs.31.39 crores for 1.82 lakh students as pre-metric scholarship and Rs.101.23 crores for 74,692 scheduled tribe students as post-metric scholarship has been sanctioned and action is taken for direct remittance to the bank account of the students.
- Expenditure of Rs.349.17 crores for ongoing construction works of 61 Morarji Desai / Kittur Rani Chennamma residential schools. Commencement of construction work of 31 residential schools at a cost of Rs.310 crores. Expenditure of Rs.100 crores for the ongoing construction of 17 residential schools for scheduled tribe students and expenditure of Rs.80 crores for construction of 8 new residential school complex.
- Implementation of 16 programmes for the development of Banjara community. For this, expenditure of Rs.66.25 crores is incurred.

- Enhancement of subsidy limit from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh under self-employment scheme of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Development Corporation and Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Schedule Tribes Development Corporation.
- Enhancement of land purchase unit cost from Rs.7.50 lakh to Rs.10 lakh under land-ownership scheme. Land ownership is conferred to 888 scheduled caste beneficiaries and 215 scheduled tribe beneficiaries.
- Action for rehabilitation of identified manual scavengers in the state at the cost of Rs.7 crores.

New programmes for 2015-16

187) It is our endeavor to facilitate all SC/ST people to have equal share in the society as per the quote of Rasarusi Kuvempu referred above. In this direction, a total Rs.16,356 crore is provided for their welfare under the Scheduled Caste Sub-plan and Scheduled Tribes Sub-plan.

188) Construction of 1 lakh houses in rural areas at a unit cost of Rs.1.50 lakhs and construction of 50,000 houses in urban areas at a unit cost of Rs.1.80 lakhs for the poor scheduled caste and scheduled tribe

houseless families having sites will be undertaken through Housing Department. Entire cost of the construction of houses will be incurred by the government.

189) 50,000 (35,000 in rural areas and 15,000 in urban areas) sites will be distributed to poor families of scheduled caste and scheduled tribe who do not possess sites.

190) Land will be purchased in a phased manner and reserved for burial grounds for the scheduled caste / scheduled tribes in rural areas where there are no burial grounds.

191) Most sensitive and most backward sub-castes of the SC / ST will be identified, their financial status will be improved by designing and implementing the special development programs.

192) A one-time financial assistance of Rs.50,000 will be provided under 'simple marriage scheme' for the livelihood of SC / ST couples who get married in a simple ceremony under mass marriage programme.

193) For eradication of untouchability, incentive amount will be increased from existing Rs.50,000 to Rs.2 lakh for a scheduled caste boy marrying a girl

from other caste and from existing Rs.1 lakh to Rs.3 lakh for a scheduled caste girl marrying a boy from other caste.

194) Monthly food expenses will be raised from Rs.800/- to Rs.900/- for the children of government ashrama schools and primary residential schools; from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.1,100/- for the students of pre-metric hostels; from Rs.1,100/- to Rs.1,200/- for the students of Morarji Desai/ Kittur Rani Chennamma residential schools and post-metric hostels.

195) Monthly food expenses will be raised from Rs.700/- to Rs.800/- for the students of aided private pre-metric hostels; from Rs.800/- to Rs.900/- for the students of post-metric hostels.

196) Pre-metric scholarship will be increased from Rs.400/- to Rs.750/- for the boys and from Rs.450/- to Rs.850/- for the girls in 1st to 5th standard; from Rs.400/- to Rs.900/- for the boys and from Rs.550/- to Rs.1,000/- for the girls in 6th and 7th standard; and from Rs.650/- to Rs.1,000/- for boys and from Rs.900/- to Rs.1,100/- for the girls in 8th standard.

197) Incentive to the SC/ST students who pass in first class in first attempt will be increased from existing Rs.750/- to Rs.20,000/- for the second PUC

students; from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.25,000/- for the final degree students; from Rs.1,250/- to Rs.30,000/- for the final post-graduate students; and from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.35,000/- for final engineering and medical students.

198) E-learning facility will be provided by establishing computer training centres in all Government college hostels having own buildings and Spoken English Courses will be provided in the pre-metric hostels.

199) The loan amount will be enhanced from Rs.2 crores to Rs.5 crores and repayment period will be extended from 5 years to 8 years for the SC/ST entrepreneurs through Karnataka State Finance Corporation at the existing concessional rate of interest.

200) Gents and ladies hostels will be established at Bangalore, Hubli, Kalburgi, Belagavi and Mangalore for the participants undergoing skill development training through Karnataka German Technical Training Institute.

201) Banjara financial and cultural centres will be established in Borampalli in Humnabad taluk of Bidar district and in Gaddanakeri of Bagalkot district in order to prevent migration tendency seen in Lambani

tandas living in Hyderabad Karnataka and Mumbai Karnataka region and to facilitate self employment of tanda residents, especially women folk. Study centre will be established for the development of Banjara language in university.

202) Yashasvini health insurance scheme will be implemented through Lamps Co-operative Societies for the persons belonging to the Soliga community residing in the forest and forest border areas suffering from sickle cell anemia blood deficiency disease.

203) 100% fees will be reimbursed where parent's annual income is within Rs.6 lakhs and 50% fees will be reimbursed where parent's annual income is within Rs.15 lakhs, of SC/ST students selected for higher studies in foreign countries.

204) Bhovi Development Corporation will be established for the overall development of Bhovi community in the state and Rs.25 crores will be reserved for this.

205) 100% fees will be reimbursed where parent's annual income is within Rs.2.5 lakhs and 50% fees will be reimbursed where parent's annual income is from Rs.2.5 lakhs to Rs.10 lakhs, of SC/ST post-metric students who are selected through CET, COMED-K, Deemed Universities and admitted for

technical, medical, dental and other courses in the recognized private educational institutions.

206) Rs.3 crores will be provided for construction of a memorial at Dharwad through Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Charitable and Education Trust, Dharwad in memory of the visit and halt of Sri Baba Saheb Dr.B.R.Ambedkar in Dharwad town in the year 1929.

207) Special developmental programs will be formulated and implemented for the improvement of original adivasis identified in the state. A study centre will be established as a unit of Mysore Girijana Research Institute in order to study and protect the art, culture, language and other subjects related to these communities.

208) Full reimbursement of VAT will be made for the sale of forest produce collected by scheduled tribe people residing in forest areas, made through LAMP society.

209) The complete works of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar published by Kannada and Culture Department will be re-printed in large numbers and supplied to all the SC/ST hostels.

210) "Rajya Safai Karmachari Abhivrudhi Nigama" will be established for overall development of the safai karmacharis and pouira karmikas in the state.

211) Rs.3 crores will be provided for construction of memorial at the cost of Rs.1 crore each, in the names of dalit leaders Late B.Rachaiah, N.Rachaiah and B.Basavalingappa who have contributed for development of the state and for the benefit SC/ST community.

212) A total allocation of Rs.4,584 crores will be made for the Social Welfare department in 2015-16.

Backward Classes Development

213) Achievements during 2014-15

- 66,659 post-metric students who could not get hostel facility were benefitted under 'Vidyasiri' scheme, for which grant of Rs.75 crore was provided.
- Rs.200 crore was spent on reimbursement of entire fee of 4.16 lakh meritorious post-metric students.
- 7.41 lakh pre-metric students were benefitted due to enhancement of the amount of pre-metric scholarship equal to that of Government of India.
- Grants were released to 225 religious and other institutions belonging to backward classes to construct community halls and hostels.

- Rs.47.81 crore was provided for the overall development of Gollas and other nomadic/ semi-nomadic communities.
- Carpets and blankets were provided to all students in pre-metric and post metric hostels. Rs.20 crore was released to provide water heater, library, computer and other infrastructure facilities in the hostels.
- 892 candidates aspiring to appear for IAS, KAS, Banking and other competitive exams were selected and admitted to coaching centres.
- Devraj Urs Bhavans were constructed in 13 taluka headquarters.

New Schemes for 2015-16

214) The monthly food charges for Private Aided Hostels will be enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs.600/- for pre-metric students and from Rs.600/- to Rs.700/- for post metric students.

215) Monthly scholarship/fellowship of Rs.5,000/- will be given to 1,000 backward classes students who are doing full time Ph.D. course. For this, Rs.5 crore will be allocated.

216) To strengthen the existing Backward Classes Cell (OBC cell) in the universities and to encourage more research activities, Rs.5 lakh each will be provided. For this, grant of Rs.50 lakh is earmarked.

217) The existing 'Guidance Section' in the Backward Classes Department will be converted and strengthened as "Reservation Inspection Unit" which will inspect the compliance levels of reservation to backward classes in education and employment guaranteed under Article 15(4) and 16 (4) of Constitution of India.

218) The year 2015 will be celebrated as 'Devaraja Urs Centenary Year' to mark the completion of 100 years of the birth of former Chief Minister and champion of backward classes Sri D. Devaraj Urs. In this connection, several programmes will be organized.

219) To commemorate the birth centenary of D. Devaraja Urs, 100 post-metric girls' hostels with sanctioned strength of 100 will be established.

220) 2500 students who have scored more than 90 per cent marks in SSLC, PUC, Degree and Post Graduation courses will be honoured with 'Devaraja Urs Pratibha Puraskar'. For this, Rs.4 Crore will be provided.

221) "Devaraja Urs Videshi Vyasanga Vetana" of Rs.10 lakh each will be given to 100 students who aspire to study in foreign universities. For this, Rs.10 crores will be provided.

222) The monthly food charges of backward classes hostels will be enhanced from Rs.1000/- to Rs.1100/- for pre-metric hostels; from Rs.1100/- to Rs.1200/- for post metric hostels and from Rs. 800/- to 900/- for ashrama schools.

223) Own hostel buildings will be constructed for 331 post metric backward classes hostels which are presently housed in rented buildings. An allotment of Rs.45 crore will be made.

224) Rs.35 crore will be provided to enhance the infrastructure facilities in 2195 hostels of the Backward Classes Development Department.

