PART A

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

It is my privilege to present before this august House, the fourth consecutive Budget of the re-elected Shiromani Akali Dal and Bhartiya Janta Party alliance Government for the year 2015-16.

- 2. The world is upbeat about India as her economy has entered a promising era with a series of economic reforms ushered in by the NDA Government at the Centre. As per the IMF and the World Bank's latest forecasts, India is set to soon become the fastest-growing big economy in the world. These times present a unique opportunity to the State of Punjab to uplift its own economy by becoming a key partner in the National economic growth process. I strongly believe that the Shiromani Akali Dal and Bhartiya Janta Party Government led by our most respected leader Sardar Parkash Singh Badal ji and dynamic leader Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal ji with support of the reform minded NDA Government at the Centre will herald a new dawn for Punjab's economy.
- 3. The budget has been prepared against a changed backdrop created by increased devolutions from the 14th Finance Commission and a concomitant reduction in plan transfers to states in the Union Budget. The steps and policies outlined in the Budget for 2015-16 presented by me reflect the commitment of our Government to put the State Economy on the path of sustained high economic growth the benefits of which will reach all sections of the society. The budget also lays down steps to steer the State towards the

course of prudent fiscal consolidation, promote industrial development, revive the agriculture sector and promote all round inclusive development. While we chart the course for Punjab's economic progress we are mindful of the diverse challenges facing the State like drug abuse, adverse child sex ratio, rising incidence of cancer, fiscal stress and youth unemployment. The Government is making its best efforts to address these challenges and with adequate support from the Centre we will certainly overcome these in a short span of time.

4. I had made certain commitments while presenting the Budgets for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. Our Government has implemented a majority of them while action has been initiated on others. I will dwell upon them while discussing the Budget proposals of the individual Departments. Mr. Speaker Sir, I will now discuss the economic and fiscal parameters of the state in some detail.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

5. As per advance estimates, the GSDP at current prices is estimated to grow at 10.16% in the current fiscal year (2014-15). During the year 2013-14, the GSDP at constant prices grew at 5.73% against the national growth rate of 4.74%. The per capita income of the State at current prices is also estimated to increase from Rs 92350 in 2013-14 to Rs 99578 in 2014-15 (A).

FISCAL CONSOLIDATION

6. To promote growth by judicious use of scarce resources and

to achieve intergenerational equity, fiscal discipline is of utmost importance. The Government is taking all steps to ensure that it 'Lives within the means' and thereby stabilises its debt and deficit position. Before I present the fiscal indicators I am glad to inform the House that the 14th Finance Commission (FC) in its recommendations has increased the share of Punjab in central taxes from 1.389% to 1.577%. I am also happy to share with the august House that the 14th Finance Commission has also recognised the fiscal turnaround of the State due to efforts made by our Government and has therefore removed it from the list of States needing revenue deficit grant.

- 7. Now I turn to the success made by the State in achieving fiscal consolidation. Punjab is well within limits of most of the fiscal targets set by the 13th Finance Commission and under the FRBM Act. The Fiscal Deficit came down from 3.45% of GSDP in 2006-07 to 2.77% of GSDP in 2013-14 and is estimated at 2.97% of GSDP in 2014-15 (RE) well within the 13th FC target of 3.0%. For the year 2015-16 (BE), the fiscal deficit of State Government is projected at 2.98% of GSDP.
- 8. The diligent efforts of the State Government have enabled it to keep the debt within manageable limits as is reflected in the rapid decline in debt to GSDP ratio. In 2014-15, the Outstanding Debt to GSDP ratio is pegged at 32.27% (RE), well ahead of the target of 38.7% set by 13th FC for the year 2014-15. During 2015-16, the Outstanding Debt to GSDP ratio of the State is projected to be 31.34% of GSDP.

- 9. Reduction in revenue deficit remains a challenge for the State Government in the wake of the implementation of the 5th Punjab Pay Commission recommendations which saw a significant increase in its committed expenditure on salaries and pensions. As I will present in the later part of the speech, due to sustained efforts of the Government the own tax revenue to GSDP ratio as also the non tax revenues have increased in the recent years, however declining share of Punjab in central taxes had constrained the overall resource position of the State. This situation though is set to take a better turn now with the latest 14th Finance Commission recommendations which has resulted in increased devolution albeit at the cost of reduced plan allocation.
- 10. Realising the importance of own tax revenue in meeting our expenditure needs, the State made sustained efforts to raise its own tax revenue. Consequently, between 2007-08 and 2014-15 (RE) the State's own tax revenue increased at an average annual growth rate of 16%.
- 11. The quality of expenditure incurred by the Government has also improved in the recent years as reflected in the increasing ratio of development expenditure to total expenditure of the State Government. During 2013-14, the percentage of Developmental Expenditure to the total expenditure of the State was 52.24% which substantially improved to 55.39 %in 2014-15(RE). For the year 2015-16 (BE) the ratio of developmental expenditure to total expenditure of the State is budgeted to go up to 55.60%. In addition

the capital expenditure of the State Government has witnessed a significant rise of 79% from Rs 2200.61 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 3948.28 crore in 2014-15 (RE).