225) To ensure the safety of inmates of 815 Backward Classes girls hostels, CC Cameras will be installed. Rs.3 crore will be provided for this.

226) Rs.50 crore will be provided to 46 nomadic/ semi-nomadic communities such as Budubudaki, Dombidasa, Helava, Gondali, Killekyatha, Pichaguntala, Shikkaligar, Bundabesta, Golla etc., for distribution of sites and construction of houses, providing basic infrastructure to the colonies, training

and loan facilities for education, self-employment, Ganga Kalyana, Land Ownership Schemes, Dairying, etc.

227) A long pending demand of the Backward Classes for social and economic survey of backward castes will be conducted by the Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission from 11th April 2015 to 30th April 2015, for which Rs.116 crores has already been provided during the current year. Rs.73 crores will be allocated in 2015-16 to complete the survey.

228) Under 'D. Devaraja Urs Self Employment Personal Loan' scheme, Rs.2 lakh loan and subsidy will be given for enhancing professional skill in economic activities. Of this, subsidy component will be 15 per cent subject to a maximum of Rs.30,000.

229) Professionals of traditional profession communities such as Madivala, Kumbara, Uppara, Savitha, Tigala, Moortedara etc., will be given loan of Rs.2 lakh at an interest rate of 2 per cent. In this, subsidy will be 15 per cent subject to maximum of Rs.30,000.

230) Rs.10 crore will be given to Karnataka Vishwakarma Community Development Corporation for overall development of Vishwakarma communities.

231) Financial assistance will be extended from 50,000 to 75,000 students under 'Vidyasiri' scheme for which Rs.112.50 crore will be earmarked.

232) The unit cost under Ganga Kalyana Scheme is enhanced from the present Rs.1.5 lakh to Rs.2 lakh and this facility will be provided to 30 beneficiaries in each Assembly Constituency during this year.

233) To rejuvenate the traditional art of Savitha Samaja, namely 'Dolu and Nadaswara Sangeetha', training will be imparted in 'Guru-Shishya Parampara' model to the members of the community.

234) The present income limit for creamy layer of backward classes will be raised from Rs.4.5 lakh to Rs.6 lakhs.

235) Total provision of Rs.1,963 crore will be made for Backward Classes Development Department during 2015-16.

Minorities Welfare and Haj

236) Achievements during 2014-15

- Rs.318.76 crore was distributed as scholarship to around 10.16 lakh minority students in pre-metric, post-metric merit-cum-means, fee reimbursement scheme and students pursuing higher education abroad.

- Following simplified online system for submission of application, approval and disbursement of scholarship, a system of direct cash transfer to students' Bank account through N.E.F.T. has been put in place. This has benefited 52% girl students.
- 106 Hostels, 5 new Morarji Desai Residential School/Colleges and 2 Navodaya Model Schools constructed under S.D.P and M.S.D.P scheme started.
- Under 'Arivu' scheme of Minority Development Corporation, financial assistance of Rs.53.50 crore was provided to 19,866 students selected through C.E.T.
- 2,736 farmers were benefited under 'Ganga Kalyana' scheme implemented at a cost of Rs.37.7 crore.

New Programmes for 2015-16

237) "Vidyasiri" scheme operational in Backward Classes Development Department is proposed to be adopted in Minorities Welfare Department.

238) Financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- will be provided through D.B.T to the students studying Engineering and Medical courses to buy books and study materials.

239) Chief Minister's Minorities Programme is proposed to be implemented on the model of Multi-sector Development Programme of Central Government.

240) 30 Hostels/Residential Schools/Residential Colleges will be started in the own buildings constructed under M.S.D.P scheme. The strength of the students will be increased by 25 numbers in each of the 25 hostels having good infrastructure and own building.

241) For the benefit of minorities, 4 Morarji Desai Residential Schools, 2 Morarji Desai PU Colleges, 5 Post-metric Hostels and 2 Minorities Model Residential Schools will be newly started.

242) Loan facility provided to students selected through C.E.T Cell under "Arivu Sala Yojane" will be extended to the students selected through COMED-K.

243) It is proposed to bear the entire fee, subject to maximum limit of Rs.20 lakhs, of minority students selected to pursue Higher Education abroad, whose parents' annual income is below Rs.6 lakhs. 50% fee subject to maximum limit of Rs.10 lakhs will be borne,

where parents' annual income is between Rs.6.00 lakhs and Rs.15.00 lakhs.

244) Food charges will be enhanced by Rs.100/- per student in Pre-metric/Post-metric Hostels/Morarji Desai Residential Schools/Colleges and Muslim Residential Schools.

245) e-Learning facility will be provided in 350 Urdu Schools and 65 Residential Schools/Colleges under 'Learning and Equipment Scheme'.

246) It is proposed to give training on Spoken English and Computer in Minority Hostels and Residential Schools.

247) It is proposed to set-up a Task Force headed by a Police Officer of the rank of S.P. to clear the encroachment of Wakf properties and to protect them.

248) A grant of Rs.1 crore will be provided to Hajarat Hameed Shah and Hajarat Mouhid Shah Qadri Wakf Board to construct and provide infrastructure to the private girls hostel.

249) A grant of Rs.3 crore will be provided to Motinagar Malbar Muslim Association, Bengaluru Urban District, to construct their new building.

250) Rs.2 crore will be provided for the overall development of Hajarath Tippu Sultan Memorial in Ganjam at Srirangapattana.

251) One time grant of Rs.60 crores will be provided to Shadimahals and Community Bhavans which have remained incomplete since 2001 in the State.

252) A grant of Rs.2 crore will be provided for the restoration of Jain Temples (Basadi) in the State.

253) During 2015-16, a total expenditure of Rs.1,000 crores will be incurred for the Department of Minorities Welfare and Haj.

Housing

254) Achievements in 2014-15

- After our Government came to power, construction of 3.17 lakh houses in the year 2013-14 and 2.33 lakh houses by the end of January 2014-15 totaling to 5.50 lakh houses has been completed with an expenditure of Rs. 4351.79 crore.
- To enhance efficiency and transparency, systems have been implemented for selection of beneficiaries through lottery, online approval of beneficiaries through digital signature, GPS technology based verification

of actual progress, direct transfer of subsidy to the beneficiary and providing information through SMS.

New schemes for 2015-16:

255) In the last two years, 15,877 sites have been distributed to site-less poor beneficiaries. The Government intends to distribute 20,000 sites in the year 2015-16.

256) In the year 2015-16, out of the total houses under progress, construction of 3 lakh houses will be completed and 4.80 lakh new houses will be sanctioned under various housing schemes. Out of this target, 2.98 lakh houses will be earmarked for schedule caste and schedule tribes. For SC/ST beneficiaries, the Government will bear the beneficiary contribution of Rs.30,000. In this year, the Government has earmarked Rs.3405 crores for construction of houses and distribution of sites.

257) To provide better facilities in the slum areas of Karnataka, a comprehensive slum development policy will be formulated during the current year.

258) It is being planned to bring an amendment to the Karnataka Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act 1973 and collect Slum Cess in a planned manner.

259) Karnataka Housing Board will lay emphasis on providing affordable housing instead of distribution of sites. Necessary revision will be brought in Affordable Housing Policy to meet the needs of the weaker sections. All housing related laws, rules and procedures will be simplified. Karnataka Housing Board Act, 1962 will be amended.

260) The total allocation made to Housing department for the year 2015-16 is Rs.3,819 Crore.

Labour, Employment and Training

261) Achievements of 2014-15

- Rs. 109 Crore was allocated for construction of 6 ITI buildings in Phase 1 and 29 ITI buildings in Phase 2 under NABARD RIDF-XX.
- 4 special skill development centres for embroidery and tailoring work have been established to generate self employment in textile and readymade garments industry with a total plan expenditure of Rs.12 crores.
- 2.1 lakh construction workers have been newly registered. Rs.541 crore cess was collected at a rate of 1% on building construction cost. Rs. 13.64 crore has been disbursed.

- Under RSBY scheme, 1.12 crore families of labourers in unorganised sector including BPL families were identified and 43 lakh smart cards have been distributed.
- 1.76 lakh drivers of commercial vehicles are brought under Commercial Vehicle Drivers' Accident Insurance Scheme.
- Medical checkup for 67,532 women employees of garment industry was conducted and more than 14 lakh iron tablets were distributed for anaemia through ESI Hospitals.

New programmes for 2015-16

262) A new programme, "Yuva Yuga" is proposed, with the aim of providing employment and empowerment by giving various skill development training to rural and urban youth in all districts of the State. Rs.10 crore will be allocated for this.

263) Multi trade courses will be setup to provide training in various skills in selected ITIs. Rs.3.5 crore will be provided for this scheme.

264) Additional vocations (trades) will be introduced in Government Industrial Training Institutes, with the intention of providing training in technical fields

where more employment opportunities are available. Rs.12.5 crore will be provided in a phased manner.

265) To ensure the safety of women students in 22 women's Industrial Training Institutes, it is proposed to install CCTVs at an estimated cost of Rs.50 lakh.

266) New Labour Policy will be framed.

267) For the first time in the country, State Government intends to issue Smart Cards with unique numbers to labourers from un-organised sector through single window system which can be carried along with them. Rs.10 crore will be provided for this scheme.

268) 'Boiler Material Test and Training Centre' will be established to test the features of materials used in manufacturing of boiler and a lab required for boiler welder test.

269) Total provision of Rs.852 crore has been made for Labour Department during 2015-16.

Kannada and Culture

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270) A grant of Rs.1 Crore will be provided to establish a Study Chair in the name of Adi Kavi Pampa of Kannada who advocated “Manushya Jati Tanonde Valam”, which means the entire mankind is one.

271) A grant of Rs.2.50 Crore will be provided to establish a Museum at Haveri to commemorate freedom fighters.