12. Before I enter into details of sector-wise budgetary provisions, I would like to summarise at the outset some major new initiatives our Government has proposed for the year 2015-16. The guiding philosophy of 'Sarbat Da Bhala' has led us to design these schemes for inclusive development of all the sections of our society.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

13. Sir, I take pride in stating that the assiduous efforts of our Government have made Punjab a leading state in the implementation of e-governance initiatives. One such landmark initiative in citizen centric service delivery is the setting up of Sewa Kendras. Fulfilling our commitment to bring the 'Government at the Doorstep' we are establishing Unified Service Centers (Sewa Kendras) in rural and urban areas. 2174 Sewa Kendras will be set up within this year for providing 50 services to the citizens at their doorsteps. Within the next two years, over 200 services will be covered through Sewa Kendras. Rs 500 crore have been earmarked for this purpose.

AGRICULTURE

14. Agriculture is the mainstay of Punjab's economy, providing livelihood to over 60% of the population in the State. The Government is committed to the growth of this sector with a special

emphasis on sustainable agriculture and improvement in the incomes of the farmers. I welcome the Union Government's budget announcement of setting up Post Graduate Institute of Horticulture Research and Education in Amritsar. Punjab is set to become a leading State in horticulture research and I sincerely hope that the crop diversification process in the State will scale new heights with the establishment of this Institute.

15. Cooperatives have been playing a crucial role in the development of agriculture and allied sector of Punjab. The sugar cooperatives have successfully contributed to crop diversification in the State by increasing the area under sugarcane. The current falling prices of sugar have caused financial difficulties to the cooperatives, making it difficult for them to pay the farmers on time. I have therefore allocated Rs 600 crore for support to sugar cooperatives for making timely payments to cane growers. I have also made an allocation of Rs 80 crore for recapitalisation of Central Cooperative Banks in order to further strengthen them to increase their lending for agriculture.

INDUSTRY

16. Sir, the micro and small enterprises have made a significant contribution to the overall development of the manufacturing sector in the State. Punjab has a significant presence of micro and small enterprises which are potential 'engines of growth and inclusive development'. These units deserve all encouragement given the huge employment potential they offer. To alleviate the financing

difficulties faced by micro and small entrepreneurs, I propose to launch an 'Entrepreneurship Development Programme' for a period of five years. Under this programme an interest subvention at the rate of 3% will be provided on loan taken to set up a micro or small enterprise with investment of up to Rs 5 crore. For the year 2015-16 an allocation of Rs 100 crore has been provided for the scheme.

17. The recent economic downturn also affected our industry adversely and many borrowers from PSIDC, PFC and PAIC are facing genuine difficulty in repaying their loans. With a view to bringing the blocked industrial investment into productive use and to revive the existing Punjab industry, Government is bringing a reasonable OTS Policy for promoted and loanee companies of PSIDC, PFC and PAIC. Under this Policy, besides hundreds of those small scale industrial units, financed by PFC, settling their accounts and getting revived, another 60 large and medium scale industrial projects, besides around 15 industrial projects of PAIC are likely to get revived and PFC, PSIDC and PAIC are expected to effect recovery of significant public monies.

YOUTH

Skilling Punjab Youth

18. The future of Punjab lies with the youth which make up almost 30% of the total population of the State. To enhance the employability of youth, our Government is committed to empower them with the right skills in tune with the industry requirements. Keeping this in view and also the fact that with a significant presence

of MSME sector, the State will be a crucial partner in the 'Make In India' campaign, the State has set up an empowered 'State Skill Development Mission' with three tiers at State, District and Block level.

- 19. Under this Mission 22 Multi Skill Development Centres, one in each district is proposed to be set up in a phased manner. In the first phase, centres are being set up at Ludhiana, Amritsar, Bathinda, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar and Ropar to meet short term skill development needs of the State. The Mission is also in the process of setting up three Skill Development Centres in the Health Sector at Medical Colleges, Amritsar, Patiala and Faridkot.
- 20. Under this Mission, I also propose to set up three specialised Skill Development Centres in construction sector in partnership with renowned companies in the construction sector. To provide skill training at their doorsteps, 2000 skill training centres for girls and 500 centres for boys will be opened in villages in the existing infrastructure of Government schools and other buildings at village level when they are not in use. The State Government proposes to spend Rs 200 crore on these initiatives.

Higher Education Funding

21. Sir, to ensure that just for want of funds not a single dream of pursuing higher education of poor students remains unfulfilled, I am glad to propose Education funding for students belonging to blue card holder families securing admission to the Institutes of national importance.

SPORTS

- 22. Sir, the contribution of Punjabis to the world of sports is widely recognised. It is a matter of great pride that a large number of Punjabis have represented the country in a number of international sports events. To further improve upon the capabilities of Punjabis, to tap the talent at the right time, to train and to create sportspersons of international level and to groom them as medal prospects, our Government has established Punjab Institute of Sports (PIS). Under PIS there will be Centres of Excellence for 12 identified games. Around 6000 sports persons from 14 years of age and onwards will be identified from all over the state and will be trained in these Centres of Excellence created in different parts of the State. The admitted players would be provided free boarding and lodging at the centres, arrangements will be made for their proper education and scientific training under expert Indian & foreign coaches. PIS will have a budget of Rs. 50 crore Annually.
- 23. To strengthen the sports infrastructure stadiums, multipurpose stadiums at all district headquaters have been built or upgraded or are being built at a cost of Rs. 320 crore. In this endeavour a multipurpose stadium at Pathankot and Fatehgarh sahib is being built and the Stadium at Barnala is being upgraded. At the block level, I propose setting up of one block level stadium in each block of the State in the next five years. A hockey stadium will also be constructed at Ferozepur with a cost of Rs. 10.31 crore.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- 24. Urban population constitutes 37% of the total population of the State. Our Government is successfully meeting the challenges of urbanisation through various initiatives. Sir, I put forth yet another proposal to fulfil the dream of providing "affordable housing for all", that 50,000 Houses for EWS will be constructed in next two years in collaboration with HUDCO and will be allotted to the beneficiaries under the scheme on EMI payable in 20 years.
- 25. I also reiterate the commitment of our Government to provide 100% sewerage and water supply coverage in all Municipal and Corporation towns. I am glad to announce the launch of the 'Punjab Urban Development Mission' under which 100% water supply, sewerage, STP, Road & Streetlights will be provided in all the cities by the year 2017.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

26. Despite the accelerated growth of urbanisation, there is no denying the fact that Punjab resides in its villages. "Pinda ch Vasda Punjab". Development of villages is the top priority of our Government and to take it further I propose to launch the 'Mukh Mantri Pendu Vikas Yojana'. The scheme envisages comprehensive development of villages through provision of basic amenities. For the current fiscal, a sum of Rs 600 crore has been earmarked for this scheme.

WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION

27. I am pleased to share with the House that the World Bank

has approved the 2nd Punjab Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project spread over six years (2015-16 to 2020-21) with a total cost of Rs 2200 crore. The objective of the project is to improve rural water supply and sanitation services and service delivery arrangements in the State. The convergence of the project with Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) would ensure individual toilets for every household in the state by 2018.

HEALTH

Sir, I appreciate the Union Government's decision to set up 28. an AIIMS in Punjab which will further strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in the State. The State Government is setting up Medicity near Mullanpur in Mohali, which will house many of the best known names in healthcare. I also propose to support the medical health insurance scheme, the "Bhagat Puran Singh Sehat Bima Yojana", which will provide cashless medical treatment through smart cards to 30 lakh Blue Card Holder families in addition to 4.50 lakh BPL families. This scheme will provide protection to around 1.50 crore population of economically weaker households from financial liabilities arising out of health shocks that involve hospitalization. Hospitalization expenses up to Rs 30,000/- will be met by the Government in empanelled government and private hospitals. An initial provision of Rs 50 crore has been kept in the Annual Budget 2015-16.

WOMEN

29. It is rightly said that "you educate a woman and you educate

a generation". Education is the cornerstone of women empowerment. Even to this day many of our girl students especially in rural areas miss school for lack of basic facilities like girls toilets. Sir, to ensure that no girl student misses education due to lack of basic facilities in schools, I propose a scheme of 'Strengthening of Girls Schools' in Punjab. Under the scheme, 121 Government Girls High schools/senior secondary schools in 144 CD blocks will be strengthened in terms of basic infrastructure. I propose to allocate Rs 20 crore under this scheme for 2015-16.

SC WELFARE

30. Welfare of Scheduled Castes is an integral part of our strategy of inclusive growth. For integrated development of all the villages having SC population of more than 50%, I propose a sum of Rs 45 crore in the year 2015-16 under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana.

MINORITY WELFARE

31. Our Government is sensitive to the interests of the minorities in the State. We are committed to their welfare and protection of their interests. Sir, for the year 2015-16, I propose to earmark a sum of Rs 10 crore each for setting up of Muslim and Christian burial grounds in the State.

GREEN PUNJAB

32. Sir, recently the Parliament cleared the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, recognising battery-powered E-rickshaws as a

valid form of commercial transport. The State Government has decided to introduce E Rickshaws in the old Corporation towns in the first phase with the twin objectives of providing employment opportunities to the poor and curb air pollution in the cities. The Government will soon launch a scheme to offer attractive loans to people to buy e-rickshaws.