272) A grant of Rs.2 Crore will be provided for the constitution and administrative expenditure of Committee for the development of Kannada’s First Internet Encyclopedia ‘KANAJA’.

273) A grant of Rs.1 crore each is earmarked for the following purposes:-

- Construction of ‘Kadala Theerada Bhargava Dr.Shivarama Karantha’s Memorial’.
- To develop the residence of ‘Field Martial Cariappa’ in Madikeri as museum.
- To renovate the residence of ‘Dr. Manjeshwara Govinda Pai’, first Rashtra Kavi of Kannada.
- To develop the birth place/residences of G.S.Shivarudrappa, Masthi Venkatesha Aiyangar, Dattatreya Ramachandra Bendre on the model of Kavi Shaila.

274) I am announcing a grant of Rs.2 Crore as permanent fund to establish 'Konkani Study Chair' to support literature and cultural activities of Konkani, Kannada's sister language.

275) I am announcing a grant of Rs.1 crore to set-up Jain Inscription Study Chair in Shravanabelagola under the jurisdiction of Hampi Kannada University.

276) An additional grant of Rs.1 crore will be released to commence Virtual Classes to teach Kannada through internet to enable Kannada lovers worldwide to learn Kannada and to set-up Kannada Learning Centers in various parts of Bengaluru.

277) The following programmes will be taken-up with a total expenditure of Rs.4 crore:-

- Rejuvenation of amateur theatre troupes.
- To form troupes of women in folk arts by imparting training through workshops.
- Scripting and performing new dramas about atrocities on women.
- Scripting of dramas reflecting children's problems, encourage performance and to extend literary activities pertaining to this issue.

- To organize State level conferences and workshops to encourage artists who play percussion instruments.

278) A special grant of Rs.4 crore will be provided to encourage stage-shows, for the maintenance of Rangayanas established in 4 divisions of the State and for the preparation of new dramas.

279) A grant of Rs.1.2 crore will be provided for the functioning of 'Kannada Shastriya Bhasha Adhyayana and Samshodhana Kendra' being established in Bengaluru.

280) An initial grant of Rs.1 crore is earmarked for the formation of 'Chalukya Development Authority' in respect of monuments of unique sculpture comprising Badami, Aihole and Pattadakallu constructed during the period of Badami Chalukya dynasty.

281) Rs.5 crore is earmarked to set-up a programme for protecting 772 protected monuments in phased manner by providing security/surveillance, conducting survey through GIS and 3D-mapping, conservation and preparing inventory of unprotected monuments.

282) At an expenditure of Rs.20 crore, comprehensive development of 20 heritage places including Mysuru, Srirangapatna, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Kitturu, Banavasi, Malakhed, Badami, Talakadu, Halebidu, Melukote, Beluru, Bengaluru City, Nagavi, Lakkundi, Ihole, Balligavi, Sannati, Kammatagi, declared as heritage places hitherto, will be taken-up.

283) At an expenditure of Rs.5 Crore, protection and overall development of Malakhed fort will be taken-up.

284) Three places have been included in the provisional list of World Heritage namely 1) Group of Arcthitectural monuments of Dakkani Sultans of Kalaburagi, Bidar and Vijayapura, 2) Group of monuments in Sriranagapatna Island and 3) Group of Hoysala artictetural monuments of Beluru and Halebidu. It is proposed to provide grant of Rs.3 crore to prepare necessary dossier and report for inclusion of these places in the final list.

285) At an expenditure of Rs.2 Core, conservation work of ponds and monuments pertaining to Devaradasimayya in Surapura, Surapura Taluk, Yadagiri District, will be taken-up.

286) Comprehensive development of tomb of Kitturu Rani Chennamma at Bailahongala will be taken-up at an expenditure of Rs.1 crore.

287) Development and conservation work of Shri Haralaiah's Gaddige, contemporary of Basavanna, will be taken-up at an expenditure of Rs.50 Lakhs.

288) It is proposed to celebrate 2015-16 as Kannada Varsha to commemorate the completion of 100 years by Kannada Sahithya Parisath. Rs.10 crore will be provided for organizing various programmes.

289) Rs.1 Crore will be provided for establishing Study Chair in the name of famous artist Sri P.R. Thippeswamy in Mysuru University.

290) As a contribution of the Government, Rs.10 Crore will be provided for the proposed establishment of 325 feet tall bronze statue of Vishwaguru Basavanna at Sri Murugamata premises, Chitradurga.

291) To take-up developmental activities under Karnataka Border Area Development Authority, it is proposed to enhance the grant to Rs.20 crore during 2015-16 as against Rs.4 crore for the last year.

292) During 2015-16, total provision of Rs.303 crore is made to Kannada and Culture Department.

Sports and Youth Services

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293) Achievement in 2014-15

- Yuvashakthi Centers are established in Government First Grade Colleges of all Districts to provide facilities to the youth.
- Increase in cash award to the medal winners of Olympic Games, World-Championship, Asian, Commonwealth and National Games.
- Implementation of Rural Sports Festival plans to encourage the rural folk sports activities by providing a grant of Rs.1.5 lakh for each taluk.

New Programmes for 2015-16

294) An incentive of Rs.25,000 will be given annually by identifying one Youth Sports Association in each hobli to organize sports activities and to identify sporting talents and send them to sports schools/ hostels under 'Yuva Kreedha Mitra' a new scheme.

295) A grant of Rs.2.5 Crore will be provided to 50 Garadi Mane, Rs.5 lakhs each, for promoting 'Kusti', a popular rural sport.

296) Adventure sports training camps will be organized in various places of State to encourage the habit of adventure among youth through General Thimmaiah National Adventure Academy (Chethana).

297) '**Yuva Chetana**' programme will be started to identify youth association or an association working and functioning for the creation of job opportunities to the youth in each taluk and a maximum incentive of Rs.1 lakh will be provided.

298) A grant of Rs.1 crore will be provided for extension of '**Yuva Spandana**' a project for the purpose of development of mental health of the youth, in association with NIMHANS, being implemented in 10 districts experimentally, to the entire State and to start Sports Psychology Division.

299) Fellowship programme will be implemented for encouraging participation of youth in proper and effective implementation of all Government's Youth Empowerment programmes and one eligible youth will be identified and selected in each taluk for Fellowship.

300) An additional grant of Rs.1 crore will be provided for counseling services and life skill trainings to college students through NSS in association with NIMHANS.

301) During 2015-16, total amount of Rs.147 crore is provided for Sports and Youth Services Department.

Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs

302) Achievements in 2014-15 -

- During 2014-15, 2,06,618 BPL ration cards have been distributed. As on January-2015, 10.35 lakh Anthyodaya Anna Yojane ration cards, 97.94 lakh BPL ration cards and 33.58 lakh APL cards are in use.
- 'Annabhagya Adalat' is being conducted on 7th of every month at all fair price shops level.

New Programmes for 2015-16

303) Unit-wise distribution of food grains to BPL ration cards will be implemented.

304) 5 kg food grains for each member of the family holding AAY and BPL ration cards, free of cost, without any cap will be provided. At a concessional rate, palm oil of one litre for Rs.25 and iodized salt of one kg for Rs.2 will be provided.

305) For families holding APL ration cards, 5 kg food grains (3 kg Rice and 2 kg Wheat) having one member and 10 kg food grains (5 kg Rice and 5 kg Wheat) having more than one member will be distributed at Rs.15 per kg of Rice and Rs.10 per kg of Wheat.

306) Applications for new ration cards will be received from 1st May.

307) Necessary amendment will be made in the rules for compulsorily mentioning of purity along with the weight of gold and other precious stones in the bills to protect the interest of the consumers.

308) Verification certificates and licenses will be issued on-line as all the activities of the Legal Metrology Department are computerized under “e-Mapan” project.

309) During 2015-16, total amount of Rs.2,120 crore has been provided to the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

310) Achievements of 2014-15

- Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, 57.81 lakh employment cards were distributed, 8.90 lakh families were given employment, 322 lakh mandays’ employment was created upto January, 2015 in the State.
- 2118 km roads were developed under ‘Namma Grama Namma Rasthe’ scheme.

- 2000 Water Purifying Plants (WPP) are being installed in residential areas, out of which 650 units have already been established. Remaining units are in progress.
- Under 'Suvarna Gramodaya' Scheme, out of the available grants of Rs.373 crore, road and drainage works in 1215 villages were completed with an expenditure of Rs.292 crore.
- Karnataka stands first in the country in the construction of 4.32 lakh individual toilets.

New programmes for 2015-16

311) Even though the Government of India has considerably reduced grants for rural sanitation programmes, State Government has given significant importance to rural sanitation programmes and grant of Rs.500 crore is provided. The following programmes will be taken extensively:-

- Construction of individual toilet for each house of the rural area.
- Under 'Grameena Gourava' scheme, toilet-cum-bathrooms in rural houses will be constructed.

- Composting will be taken up in villages to make them garbage-free.

312) It is proposed to establish 4,000 Water Purifying Plants. During 2015-16, Rs.200 crore will be allocated for this purpose.

313) Water quality testing labs have already been established in 110 taluks, necessary action will be taken to test the quality of approximately 1 lakh drinking water sources by establishing water testing labs in the remaining 66 taluks.

314) Drinking water will be provided in the selected areas of Ballari, Chitradurga and Tumakur districts using the grants of Karnataka Mining Environmental Restoration Corporation.

315) Gadag, Chamarajanagara, Kudligi-Challakere-Molakalmuru-Pavagada and other Multi-village drinking water schemes will be taken-up.

316) 90 multi-village drinking water schemes will be completed in 2015-16 under the Centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Scheme and State Sector grants.

317) Action would be taken to plant saplings alongside of 3000 km of Roads during the year 2015-16 and to maintain them for the next 5 years

under Mahathma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme under “Salu Marada Thimmakkana Neralu”.

318) New horticulture area of around 5000 hectares will be developed under Mahathma Gandhi National Rural Employment Gurarantee Scheme.

319) An e-governance cell will be established to oversee the implementation of Gandhi Sakshi Kayaka Software and other softwares.

320) 15-Points programme is being implemented from last year to meet the day-to-day requirements of rural life of the people living in villages. New 6 points will be added to this programme in the current year. A positive change will be created in rural life through this programme.

321) 1.62 lakh beneficiaries have been trained last year under Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Chaitanya Scheme. The number of beneficiaries will be increased from 40 to 50 in each Panachayath.

322) An exclusive portal will be provided to facilitate separate marketing facility for the products of the Joint Liability Groups and women’s Self Help Groups under Rajiv Gandhi Chaitanya Scheme.

323) Implementation of ‘Namma Hola Namma Dari’ scheme will be continued in this year.

324) Sri Ramesh Kumar Committee, constituted for recommending comprehensive amendments to Karnataka Panchayath Raj Act, has submitted its report. Sub-committee of the State Cabinet of Ministers is examining the recommendations of this committee. Necessary amendment will be brought to strengthen the Panchayath Raj System.

325) On the recommendations of the committee, constituted under the chairmanship of Sri S.G. Nanjayyana Matha, Former MLA, for re-organization of Grama panchayath, Government has taken action to form 439 new Grama panchayaths.

326) Action will be initiated to establish Rural Development University in Gadag on the basis of the report submitted by the committee constituted to commence studies relating to Rural Development and Panchayath Raj.

327) A programme will be implemented on the lines of Kudumbasri of Kerala to achieve enhanced co-ordination and collaboration between Panchayath and women self help groups federation in 600 Gram panchayaths.

328) 3,855 kms roads under 'Namma Grama Namma Raste' phase-III Scheme will be constructed. For the programmes of Phase-II and Phase-III, a total grant of Rs.1,335.5 crore will be provided.

329) During 2015-16, total provision of Rs.9,728 crore is made for Department of Rural Development and Panchayath Raj.

Planning and Area Development

330) Malnad Area Development Board, Bayalu Seeme Development Board and Karavali Abhivrudhi Pradhikara will be provided Rs.40 crore, Rs.35 crore and Rs.10 crore respectively.

331) During 2015-16, Rs.600 crore will be provided under Karnataka Legislator's Local Area Development Scheme.

332) It is decided to continue the implementation of Special Development Scheme to overcome regional imbalances in the State. During 2015-16, it is proposed to provide Rs.2,300 crore for this purpose.

333) During 2014-15, Karnataka Evaluation Authority has taken-up evaluation of 56 schemes, out of which evaluation of 30 schemes has been completed. It is proposed to use the recommendations of evaluation for making necessary changes in the norms and modalities of implementation of these schemes to make them more effective.

334) During 2015-16, Rs.1,000 crore will be provided to the Hyderabad-Karnataka Area Development Board

for taking-up infrastructure works and for reducing institutional gaps.

335) During 2015-16, total amount of Rs.1,761 crore is provided for Planning and Area Development department.

Urban Development

Directorate of Municipal Administration:-

336) 10 Town Panchayats have been upgraded to Town Municipal Councils and 13 Town Municipal Councils have been upgraded to City Municipal Councils in the State.

337) Swachchata Mission will be taken-up in all the 219 Cities/Towns including BBMP in the State under 'Swach Bharath Mission'. It is proposed to provide a grant of Rs.80 crore for this purpose.

338) Through Additional Action Plan, it is proposed to provide a grant of Rs.100 crore each, for comprehensive infrastructure development activities in Hubballi-Dharwad and Belagavi City Corporations and Rs.50 crore for Gulbarga City Corporation.

339) It is proposed to implement Nagarothana CMSMTDP Phase-3 scheme to take-up infrastructure development in 211 Urban Local Bodies of the State over three years.

340) Under 'Heritage Development and Upgradation Scheme' of Central Government, Badami town is selected and development works will be taken-up over a period of 4 years.

341) During 2015-16, permanent new shelters will be provided for the urban homeless in National Urban Livelihood Mission cities viz., Bellary, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Shivamogga, Bagalkot, Haveri, Mandya, Hospet and Chikkaballapur.

342) Welfare Housing Scheme for Poura Karmikas was implemented during 2014-15, an amount of Rs. 50 crore is earmarked for the year 2015-16.

Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

343) State Government is determined to comprehensively develop Bangalore city which has brought international recognition to the State. An amount of Rs.2,878.72 crore has been provided to BBMP by the Government to take-up various development works during the last 2 years.

344) During this year, Rs.1,000 crore under Chief Minister's Nagarothana scheme and Rs.391.06 crore out of the grants of State and Central Financial

Commissions will be provided. Apart from this, at an estimated cost of Rs.1,500 crore, various other works will be taken up, including the following:-

- widening of Bellary road and Jayamahal Roads near Palace Ground.
- widening of Sarjapura road from outer ring road to Dommasandra.
- widening of Bannerghatta road from J.D. Mara Junction upto Nice road.
- widening of Dr. Ambedkar (Tannery) road from MM road to Outer ring road.
- widening of Dinnur road from Sanjaynagar main road to Ambedkar Medical College.
- widening of Varthur road upto Sarjapura road via Gunjur.
- widening and development of Subratho Mukharji road by obtaining land from Air Force Department in Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone and construction of underpass.
- comprehensive development of selected important junctions and construction of grade separators in selected places under BBMP area.

- development of important roads under Tender Sure Model.
- development of backward areas of 7 City Municipal Corporations and 1 Municipality merged in Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.
- construction of railway over/under bridges; projects which are approved/under progress will be taken-up in association with South-Western Railway Department.

345) 6 units will be functioning under programmes for effective management of solid waste in Bengaluru City that are formulated and being implemented through KUIDFC. With the commencement of these new units, the capacity for processing of 2,800 tons solid waste per day at a cost of Rs. 270 crore will be created in Bangalore city.

Bangalore Development Authority:-

346) As proposed in the budget for the year 2014-15, BDA has allotted 859 flats to the citizens. Construction work of 5,700 flats is in the final stage and will be completed by the end of March 2015. It is proposed to construct and allot about 5,000 flats to the public during 2015-16.

347) Formation of Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda Layout is in progress, applications will be invited before March 2015 for allotment of 5,000 sites. During 2015-16, about 5,000 sites will be formed and allotted to citizens.

348) 117 lakes have been transferred to BDA for revival. Out of these, development of 12 lakes is completed in the first phase. Comprehensive development work of 14 lakes is in progress. It is proposed to commence the development work of 19 lakes in a phased manner during 2015-16. Fencing work of 33 lakes is completed.

349) In order to prevent road accidents, it is proposed to construct skywalks in 25 places under PPP model.

350) It is proposed to take-up extension of underpass and flyover works in Hebbal junction of outer ring road at an estimated cost of Rs.80 crore.

351) It is proposed to take-up construction of flyover in Doddanekkundi junction of outer ring road at an estimated cost of Rs.44 crore.

Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited

352) As of now, 90% physical and financial progress has been achieved in Phase-I. Two lines of 17 km length (from Byyapanahalli to M.G. Road and Peenya

to Sampige Road) have already been operationalized. Peenya and Nagasandra lines will be commissioned in the next two months, Magadi Road and Nayandanahalli line will be operative by mid 2015. It is aimed to complete all the works under phase-I by the end of 2015.

353) Land acquisition process, utility shifting and process of tendering of civil works are in progress for 2nd phase of Bengaluru Metro Rail Project. The process of tender of works will be completed by December 2015.

BWSSB

354) As a first phase of the work of bringing 500 MLD water from NBR to Bangalore city, work of laying of water pipeline upto T.K. Halli reservoir is taken-up.

355) It is proposed to take-up the work of replacing 50 Kms of sewer trunk. It is proposed to construct 7 new sewage treatment plants with a capacity of 150 MLD at Hebbal, K.R. Puram, K & C Valley, Doddabele and Bengaluru University areas.

356) It is proposed to procure 50 solid waste removal machines at a cost of Rs.10 Crore.

357) It is proposed to map water supply connections over GIS. It is proposed take-up scheme of merging of

the RR numbers of the customers of water supply connections with PID numbers provided by BBMP to its customers.

358) A total provision of Rs.4,770 crore has been made for BBMP, BWSSB, BMRCL including budget and other resources for the development of Bengaluru city.

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board

359) 38 drinking water and 55 drainage schemes, totally 93 Schemes, have been approved at the cost of Rs.682.36 crore, out of which, 4 drinking water and 01 drainage scheme have been implemented and the remaining schemes are under progress.

360) It is proposed to complete 10 drinking water and 10 drainage schemes during 2015-16 at a cost of Rs.658.08 crore.

361) Even though the Central Government has not earmarked any grants under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme in Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) during 2015-16, State Government has decided to complete all the works physically started.

362) It is proposed to take-up 24 x 7 drinking water supplying scheme in 13 district headquarters and

1 town in a phased manner under Chief Minister's Nagara Neeru Bhagya programme.

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation

363) A plan has been formulated to implement 24 x 7 continuous water supply works in 20 towns under external aid. Works have already been started in 6 towns and finalization of the tender process in the remaining towns is under progress.

364) Under Externally Aided Projects, modern Waste Processing Plants in Hubballi-Dharwad, Kalburagi, Davanagere City Municipal Corporations and 17 towns of North Karnataka have been taken-up. It is targeted to complete all these projects in the next 3 years.

365) Even though the Central Government has stopped the grants provided under Urban Infrastructure and Governance a Sub-Mission of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renovation Mission (JNNURM), State Government has decided to complete all the works physically started.

366) It is proposed to take-up Underground Drainage works in Davanagere and Harihara towns at a cost of Rs.173 crore.

367) During 2015-16, a total amount of Rs.11,465 crore is provided to the Urban Development Department.

Revenue

368) Achievements of 2014-15.