TOURISM & CULTURE

- 33. Sir, our Government is deeply committed to properly project and protect the rich cultural heritage of the state, and realize its full potential in Tourism sector. In fulfilment of the vision of our Honourable Chief Minister, the Government is setting up memorials in the memory of important events and personalities. A State of the Art Memorial Jang-e-Azadi in the memory of people of Punjab who participated in the freedom struggle is being set up at Kartarpur. War Memorial cum Museum is coming up at Amritsar. Guru Ravidass Memorial is being set up at Khuralgarh, in district Hoshiarpur, Bhai Mardana ji Memorial at Ferozepur and Baba Moti Ram Mehra ji Memorial at Fatehgarh Sahib. Bhagwan Balmiki Tirath Sthal (Ram Tirath) at Amritsar is also being redeveloped. Over Rs 500 crore have been earmarked for these initiatives.
- 34. Sir, I am pleased to announce that a sum of Rs 500 crore has been provided for carrying out various tourism and culture related works in the Holy city of Amritsar. Some of the major works proposed to be undertaken are construction of entrance plaza in the Forecourt of Shri Harmandir Sahib, Facade improvement of

surroundings of Golden Temple, Jallianwala Bagh, town hall and Hall Gate in Amritsar.

OTHERS

- 35. Sir, it has been decided to establish a Gaushala in every District to take care of stray cattle. To this effect a 'District Animal Welfare Society' under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner will be established in every district which will set up the infrastructure for Gaushalas. This initiative will go a long way in protecting the farmers from the damage to crops caused by stray cattle and in preventing fatal accidents caused by them.
- 36. To curb the threats posed by stray dogs, I also propose to set up dog pounds in every District to take care of stray dogs. The dog pounds will provide care and shelter to the homeless stray dogs.

PART B

Sir, now I would like to present the budget proposals in greater detail

PLAN SIZE & PERFORMANCE

- 37. There has been significant improvement in size of approved Annual Plan of the State and its implementation since 2006-07. The approved Annual Plan during 2006-07 was Rs 4,000 crore, which increased to Rs 20,100 crore in 2014-15. The implementation of Annual Plan was 65% during 2011-12, 72% during 2012-13 and 73% during 2013-14. The likely financial achievement in 2014-15 is 80%. The size of the Plan is Rs 21,174 crore for the year 2015-16 with an increase of 5% over the previous year's plan. The increase in the size of Annual Plan 2015-16 is modest in view of the expected reduction in central assistance.
- 38. The Union Government has further restructured the 66 Centrally Sponsored Schemes in to 3 categories i.e. (i) Schemes to be fully supported by Union Government, (ii) Schemes delinked from support of the centre and (iii) Schemes to be run with the changed sharing pattern. The details are awaited from Government of India.

AGRICULTURE

Crop Husbandry

39. Punjab has been contributing about 50-60% of wheat and about 35-40% of rice procured by the Government of India for food

security of the country for the last four decades. I congratulate the farmers for the record production of wheat in the current Rabi season. During Rabi 2013-14, the production of wheat was 176.20 lakh tonnes out of which 119 lakh tonnes has been procured by the State. In kharif 2014 the production of paddy was 169.62 lakh tonnes against which 121 lakh tonnes has been procured. The free power supplied to the farmers at a cost of about Rs 4,778 crore has proved vital in this regard. The State Government invested Rs 38765 crore for procurement of wheat and paddy in the state in the year 2014-15. Compensation for loss due to natural calamity has been enhanced from Rs 2000 to Rs 5000 per acre.

40. The crop diversification process in the State is going on successfully. Four maize drying units have been installed and three more units are being set up. A project has been started to mechanize the cotton production system from sowing till picking. Every year, additional area of approximately 4000 hectare is brought under fruits by supplying healthy, disease free plants. Horticulture Development Board is being setup in the state to promote development of Citrus, Guava, Litchi & Pear fruits. Hi-tech vegetable seedlings nurseries are proposed for Patiala, Attari (Amritsar) and Bir Charik (Moga). It is proposed to set-up a multi product mega food park in 200 acres of land at Ladhowal. A centre of excellence for vegetable cultivation in collaboration with Government of Israel has been set up on 15 acres of land at Kartarpur, Jalandhar and a centre of excellence for potato is being set up at Dhogri (Jalandhar)

under Indo-Dutch Agreement. It is proposed to modernize existing cold stores which have bunker system in next 3 years.

- 41. Our Government is committed to strengthen the agriculture and allied sectors in the State and I propose to allocate Rs 3512 crores for the agriculture sector. Some of the main scheme wise allocations for the Annual Plan 2015-16 are:
- Rs 600 crore for making payment to cane growers.
- Rs 300 crore for Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.
- Rs 230 crore for strengthening of agriculture and allied sectors under RKVY.
- Rs 63.50 crore for National Horticulture Mission.
- Rs 50 crore for National Food Security Mission.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

42. Government is alive to the need for soil & water conservation in the State. A number of initiatives have been taken to address this issue like banning the early plantation of paddy, providing machines like happy seeders, rotavators, zero-till-drills, laser land levellers, balers and rakes to farmers on subsidy. I propose an allocation of Rs 181 crores for judicious use of available water & soil conservation measures.

ALLIED SECTORS

43. Allied sector is a focus area of the Government due to its huge employment generation potential especially in rural areas.