- Wrong entries in Khata, Mutation, R.T.C. etc., were rectified in 3.69 lakh Pahanis by conducting 3547 Revenue Adalats.
- 57752 eligible beneficiaries were identified by conducting 1708 Pension Adalats in the State.
- As a voluntary effort, about 1.03 crore laminated caste and income certificates were distributed to the concerned schools as a measure to resolve the problems of the students.
- Action has been taken to prevent the formation of unauthorized layouts in rural areas by integrating the 'Kaveri' software of revenue department with the 'e-Swattu' software of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj department.

- About 2.20 crore pages of valuable revenue documents have been preserved by indexing and cataloguing.
- Out of 13 lakh acres of encroached land, already identified encroached land, 69625 acres of encroachment evicted. This includes 1400 acres of invaluable land in Bengaluru Urban district and 4462 acres of land in Bengaluru Rural district.
- Development of “Tank Monitoring Information Software” to conserve the tanks in the State. Information about 13973 tanks is uploaded on to the website.
- Boundary of Rajakaluves under the jurisdiction of BBMP were marked in 173 villages and encroachments were evicted.

New Schemes of 2015-16

369) To achieve transparency, simplification of revenue administration and to make easy access of the services to the public, the following information technology initiatives will be taken up:-

- Development of software for the management of process of conversion of land online. Order copies will be made available through bhoomi and nada kacheri kiosk centres.

- A special software for management of all information relating to revenue appeals has been implemented. Apart from making orders passed in the office of DC/AC, available mutation process will be undertaken online.
- Instead of issuing approved certificates through Atalji Janasnehi Kendras, computerized numbers will be sent through SMS to the citizens. Online verification of validity/correctness of the computerized numbers of the certificates from the data base will be enabled.
- To bring in transparent and simplified governance, Paperless Office System will be introduced in 15 DC, 26 AC and 25 Taluk offices in the State.
- A completely software based online system will be implemented to receive the applications and issue certificates regarding domicile and eligibility certificates under Article 371 (j) of the Constitution.

370) Extension of Bhoomi services to Nada kacheries to maintain Khata transfer, Pouti Khata, loan records,

Lease Settlement and other bhoomi services in Nadakacheries.

371) Phodi Andolana will be taken-up in which all types of survey and phodi work will be completed in one village of a taluk every month and RTC and maps will be distributed. With this, the villages will be made phodi-free.

372) As per the report given by Committee headed by Shri Narasimhaiah, action will be taken to convert Lambani Thandas into revenue villages at the earliest following the due process.

373) Rs.120.60 crore will be allocated for National Cyclone Mitigation Project in the coastal districts of the State Udupi, Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada with the assistance of World Bank in the Central - State ratio of 75:25 per cent.

374) The financial assistance being given to the BPL families on the death of a family member to perform their last rites, under "Anthya Samskara Sahaya Nidhi Scheme", will be enhanced from Rs.1000 to Rs.5000.

375) Construction of District Office Complex of Bengaluru Rural District will be taken-up near Beerasandra Village next to the highway between Doddaballapura and Devanahalli.

376) For the comprehensive development and providing infrastructure at Sooragondana Koppa village of Honnali Taluk, the birth place of Saint Sevalal, Prathistana will be established.

377) Basava International Centre will be established in Koodalasangama of Bagalkot District on the lines of Swamy Narayana 'Aksharadham' in New Delhi. A state of the art museum depicting the social life in 12th century will be established and required developmental works will be taken-up in Koodalasangama, Chikkasangama and Basavanabagevadi.

378) Sri Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar Amrutha Bhavan will be built in Mandya to commemorate the completion of 75 years of formation of Mandya district by celebrating Platinum Jubilee in February 2015.

379) The minimum 'Tasthik' amount of Rs.24,000 per annum per institution, being paid to about 27700 institutions, coming under Endowment and Mujarai Department, will be enhanced to Rs.36,000 per annum.

380) It is proposed to implement 'Bruhath Devalaya Poornabhivruddhi Yojane' for the overall development of big temples namely Kolluru Sri Mookambika Temple, Kukke Sri Subrahmanya Swamy Temple,

Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Sri Srikanteshwara Temple of Nanjangudu, Ganagapura Sri Dattatreya Temple, Savadatthi Sri Renuka Yellamma Temple at a cost of Rs.400 crore in the next two years.

381) In order to make all notified institutions coming under Endowment and Mujarai Department plastic free temples, to convert wet waste into cooking gas, biogas, compost fertilizer etc., for the usage of the respective temples and to improve the cleanliness of the temple premises, "Swaccha Mandira Abhiyana" will be taken-up with peoples' participation.

382) Kranti Veera Sangolli Rayanna Prathistana will be converted into 'Kranti Veera Sangolli Rayanna Authority'. Various developmental activities will be taken-up with Rs.10 crore.

383) During 2015-16, a total amount of Rs.4,827 crore is provided to Revenue Department.

Energy

384) Achievements during 2014-15:

- A total grant of Rs.750 crore has been provided to set-up BTPS-III and Yaramaras Thermal Power Centers, Gangakalyana Scheme, strengthening of distribution system in the backward taluks and for special

development programme as per amendment to Article 371(J) of the Constitution.

- Rs.6,200 crore is provided for free power supply to IP sets of farmers and Bhagyajyothi/kuteerajyothi Units.
- By the end of December 2014, power generation capacity of 576.35 MW has been added to the State grid. It is expected to add additional capacity of 507.20 MW by the end of March-2015. This includes additional 473.15 MW capacity from non-conventional energy sources.

Programmes for 2015-16:

385) Following initiatives will be taken up to enhance the power generation capacity during the year 2015-16:-

- Action will be taken to include totally 3361 MW power to the State grid comprising of about 2325 MW from BTPS-III and Yaramarus Unit-1 and 2, about 221 MW from Central Government Units, 815 MW from hydel plants and non-conventional energy sources.
- Action for establishing 350 MW capacity gas based Electricity Generating Centre at Yelahanka.

- Action for establishing solar park with the capacity of 1000 MW in 5000 acres of land in association with Government of India and developing manufacturing units.

386) Action will be taken to establish 75 New Substations for strengthening the transmission of electricity.

387) Action will be taken to provide infrastructure to 50,000 regularised irrigation pump-sets.

388) Under the proposed “Nagara Jyothi Scheme”, the existing MV/SV lamps will be replaced with LED lamps in all city corporations with the combined effort of city corporations and ESCOMS.

389) It is proposed to establish Modern Automated Electric Meters Testing Laboratory in HESCOM, GESCOM, MESCOM and CESCO.

390) It is proposed to establish centrally computerized grievance redressal division in HESCOM, GESCOM, MESCOM and CESCO to resolve electricity related complaints.

391) During 2015-16, a subsidy of Rs.7,498 crore is earmarked to provide free supply of electricity to Agricultural IP sets and Kuteera Jyoti connections.

392) During 2015-16, a total provision of Rs.12,878 crore is made to Energy Department.

Public Works Department

393) Achievements in 2014-15:

- State has a total of 19,288 km of State Highways. Under State Highway Development Programme (SHDP), KSHIP, KRDCCL, Central Road Development Fund and with other grants provided in the budget, 3570 km of State highways has been developed and works in respect of another 1886.95 km of State highways have been taken up at a cost of Rs.2231.82 crore.
- State has 49,942 km of major district roads. 4121 km of these roads were developed under NABARD Scheme, Central Road Development Fund, 13th Finance Commission and provisions made in the Budget. Under special development programme, development of 251 km has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.116 crore. Concrete roads are being built under special component programme and tribal sub plan of major district roads at an estimated cost of Rs.571.21 crore.

- Works of 131 bridges are taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.375 crore out of which 83 bridges are completed.
- 1801 building construction works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.3898.97 crore out of which 125 buildings were completed.
- Sanction is obtained for Rs.131.71 crore from the Government of India for the development of Shiradi Ghat Road on NH 48 and it is proposed to complete the work in 18 months.
- To solve the problem of shortage of natural sand and materials, use of Air cooled Blast Furnace Slag and M Sand is being encouraged as an alternative.

New Programmes for 2015-16

394) Under phase-3 of State Highway Development Programme, State highways will be developed within 3 years, in a phased manner for unhindered movement of vehicles.

395) A project for improving bridges that link major roads in the State will be taken up at a cost of Rs.1000 crores.

396) Improvement of 76 km of Jat-Jamboti road (SH-31) is taken up with an estimated cost of Rs.302.96 crore under EPC.

397) Action will be taken for collection of Users Fee with private participation, for the maintenance of the roads developed through KRDCL & KSHIP.

398) Development of Karwara (2nd phase), Belekeri, Mavinakurve and Tadadi ports in coastal area will be taken up with private participation, to promote import & export activities.

399) A total provision of Rs.7,463 crore is made for Public Works Department during 2015-16.

Infrastructure Development

400) Airports:

- Alternative roads to Kempegowda International Airport will be developed.
- The proposal to handover development of Kalaburagi Airport to Airport Authority of India is under consideration.
- Airport Authority of India has taken up the development of Huballi and Belagavi Airports.

401) Railway:

- Ramanagar – Mysore double track project will be completed and the trains will start commuting in 2015.
- Bidar – Kalaburgi, Bengaluru-Hasana new railway track projects are under progress.
- Land acquisition is under progress for Munirabad-Mehaboobnagar, Tumakuru – Raidurga, Kudchi – Bagalakote, Chikkamagaluru – Sakaleshpura railway projects.
- Administrative approval has been given for Gadaga – Wadi, Hejjala – Chamarajanagara new railway projects on cost sharing basis with the Ministry of Railways.
- The land required for Railway coach factory in Yadagiri has been handed over to Ministry of railways.

402) Karnataka Strategic Infrastructure Plan (KSIP) will be evolved as a guideline for next 15 years for investment in infrastructure sector for Government and private investors. This plan will bring co-ordination between various sectors for creation of sustainable infrastructure.

403) Financial assistance to all the ongoing railway projects agreed by the State Government will be continued and the completion of these projects will be ensured.