To boost the livestock sector, Advisory Boards have been set up for Dairy, Piggery, Goatry and Fisheries. Subsidy would be provided for setting up Automatic Milk Dispensing Units. Five Dairy Service Centres for renting out costly machinery would be established. For Breed improvement, Cattle Breeding Farm at Rauni, district Patiala is being established and Semen Bank Nabha is being upgraded. A new veterinary college is proposed to be established at Rampuraphul in district Bathinda. MOU is being signed with China for promotion of fisheries sector. A Regional Research Centre for fisheries would be established at village Jodhpur Rumana, district Bathinda. Modern hygienic wholesale fish markets would be set up at district Bathinda and Amritsar. Power tariff has been reduced from Rs 7.75 per unit to Rs 4.57 per unit for the allied farming sector.

44. I have proposed an allocation of Rs 451 crore for Animal Husbandry sector for the year 2015-16. Out of this 20 crore has been allocated for GADVASU.

FARM DEBTS

45. Farmer indebtedness is a grave challenge facing the State. Rs 94 crore have been distributed during 2012-14 covering 4688 families affected by farmers' suicides from 2000-2011. To take care of the farmers' families, I have provided Rs 20 crore for compensation to the families of the farmers who have committed suicide.

FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES

46. Our Government launched the Atta Dal Scheme in order to

ensure that prices of essential commodities remain within the reach of the common man. In the Annual Plan 2015-16, Rs 400 crore has been allocated for New Atta Dal Scheme and it is estimated that 8,70,000 MTs of wheat and 65,000 MTs of pulses shall be distributed during the year.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- 47. Sir, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has proved instrumental in enhancing the livelihood security of rural households. I propose an initial allocation of Rs 233 crore under this scheme for the financial year 2015-16.
- 48. The total provision for rural development is pegged at Rs 1710 crore which includes Rs 600 crore for Mukh Mantri Pendu Vikas Yojana.

WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION

- 49. Sir, to provide safe drinking water to our citizens, 1824 RO systems have been set up in rural areas of the state and another 561 ROs will be set up during 2015-16. I propose the following plan allocations under various schemes of this sector:
- Rs 150 crore for 2nd Punjab Rural Water Supply and Sanitation sector improvement programme – World Bank Assisted Project.
- Rs 100 crore-for installation of RO Systems to provide drinking water in heavy metal affected districts of Punjab.

- Rs 25 crore for National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP).
- Rs 80 crore for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- 50. The State Government is implementing an action plan of Rs 7586 crore to provide water supply, sewerage and sewage treatment plants in all the urban local bodies in the state. Of which, the works amounting to Rs 3866 crore are already under implementation. The State Government will also work actively to derive maximum advantage under the newly announced schemes of the Union Budget 2015-16 Mission for Development of 100 Smart Cities, Urban Rejuvenation Mission 500 Habitations and Sardar Patel Urban Housing Scheme.
- 51. Other major housing initiatives during 2015-16 include:
- Ecocity Phase-II to be developed in an area of 310 acres.
- Medicity Phase-II-160 acres of land acquired, of which 10 acres of land allotted to the Max Healthcare institute, Chaitanya Hospital, Jindal IVF Nursing Home and Grewal Eye Institute.
- Edu City GMADA is in process of acquiring 309 acres of land for development of Edu City and an amount of Rs. 300 crores is proposed to spent in 2015-16.
- 52. The total provision for urban sector is pegged at Rs 3126 crore for the year 2015-16.

IRRIGATION

- 53. Irrigation undoubtedly forms an important thrust area of this year's plan. An amount of Rs 1005 crore has been earmarked for irrigation in the year 2015-16. The important schemes are:
- Rs 134 crore for relining of Rajasthan feeder project (Project Cost is Rs 952 crore to be completed in 4 year from 2015-19).
- Rs 100 crore for relining of Sirhind feeder project (Project Cost is Rs 614 crore to be completed in 4 year from 2015-19).
- Rs 83 crore for completion of remaining 14 km of Kandi canal Phase-II project.
- Rs 50 crore for construction of Shahpurkandi Dam Project (Project Cost is Rs 2286 crore including power component to be completed in three year from 2015-18).
- Rs 135 crore for re-construction of Distributaries and Minors.
- Rs 211 crore for construction/lining of water courses which includes.
- a. Rs 50 crore for re-construction of field channels of various distributaries in the state.
- Rs 30 crore for construction of field channels of Kotla Branch Part-II (project cost is Rs 950 crore to be completed in 3 years from 2015-18).
- Rs 190 crore for anti-water logging and flood protection which includes.

- a. Rs 180 crore- for anti water logging measures in South western Districts of Punjab.
- 54. The State Government will provide Rs 15 crore for cleaning of various canals in the State in the financial year 2015-16. Besides, an amount of Rs 55.00 crore collected on account of water cess will be spent on maintenance, repair and modernisation of Minors and Distributaries in the state.