404) Total provision of Rs.764 crore has been made for Infrastructure Development Department during 2015-16.

Commerce and Industries

Industrialise or perish

- Sir M. Vishveshwaraya.

405) It is proposed to form a 'Vision Group' to formulate necessary programmes to encourage industrialization in the State.

406) It is proposed to develop Bangalore-Mumbai Economic Corridor (BMEC) with 3 identified industrial nodes to continue the industrial development along the NH4, over an area of 10,000 acres in the next 5 years.

407) It is proposed to develop National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) at Vasanthanarasapura, Tumakuru District. This would generate direct employment to about 80,000 persons and indirect employment to about 1.6 lakh people over a period of next 10 years.

408) To develop the backward areas of Karnataka, it is proposed to develop Industrial Areas at Chamarajanagar in an area of 1,500 acres and at Yadagiri in an area of 3,200 acres.

409) It is proposed to upgrade the existing industrial areas/ estates developed by KIADB/ KSSIDC /Co-operative Societies and to develop the infrastructure facilities in New Industrial Areas / Estates and a grant of Rs. 100 crore is provided for this purpose during 2015-16.

410) It is proposed to develop Aerospace Common Finishing Facility (ACFF) to facilitate the MSMEs in the Aerospace Sector in Bangalore Aerospace Park, through the Government of India Modified Industrial Infrastructure Up-gradation Scheme (MIUS) with a project cost of Rs. 93 crore.

411) To generate employment to 2 lakh people, it is proposed to set up micro, small and medium industries (MSME) and major industries in 2015-16. The manufacturing sectors such as Aerospace, Automotive, Machine Tool, etc., will be the major thrust sectors.

412) Under New Industrial Policy –

- In industrial areas of KIADB, at least 20% of land will be reserved for MSME units, 5% for

women entrepreneurs, 22.5% for SC / ST entrepreneurs and 5% for Minorities and Backward Classes (Category 1 & 2 A).

- It is proposed to set up Women Entrepreneurs Guidance Cell.
- Additional subsidy of Rs. 15 to 35 lakhs will be given to SC/ST entrepreneurs over and above investment promotion subsidy.

413) Under Chief Minister's Self Employment Programme, it is proposed to train and support 2,000 rural youth, to take up self employment by providing 25% to 35% margin money, with a maximum investment of Rs. 10 lakhs each, for the establishment of rural industries through District Industries Centers and Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board.

414) It is proposed to establish an Aerospace Technology Centre (ATC) in Bengaluru on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) Model.

415) Coir Technology Parks (Production, Training and Demonstration Centers) will be established in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Chikkamagaluru and Chitradurga through Karnataka State Coir

Development Corporation under 'Tengu Narina Bhagya' Scheme. It is proposed to organize International Coir-Expo in Bengaluru.

416) To promote M-Sand (Manufacture Sand), a 5% subsidy on interest on loans availed to set up M-Sand units in the districts which lack natural sand resources and for conversion of crusher units into M-Sand units and Rs. 5 crore will be earmarked for this.

417) Plants will be set up under PPP model to manufacture sand, bricks and other useful materials by re-using the large quantity of debris/waste materials obtained out of demolished old buildings in BBMP and Hubballi-Dharawada City Municipal Corporation limits. The Government will provide Land and equity assistance. Rs. 5 crore will be allocated for this purpose.

418) To obtain permit and purchase of sand through online, it is proposed to implement a new software, CAPEX-OPEX Model. Rs. 6 crore will be provided for this scheme.

419) The Karnataka State has got 30 border check posts. It is proposed to provide infrastructure facilities such as CCTV, Weigh-bridge, etc., at these check posts and regulate Interstate mineral transport. Rs. 1.5 crore will be provided for this purpose.

420) The State Government is committed to auction the iron ore and allot mining lease transparently and Rs.20 crore will be provided to estimate iron ore deposits in 35 areas of mining lease, by Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd., (MECL) during the year 2015-16. This amount will be collected from contractors who get the lease through auction.

421) Karnataka Mining Environmental Restoration Corporation is set up for the rejuvenation of mining affected areas in the districts of Bellary, Chitradurga and Tumakuru and an action plan is prepared for the overall development of mining affected areas.

422) Hi-tech Textile Training Center will be set up in Yadagiri with an expenditure of Rs. 10 crore, through the grants from Hyderabad-Karnataka Area Development Board.

423) To supply required yarn to handloom weavers throughout the year, 'Yarn Depot' will be established in Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation.

424) To promote Chintamani, Kollegala, Molakalmuru, Ilkal and Udupi sarees, Guledagudda khanas, etc. handloom produces, Rs. 2 crore will be allocated for marketing them through prestigious Priyadarshini outlets of the State.

425) A proposal will be submitted to the Central Government to establish Mega Textile Parks in Chamarajanagara, Shira (Tumakuru) and Kudutini (Bellary).

426) 9 co-operative spinning mills in the State will be revived and strengthened by converting the government loan amount of Rs. 76.71 crore into equity and by waiving off the interest of Rs. 113.55 crore on this loan amount.

427) To establish 5 readymade garment manufacturing units with modern machineries, it is proposed to provide 50% subsidy, upto a maximum of Rs. 2 crore per unit, to 15 units in the next 3 years. This will provide employment to 5,000 rural women each year, totaling to 15,000 in the next 3 years.

428) Residential workshops will be constructed for 3,000 women weavers at an estimated cost of Rs. 60 crore.

429) It is proposed to develop roads in sugar factory areas in the State at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 crore.

430) The Government desires to revive Mysore Sugar Factory which is having a historical importance. As the matter is before BIFR, a special package of Rs. 120 Crore will be prepared and submitted to BIFR for its rejuvenation.

431) Total provision of Rs.1,111 crore has been made for Commerce and Industries Department during 2015-16.

IT, BT and S&T (Information Technology, Bio-Technology and Science & Technology)

432) Achievements during 2014-15

- As per estimates of NASSCOM, IT exports are expected to exceed Rs. 2 lakh crores and employment is likely to exceed 10 lakh in 2014-15.
- Under Karnataka i-4 policy announced last year, with an intention to take-up Information Technology to 2 and 3 tier cities, necessary action has been taken for setting up new generation incubation centres, for organising skill development programmes and for providing Wi-Fi system in all district head quarters.
- The Biotech Incubation Centre and Common Instrumentation Facility, set up at a cost of Rs. 56 Crore, with partial financial assistance by Government of India, is ready for commercial operations.

- Through the Vision Group on Science and Technology under the Chairmanship of Bharat Ratna Professor C.N.R. Rao, over 80 education and research institutions in the field of Science, Engineering and Medicine and over 150 young research scholars have been provided financial assistance.
- The second Regional Science Centre of the State is operational in Mangaluru.
- Telemetric rain gauges are set up in over 2500 locations across the State by Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre.

New programmes for 2015-16

433) It is proposed to evolve a Start-up policy to give further boost to the vibrant Start-up ecosystem in the State. Start-up fund and Hack-Cellerator will be set up.

434) IT Park will be established in Bagalakote.

435) Indian Institute of Information Technology, Hubli-Dharawada, a joint initiative of State and Union Government will commence from the academic year 2015-16. The State's share of Rs. 12.10 crore will be provided for this initiative.

436) A new Bio-Technology Policy including Bio-Venture Fund will be evolved.

437) Sub-regional Science Centres will be established in Vijayapura, Davangere, Tumakuru, Udupi, Chittapur, Chikkodi and Chikkamagalur in 2015-16. Rs. 4 crore will be provided for this purpose.

438) Mobile planetarium will be provided to each revenue division and a grant of Rs. 5 crore will be provided. Mini Planetarium will be set up in Bagalakote.

439) To commemorate the 900th birth anniversary of Bhaskaracharya, it is proposed to establish a study chair in his name at Vijayapura Women University at the cost of Rs. 1 crore.

440) Bengaluru is the first city in India to provide free wi-fi facility to public, on a pilot basis at selected locations. In the coming year, it is proposed to expand it across Bengaluru city and district headquarters in a phased manner.

441) Karnataka-GIS (K-GIS) will be implemented. GIS based decision supporting models will be developed. K-GIS will be implemented in a phased manner, at a cost of Rs. 150 crore.

442) It is proposed to set up a Helpline on an experimental basis at Bagalakote, for the redressal of public grievance through KEONICS.

443) Total provision of Rs.202 crore has been made for IT, BT and S & T Department during 2015-16.

e-Governance

444) Achievements during 2014-15

- Karnataka Mobile One programme has received overwhelming response. So far 1.22 lakh users have downloaded Karnataka Mobile One Application and 60 lakh hits have been received with a transaction value of over Rs. 1.6 crore.
- Permanent Aadhar Centers were set up in TMCs and Grama Panchayaths.
- Cloud Technology based KSWAN 2.0 version was developed under KSWAN programme.
- Decision Support System Platform was developed for the online monitoring of Developmental programmes.
- 134 Service centers were set up under Bengaluru One and Karnataka One programmes. Implementation of e-Jilla Yojane

and Grama Panchayat Citizen Service Centers (CSC) scheme has been launched.

New Programmes for 2015-16

445) It is proposed to set up Security Operational Centre (SOC) to provide additional security to the software and applications, infrastructure and networks installed in State Data Centre.

446) Kannada Software/Kannada Computing Project will be implemented by providing Rs.2 crore, to encourage the usage of Kannada unicode in the Government offices and persons/institutions.

447) Big Data Platform will be established. It will enable effective decision making in providing Government to Citizen (G2C) services by analysing the data.

448) Total provision of Rs.51 crore has been made for e-Governance during 2015-16.

Tourism

449) Rs.50 crore will be provided to continue the implementation of recommendations made by Karnataka Tourism Vision Group this year also.

450) Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) fair is being organized in Bengaluru. This being the largest

fair in Asia Pacific Zone, more than 1000 tourism travel and stakeholders from approximately 100 countries are going to participate. In this regard, budgetary provision of Rs.5 crore is made.

451) In order to regulate trekking, 20 tourism trekking tracks (ECO Trails) in the sensitive environment of Western Ghats will be popularized in collaboration with Jungle Lodges and Resorts and Karnataka Eco Tourism Development Board.

452) Major tourism schemes will be developed under joint collaboration and PPP mode. They are:

- Comprehensive development of Beluru, Pattadakallu, Hampi, Mysuru by Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Corporation. Cruise tourism and Marine tourism schemes in coastal areas.
- Cable car schemes at Nandi Hill, Chamundi Hill, Madhugiri Monolithic Hill and Kemmannugundi Hill Resort.
- Re-cycling of water at Jog falls.
- Caravan Tourism Schemes in Ooty, Vijayapura (Mayura Adilshahi) and Jog falls and Floating Restaurant at Ulsoor Lake.

- Scheme for providing air charter services to domestic and foreign tourists and improvement of Highway facilities by KSTDC.

453) Development of Vijayapura and Mysuru cities as model tourism spots by investing Rs.10 crore for each city will be taken up.

454) With a view to improve skills of tourist guides, it is proposed to organize an integrated tourism guidance training programme to enable them learn different communication skills, history, culture, protocol and foreign languages.

455) It is proposed to organize Karnataka Festival in important cities of other States during 2015-16 in order to exhibit and promote rich heritage of Karnataka State.

456) A multimedia gallery on river Cauvery will be established in Mysuru as per the recommendation of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission. This gallery will reflect the cultural, religious, economic, social and scientific features of river Cauvery. This gallery will be established at an expenditure of Rs.3.5 crores.

457) Hotel Management Institutes will be established at Karwara and Hampi.

458) A total of Rs.406 crores is provided to Tourism Department during 2015-16.

General Administration

459) 'The existing Women reservation of 30% in direct recruitment posts in State Civil Services will be enhanced to 33%.

460) City, Town and other areas will be reclassified on the basis of 2011 Census for determining the House Rent Allowance.

Information

461) Achievements during 2014-15

- Increase in pension from Rs.3,000 to Rs.6,000 to journalists in distress.
- Dedication of Dr. Rajkumar memorial.
- Successful organization of 7th Bangalore International Film Festival.
- Organization of International Children's Film Festival for the first time by Government. 6 lakh school children viewed Films all over the State.

New Programmes for 2015-16

462) "Ganayana" programme will be organized in all districts all over the state to acquaint the people with the history of Kannada Film Industry and the melody of Kannada Film music.

463) On the occasion of 125th birth anniversary celebration of the first Prime Minister of India, the Architect of Modern India, Sri. Pandit Jawaharalal Nehru, State wide Photography Exhibition reflecting his life and achievements will be arranged.

464) "Pragati – Mahiti", an information movement will be organized all over the State to propagate the important development schemes of the Government to rural areas using laser and LED technology as well as folk troupes.

465) 100 acres of Government land has been identified near Himmavau village in Mysuru district for construction of Film City under public private participation.

466) Total amount of Rs.93 crore is provided to Information Department during 2015-16.

Home

467) It is proposed to establish a 'Central Command Centre' in Central Building Complex of Bengaluru City to control terrorist activities. A scheme with an outlay of Rs.50 crore will be implemented in a period of 3 years to have modernized arms and ammunitions essential for this purpose.

468) For the improvement of the health of the Police personnel in the State, Rs.9 crore will be provided towards annual medical checkup at the rate of Rs.1000/- for each personnel. In addition, for providing speedy treatment to Police personnel, the Government will establish 50 Outpatient Police Health Centres in different units of the State.

469) 30 new Police Stations including 10 women police stations will be opened in the State for public safety and security.

470) 6 Special Units with 15 personnel headed by an officer of S.P rank will be established in the State in order to improve investigations of crimes committed against women.

471) State FSL unit will be reconstituted with a view to improve the scientific investigation of crimes and to enhance the quantum of punishment.

472) In order to improve the traffic system of Bengaluru city B- track scheme will be continued for the next 3 years.

473) A 5 years' scheme with an outlay of Rs.25 crores each will be implemented by starting Bel-Trac in Belagavi and H-Trac in Hubli-Dharwad cities for the improvement of traffic system.

474) For the safety and security on Highways, 'Heddari Surakshathe Yojane' (Highway Safety Scheme), will be launched. For this scheme, 300 Highway patrolling vehicles with modern and sophisticated equipments will be purchased in the next 3 years.

475) Surveillance cameras need to be installed in cities to take up emergency operations for public safety and security. For this purpose, Rs.8 crore is earmarked to Bengaluru city during this year.

476) It is proposed to establish a new Jail in the outskirts of Bengaluru during this year.

477) It is proposed to establish Open Jail in Kaduru at a cost of Rs.5 crore, for which grant of Rs.2 crores will be provided for establishment of infrastructure.

478) CCTVs system in 20 district prisons, solar lighting system in 10 important district prisons and telemedicine system in 5 central prisons will be installed.

479) Home guards and civil defence training centers will be established in Vijayapura at a cost of Rs.70 lakhs.

480) Facility of VAT reimbursement on purchases up to Rs.3,000/- per month for each Police Constable will be given on purchases made from Police Canteens.

481) 3 new Anti-naxal squads will be established to curb the menace of naxal activities in the borders of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

482) A total amount of Rs.4,372 crores is provided to Home Department during 2015-16.

Transport

483) Achievements during the year 2014-15.

- The Transport Department has provided the facility of online submission of application for registration of vehicles, learners' license and driving license in 31 Regional/Assistant Regional Transport Offices of 12 districts. This facility has been extended to 17 districts from 15.2.2015.
- Implementation of the facility for viewing fancy registration numbers through departmental website by citizens and selection of fancy numbers of their choice.

New Schemes for 2015-16

484) It is proposed to establish automated driving test track in Raichur, Chikkodi, Kolar and Udupi for effective testing of drivers' driving skill and quality for issue of driving license in 2015-16.

485) It is proposed to establish a strong network to implement centralized uniform cloud based web application system in all regional transport offices of Transport Department for speedy disposal of online applications submitted by the public.

486) A total Rs.1,208 crore is provided to Transport Department in 2015-16.

Law and Courts

487) In the year 2014-15, Legal Service Institutions in the State have provided legal advice to 44,472 persons and legal services to 2020 persons. 2.25 lakh cases were settled in the Mega Lok Adalath programme. National Lok Adalaths have settled 15 lakh cases in the state. More than Rs.95 Lakhs has been distributed as compensation to 52 persons under Victim Compensation Programme.

488) Rs.9 crore will be provided for the construction of Administrative building, Law school, hostels buildings for students and recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff to Karnataka State Law University.

489) Grant of Rs.60 lakh will be provided for imparting for training in legal profession to young lawyers at divisional level in the State.

490) Grant of Rs.2 crore will be provided for establishment e-libraries in Bar Associations of all districts in the State.

491) Monthly stipend/scholarship given to law graduates for training in legal profession by the Law Department, Backward Class Department, Social Welfare Department and Minorities Welfare Department will be enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.2,000.

492) A total Rs.597 crore is provided to Law and Court Department in the year 2015-16.

TAX PROPOSALS

Goods and Services Tax

493) As you are all aware the Government of India has indicated that GST could be implemented from 01.04.2016. The GST is expected to subsume most of the indirect taxes levied at present both by the Center and the State Governments. The State Government is closely working with the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on various issues relating to introduction of Goods and Services Tax Act. Preparing the stake holders especially the trade and industry for smooth transition would be very crucial for the success of GST and we would take all necessary steps in this direction.

Commercial Taxes:

494) We had set for ourselves an ambitious revenue collection target of Rs.42,000 crore for the current year. As you are all aware, there has been considerable fall in the prices of crude oil, much to the cheer of trade and industry and also of the common man. The eventual fall in prices of petroleum products affected tax collections. Though the Central Government and many State Governments increased their respective tax rates, we did not raise the tax rate on Diesel and Petrol in 2014-15. In spite of this, because of efficient tax efforts we are likely to achieve the targeted tax collection. I am confident that there would be healthier growth in economy not only in the State but also at the national level in the coming year. Revenue collection target from Commercial Taxes for the year 2015-16 is fixed at Rs.46,250 crore.

495) I have met representatives of trade and industry before finalizing the budget. While deciding the tax proposals for this budget, I have tried to maintain the balance between the need for resources for various welfare schemes as well as the objective of making business more competitive in our State. It will be our endeavour to make doing business easier in Karnataka through administrative simplification.

Value Added Tax

496) I compliment the trade and industry for having whole-heartedly supported all our e-governance initiatives aimed at making tax compliance easier and tax administration more effective including the recent initiative of online uploading of purchase and sales details, which is preparatory for smooth transition to the impending GST regime. This initiative would lead to systemic verification of correctness of input tax rebate claims aimed at prevention of disputes and also speedy settlement of refund claims.

Reliefs:

497) I propose to,

1. Increase the registration limit from the current Rs.7.5 lakhs of annual turnover to Rs.10 lakhs as a relief to small dealers.
2. Continue tax exemption on paddy, rice, wheat, pulses and products of rice and wheat for one more year from April 2015.
3. Exempt Footwear costing upto Rs.500 per pair from tax.

4. Exempt Hand made products like Floor Mats, Table Mats and Runners, Utility Bags made of Banana Fibre excluding Rubberized Banana Fibre products aimed at promoting economic activities among the rural poor and women organizations by harnessing the Banana Bark Fibre and other agricultural waste by converting them into utility products.
5. Reduce VAT on Wick stoves from the present 14.5% to 5.5% to benefit the poor section of the society which use Kerosene as fuel.
6. Reduce VAT on M-Sand (Manufactured Sand) manufacturing machinery/ equipment as well as M-sand to 5.5% to encourage setting up of M-Sand units as a viable alternative to mining of Sand from Riverbed.
7. Reduce rate of VAT to 5.5% on Industrial Cables namely, High Voltage Cable, XLPE Cables, Jelly Filled Cable, Optical Fibre Cable and PVC Cable conceding the long pending request of Electrical Industry.
8. Bring Pre-Sensitized Lithographic Plates used in printing industry and Packing

materials like Pallets, Box Pallets and other Load Boards, Pallet Collars within the ambit of notified industrial inputs and packing materials so as to attract lower rate of tax on par with the lower tax rate prevailing in neighboring States.