POWER

- 55. Fulfilling our commitment to make Punjab a power surplus state, the 1st as well as 2nd units of Rajpura Thermal Power Plant (700 MW) were commissioned last year. The first unit of 660 MW of Talwandi Sabo (1980 MW) has been commissioned and the remaining two units would become functional shortly. The 540 MW Goindwal Sahib Thermal plant is also likely to be functional soon. The construction of 206 MW Shahpur Kandi Dam is on target.
- 56. I have allocated Rs 5484 crore in 2015-16 to compensate the power corporation for free power to farmers and rural poor. I also propose an allocation of Rs 50 crore for providing 24 hour urban pattern power supply to left out dhanis.
- 57. Following are some of the main allocations for the sector under Annual Plan 2015-16:
- Rs 960 crore for transmission.
- Rs 1040 crore for generation.

- Rs 1750 crore for distribution including Rs 950 crore for Re-structured Accelerated Power Development Reforms Programme.
- Rs 50 crore for providing 24 hour urban pattern power supply to left out dhanis.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

58. Renewable Energy Projects of capacity 758 MW are already operational in the State. India's largest Roof Top Solar Power Plant of capacity 7.50 MW has been commissioned at Dera Beas District Amritsar and World's largest cattle dung based Bio CNG plant is under implementation at Haiboval Dairy Complex, Ludhiana. The installed capacity of Solar Power Projects is targeted to be increased from 150 MW to 215 MW by March 2015. Another 229 MW capacity of Solar Project has been successfully allotted on Build Own Operate (BOO) basis. State Government has notified Net Metering Policy to give major thrust to the Solar Roof top programme in the state with a target to cover 1 lakh homes in next 3 years. A pilot project for Roof top programme exclusively for SC population has been included with an outlay of Rs 1.50 crore in Annual plan 2015-16.

INDUSTRY

59. The State Government has implemented Fiscal Incentives for Industrial Promotion Policy 2013 under which special package of

concessions has been provided for Information Technology & Knowledge Based Industries, Food Agro-based Industries and Food processing Industries to boost Industrial Investments in the State. For promoting ease of doing business, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion has been set up. 153 proposals with proposed investment of about Rs 9600 crores have been received in the Bureau.

60. Four Textile Parks have been set up for the promotion of Textile Industry in the State which are already functional. I propose an allocation of Rs 10 crore for Focal Points and Rs 1 crore for Northern India Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFFT) scheme

ROADS & BRIDGES

- 61. A sum of Rs 2018 crore is proposed to be spent on road infrastructure in the year 2015-16. In addition Rs 3000 crore has been provided for National Highways.
- 62. The major scheme wise allocations for the year 2015-16 are:
- Rs 700 crore Strengthening of Rural Roads.
- Rs 100 crore under Punjab State Road Sector project for strengthening of 150 km roads.
- Rs 100 crore NABARD Assisted Projects for construction of widening of Roads and construction of bridges.
- Rs 150 crore Special repair of Plan Roads.
- Rs 66 crore high level bridges.

- Rs 64 crore ROBs/RUBs.
- Rs 70 crore towards Centre Road Fund for upgradation of existing road infrastructure.
- Rs 302 crore under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

TRANSPORT

- 63. The State Govt. is committed to provide safer and affordable travelling facilities to the people through operation of 1680 buses owned by Punjab Roadways/PUNBUS. For effective management of the depots, computerization of all depots of Punjab Roadways/PUNBUS is underway. PUNBUS is purchasing 1800 Electronic Machines at a cost of Rs 3.25 crores for installing GPS devices in 300 buses to curb leakage of revenue. Rs 818 Crore are proposed to be spent for the Transport Sector. The proposals planned for 2015-16:-
- Rs 42.75 crore Introduction of 225 new buses in Punjab Roadways.
- Rs 75 crore 315 new buses in PUNBUS.
- Replacement of existing fleet of Punjab Roadways with 265 loan free buses from Punbus.
- Setting up of 32 Automatic Driving Test Centres & Automatic
 Vehicles Fitness Centres in PPP Mode.

CIVIL AVIATION

64. A sum of Rs 13 crore has been earmarked for upgradation of

extension of air terminals and aerodromes. The 1st phase of Chandigarh International Civil Air Terminal at Mohali is complete and likely to be commissioned soon. International flights are expected to start shortly from the existing terminal of Chandigarh airport. Sahnewal air strip is being converted into a full flegded airport. Approval has been received for starting two civil commercial flights from Indian Airforce Station Bhisiana near Bathinda.

EDUCATION

- 65. Sir, Our Government is committed to provide quality and affordable education to all. In order to strengthen the school system, a special emphasis has been laid on the recruitment of teachers. Since 2007, 43,455 new teachers have been recruited and the recruitment of 2342 teachers is in process.
- 66. To provide quality education to meritorious students of poor families, the state has set up 6 residential schools with a capacity of 500 students each in the districts of Amritsar, Bathinda, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Mohali & Patiala. The existing capacity will be increased to 1000 in the new session 2015-16. These schools are imparting free education in English medium to meritorious students of class 11th and 12th.
- 67. 27 Model/Adarsh schools have been set up in the educationally backward blocks of the state. In addition, 25 Adarsh schools have been set up throughout the state under PPP mode. Under Hargobind Khurana scholarship scheme, 5522 students have been covered. 5 residential hostels have been opened for the

elementary school boys of difficult circumstances in Amritsar, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Ludhiana and Tarn Taran with the capacity of 100 boys each. 22 KGBV hostels for elementary school girls & 17 hostels for secondary school girls are running successfully. 4 more girls hostel will become functional in 2015-16. The government aims to provide separate toilets for boys & girls in all the schools by the end of financial year 2015-16.