9. Reduce VAT on Mobile Phone charger to 5.5% whether sold along with mobile phones in sealed pack or otherwise.
10. Exempt certain Solar PV Panels and Solar Inverters from VAT to promote Solar energy generation.

Additional Resource Mobilization Measures

498) With the objective of discouraging the use of Tobacco Products and at the same time prevent illegal trade diversion it is necessary to enhance the VAT from the present 17% to 20% on Cigarettes, Cigars, Gutkha and other manufactured Tobacco.

499) During the last six months there has been steady fall in Crude Oil prices in the International Market and the benefits are passed on to the consumers. This had significant impact on the State's revenue collection as tax is levied ad valorem. But, the State restrained itself from interfering with the

tax rates on Diesel and Petrol though several States including few neighboring States increased the rates to safeguard tax revenues. The Government of India has raised Excise Duty on petrol and diesel on four occasions. I, now propose to increase the tax rate on Diesel and Petrol by a modest 1% keeping in view the need for resources for the larger interest of the society.

Rationalization Measure

500) To provide for single first appeal against re-assessment for several tax periods of one Financial year .

501) To enhance the period prescribed for disposal of appeal by KAT from the existing 180 days to 365 days from the date of stay order.

502) To facilitate the dealers to claim input tax credit of previous months in the returns filed during subsequent months, I propose to amend sub section 3 of section 10 of KVAT Act, 2003 to allow claiming of input tax credit for a period of five months from the month in which it has accrued.

503) One of the objectives of VAT Act, is to widen the tax base through value addition at each point of sale. This is being defeated by refund claim of a portion of a output tax paid at the earlier stage by selling goods at a price lower than the purchase price in the guise

of business practices in certain commodities. In order to safeguard the revenue I propose to amend section 11 of KVAT Act, 2003 to limit input tax credit to the extent of output tax paid on particular commodities.

504) To amend KVAT Act, 2003 to provide for deduction of tax at source, at applicable rate, out of the amounts payable to a dealer from whom goods are purchased by Government department or Local Authority or Local body or others.

505) At present, no time limit is prescribed under the VAT Act for granting permission for availing the Special accounting scheme. I propose to bring the same under Sakala prescribing one-month time limit for the convenience of the dealers opting for such scheme.

506) The Commercial Taxes Department is providing almost all services electronically at the doorstep of the dealers. Now, it is proposed that the dealers will be enabled to file an appeal electronically against any order or proceedings affecting him under the provisions of the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act. Further, in order to bring in more transparency and

accountability, the orders passed by the Appellate Authority will be uploaded on to the computer system and thereafter a copy of such order will be served on the appellant.

507). For the dealers who are claiming concessional rate of tax or exemption on the interstate sale/stock transfer are now required to produce the CST statutory forms. It is proposed to put in place a system to upload the details of such statutory forms which will be linked to the turnover declared in their returns. This will avoid production of these forms at multiple places by the dealers, currently causing undue hassle.

Profession Tax Act

Relief

508) I propose to reduce the effective age of senior citizen from the current 65 years to 60 years to extend the benefit of exemption from payment of Profession Tax.

509) I propose to exempt persons drawing salary less than Rs.15,000 per month from payment of professional tax as against the present limit of Rs.10,000 per month.

Agricultural Income Tax

Relief

510) I propose to revise Replanting allowances from the present Rs.900/- to Rs.2050/- per Metric Ton Coffee produced considering the escalation in Replantation expenditure incurred by the Coffee planters.

EXCISE

511) I propose to increase the rate of Additional Excise Duty by 6 per cent to 20 per cent across all the 17 slabs as per Annexure I. With this and with effective enforcement and regulatory measures the department would be achieving the target of Rs.15,200 crores fixed for 2015-16.

512) The Government had earlier introduced three Karasamadhana Schemes in the years 2002, 2006 and 2010 to liquidate the excise arrears pending since 1946. The Government proposes to formulate a new Karasamadhana Scheme to collect the arrears related to Toddy and Arrack. Under the Scheme, those who pay the principal amount in respect of Arrack/Toddy rentals will be given relief in respect of interest dues.

Stamps and Registration

Reforms/Reliefs

513) Sulabha Nondani: I propose to have the facility of online time slot booking for registration of documents in any of the sub-registrar's office of the party's choice in the district. Facilities for calculating and online payment of stamp duty and registration fee, by the parties themselves. Facility for downloading the formats of sale deed, transfer deed etc. and certified copies of registered documents and encumbrance certificates are made available to the parties through 'Sulabha Nondani' Software. Suitable amendment to the Registration Act, 1908 will be effected for online registration of agreement of sale, lease deeds and leave and license agreements.

514) Kaveri software and Bank Software will be integrated in order to facilitate farmers to have agricultural loan mortgage deeds, discharge deeds and encumbrance certificate, filed online without visiting the sub-registrar's office.

515) I propose to effect suitable amendments to the Karnataka Stamp Act 1957 in order to provide for the reforms/reliefs as under.

1. Making the Banks, Financial Institutions etc., liable for payment or collection of proper

stamp duty payable on optionally registerable documents, such as mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds (DTD), Pawn or Pledge, etc., and to file online returns thereon, in order to ensure better compliance of the payment of proper stamp duty.

2. Providing for composition/consolidation of duties in respect of certain instruments to facilitate payment of stamp duty.
3. Levying stamp duty on Chit Agreements and the Limited Liability Partnership instruments.
4. Rationalizing/revising rates of stamp duty in respect of certain articles in the schedule of Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957.

516) Details in respect of the proposed changes have been given in Annexure – II enclosed herewith.

517) I propose to effect suitable amendments to the Registration Act, 1908 so as to rationalize the levy of registration fees

1. Levying of one percent advalorem registration fee on the amount or value of the purchase money in respect of agreement for sale

without the possession of the property being delivered subject to a maximum of Rupees Two Hundred.

2. Levying of one percent advalorem registration fee on the market value of the property or the consideration whichever is higher, in respect of agreement for sale, wherein the possession of the property is delivered or is agreed to be delivered and one percent advalorem registration fee in respect of document of sale executed in pursuance of such agreement for sale, subject to a maximum of Rs.500/-
3. Optionally registerable documents such as mortgage by way of deposit of title deed, court orders, decrees, etc., affecting immovable property will be required to be compulsorily filed online under section 89 of Registration Act, 1908.

518) Additional Revenue of about Rs.125 crore is expected from the above mentioned changes and rationalization of duties and fees.

519) The Revenue collection target for 2015-16 is fixed at Rs.8,200 crore.

TRANSPORT

520) The growth in collection of Motor Vehicles Tax during the year 2014-15 is substantial due to increase in registration of Motor Vehicles. It is proposed to collect Rs.4,800 crores during the year 2015-16.

Revised Estimates 2014-15

521) As per the Revised Estimates 2014-15, the Total Receipts are Rs.1,31,273 crore compared to the Budget Estimates of Rs.1,36,249 crore. The revenue mobilization efforts of the State stand at Rs.1,08,908 crore out of which the Own Tax Revenues are estimated at Rs.68,554 crore.

522) As per the Revised Estimates, the Total Expenditure is Rs.1,32,835 crore. The Total Plan Expenditure of Rs.56,886 crore estimated in Revised Estimates 2014-15 has seen an increase of 29 per cent over of Accounts of 2013-14.

Budget Estimates 2015-16**Hon'ble Speaker Sir,**

523) The Total Receipts are estimated to be Rs.1,39,476 crore during 2015-16. The Budget Estimates envisage Revenue Receipts of Rs.1,16,360 crore and Capital Receipts of Rs.166 crore including Borrowings of Rs.22,950 crore. The Total Expenditure

is estimated to be Rs.1,42,534 crore consisting of Revenue Expenditure of Rs.1,15,450 crore, Capital Expenditure of Rs.20,564 crore and debt repayment of Rs.5,788 crore.

524) Revenue Surplus is estimated to be Rs.911 crore. Fiscal Deficit is expected to be Rs.20,220 crore, which is 2.75% of GSDP. Total liabilities at Rs.1,80,815 crore at the end of 2015-16 are estimated to be 24.56% of GSDP. This is within the limit of 25% for 2015-16 mandated in Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act.

525) Therefore, all these three fiscal parameters are within the mandate of the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act. This reflects fiscal responsibility of the State.

Resource Mobilization

526) The State's total Tax Revenue for 2015-16 is estimated to be Rs.1,01,235 crore which is an increase of 20.57% over the Revised Estimate of 2014-15.

527) Rs.5,206 crore is expected to be collected from Non-Tax Revenues. The State Government expects to receive Rs.24,790 crore by way of the share in Central Taxes in the Budget 2015-16 and another Rs.9,919 crore as grants from Government of India. These revenue receipts are estimated to be supplemented

by gross borrowings of Rs.22,950 crore, non-debt capital receipts of Rs.75 crore and recovery of loans to the extent of Rs.91 crore.

528) Various State owned Boards and Corporations and Local bodies are expected to mobilize Rs.8,645 crore through internal resource generation and borrowings made on the basis of their own financial strength and own revenues.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

529) This Budget reflects aspirations and priorities of our Government. We will make sincere efforts to implement them. In this regard, I seek co-operation and support of all the Members of the House.

530) Now I commend the Budget for consideration of the august House and seek approval for Vote on Account for the expenditure up to 31st July 2015 as per the Budget Estimates.

Jai Hind

Jai Karnataka