- 68. 6487 schools have been covered under the ICT Project for imparting computer education to students of 6th to 12th class. 138 more schools will be covered in 2015-16. 2983 EDUSAT libraries have been setup in government senior secondary and secondary schools so that the students can view and listen to lectures mixed with multimedia content of their choice.
- 69. I am glad to share with the August House that Children with special needs from the State participated in 11 National Sports Championships and won 6 Gold, 17 Silver and 13 Bronze medals. The Punjab Teams also won overall Trophy in 3 Championships. 5 children with special needs have been selected for participation in World Summer Games being held in Los Angeles, California, USA in June, 2015.
- 70. To upgrade the standard of school education, an outlay of Rs 8318 crore has been kept in 2015-16. Major outlays in the Annual Plan 2015-16 are:
- Rs 890 crore –Sarva Siksha Abhiyan programme.
- Rs 277 crore –Mid-Day Meal scheme.

- Rs 310 crore –ICT Project to impart computer education from class 6th to 12th.
- Rs 90 crore –Rashtriya Madhyamik Sikhsha Abhiyan (RMSA) programme.
- Rs 40 crore District Institutes of Education & Training.
- Rs 20 crore Strengthening of Senior Secondary Girls Schools.
- Rs 20 crore –Vocational education programme.
- Rs 20 crore- Model Schools.
- Rs 14 crore –Sakshar Bharat Mission.
- Rs 10 crore –Scholarship to brilliant students.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- 71. Sir, the state is implementing Rashtriya Ucchtar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) under which 2 new Model degree colleges at Pathankot and Ferozepur, 2 new professional colleges one in Aeronautic sector and other in sports at Patiala will be opened. I propose a total allocation of Rs 782 crore for higher education during the year 2015-16.
- 72. Following grants for Higher Education Institutes have been allocated by the State Government for the year 2015-16

Panjab University, Chandigarh - Rs 20 crore

Punjabi University, Patiala - Rs 60 crore

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar - Rs 50 crore

Grants-in-aid to aided private - Rs 250 crore
 Institutions

GREENING PUNJAB

73. Hon'ble Chief Minister launched Green Punjab Mission in 2013-14. During 2015-16, a sum of Rs 25 crore has been kept for the maintenance of old plantation and other important projects like MALWA plantation project and other activities. The Mission would be strengthened in the coming years with contribution from the public, industry, boards and corporations of the State Government.

HEALTH

- 74. Our Government is committed to upgrade infrastructure in terms of manpower, civil works and equipment in the hospitals for better health care. The state has recorded an impressive performance in regard to vital health Indicators. The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) declined by 18 points from 44 in 2006 to 26 in 2013. The state has been awarded by Government of India in each of the last 3 years on this account. The Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) declined from 192 in 2004-06 to 141 in 2011-13. The child sex ratio has also improved from 798 in 2001 to 857 in 2012.
- 75. Under the National Health Mission's progressive plan prepared by the state, it has been proposed to upgrade infrastructure and deploy additional manpower including 1100 doctors. The dial 108 service initiative of our Government has been a huge success, Nearly 10.04 lakh lives have been saved so far due to this service. In another major initiative, the government

has launched the 104 medical helpline to provide 24x7 medical advice, grievances redressal, and counselling services.

- 76. The State Government has taken several measures for treatment of cancer patients. Chief Minister Cancer Relief Fund provides assistance of Rs 1.5 lakh for cashless treatment of cancer in various governments and empanelled private hospitals. Financial assistance of Rs 235 crore has been given to 19713 cancer patients so far. Infrastructure for treatment of cancer in all the three government medical colleges is being upgraded. A 100-bedded advanced Cancer Diagnostic Treatment & Research Centre has been set up at Bathinda and a 40 bedded centre at Civil Hospital, Sangrur has been operationalized in collaboration with the Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai. A 200 bedded state-of-the-art Cancer Research centre with an outlay of Rs 450 crore is being setup by Tata Memorial Centre Mumbai at Mullanpur and will be operationlized in 2017.
- 77. The State Government is committed to eradicate drug menace in an effective manner. The Punjab State Cancer and Drug Addiction Treatment Infrastructure Act, 2013 has been enacted. The state is in the process of operationalisation of five state-of-the-art 50-bedded drug de-addiction centres at Bathinda, Faridkot, Patiala, Jalandhar and Amritsar. Apart from this, 31 ten-bedded drug de-addiction centres are being set up in district hospitals and selected sub divisional hospitals. Establishment of Drug Rehabilitation centres for each district is in progress.
- 78. Sir I propose to allocate Rs 3008 crore under Health, family

welfare and Medical Education in 2015-16. Some of the main allocations in health sector for 2015-16 are as follows:

- Rs 563 crore For providing affordable and accountable health care services to the community.
- Rs 39 crore For providing emergency response services (108-Ambulance Services) medical helpline (104) in the State.
- Rs 25 crore For treatment of cancer patients under CM Cancer Relief Fund.
- Rs 50 crore Medical Insurance for the poor people.
- Rs 100 crore Creation of cancer and drug de-addiction treatment infrastructure.
- Rs 50 crore Support for Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

SOCIAL SECURITY

- 79. Empowerment of women has been the focus of our government. Our Government will continue to support Mai Bhago Vidya Scheme providing bicycles to girl students of class XI and XII. The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Campaign will be launched in 11 districts of the State.
- 80. A total allocation of Rs 1874 crore has been earmarked for Social security in the year 2015-16. The main allocations under the annual plan are:
- Rs 692 crore for the disbursement of Old Age and other pensions to the 20 lac beneficiaries. Besides 2 lac beneficiaries

belonging to BPL families would receive additional pensions under National Social Assistance Programme for which Rs 70 crore are provided.

- Rs 594 crore for Integrated Child Development Services to provide supplementary nutrition to cover 15 lac children and pregnant mothers and construction of buildings of Anganwadi Centres in the State.
- Rs 40 crore for Mai Bhago scheme to provide free bicycles to girls of 11th and 12th class of government schools.
- Rs 24 crore for Integrated Child Protection Scheme for the protection of rights of children.
- Rs 16 crore for the National Mission for Empowerment of Women including Indira Gandhi Matritve Sehyog Yojana.
- Rs 11 crore for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Campaign.

WELFARE OF SCs, BCs AND MINORITIES

- 81. Sir, the Welfare of SCs, BCs and Minorities is the top priority of the State Government. A total amount of Rs 1173 crore is proposed to be allocated for welfare of SC, BC's and minorities. The plan outlay under this head has been increased from Rs 819 crore in the Annual Plan 2014-15 to Rs 984 crore in the Annual Plan 2015-16. The allocations under various programmes for 2015-16 are:
- Rs 411 crore for the development of Scheduled Castes including scholarships to SC's students and hostels for Scheduled Castes boys & girls.

- Rs 298 crore for Multi-Sectoral Development programmes for minorities including scholarships to minority students and infrastructure development of minority concentration blocks.
- Rs 93 crore for development of Backward Classes including scholarships & hostels for BC's students.
- Rs 98 crore for Shagun @ Rs 15000 per beneficiary to SC/BC/Christian Girls/Widows/Divorcee and daughters of widows of any caste at the time of their marriage.
- Rs 45 crore for Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana for infrastructural development in SC villages.
- Rs 13 crore for attendance scholarship to SC/BC/EWS primary girl students.
- Rs 10 crore for vocational training in ITI's for SC students.
- Rs 14.63 crore- for equity support for PSCFC and BACKFINCO.
- 82. The Directorate of Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) has been made the nodal department for the effective implementation of plan schemes earmarked for the SC population. 32% of the plan outlay equal to the percentage of SC population in the state is earmarked for the SCSP in the Annual Plan 2015-16. Out of the total plan size of Rs 21174 crore, a sum of Rs 6764 crore has been earmarked for SCSP.

SPORTS

83. Sir, Punjab is the front runner State in encouraging the sportsmen through reward. The medalists of Asian Games and

Common Wealth Games — 2014 were provided cash award amounting to Rs 5.43 crore during 2014-15. The 5th World Cup Kabaddi, Punjab was organized in the state in the month of December, 2014 in which 11 men & 8 women teams participated. The winning team in men section was provided Rs 2 crore and in women section Rs 1.00 crore as prize money. The Punjab Government spent Rs 7 crore for this purpose.

- 84. To promote sports in schools/colleges, 4000 promising players were admitted in sports wings during 2012-13, 2013-14 & 700 residential players were admitted in 2014-15. They are being provided diet, equipment & training. In 2015-16, there is a target of admitting 3000 talented players in sports wings of schools/colleges. This will be in addition to the sports persons who will be admitted to the Centers of Excellence under PIS.
- 85. The proposed plan outlay for the year 2015-16 is Rs 26 crore, the important schemes are:-
- Rs 6.50 crore Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan Scheme for developing sports infrastructure.
- Rs 7 crore Grant-in-aid to the State Sports Council for development of sports.
- Rs 7 crore –National Service Scheme.
- Rs 1 crore —Rural Youth/Sports Clubs.

ART & CULTURE

86. Punjab is a land of Sufies, Saints, Martyrs and Sikh Guru

Sahibans who created the greatest example of martyrdom for the sake of mankind. Suitable memorials are being set up in the State in the memory of these great personalities. In addition to the memorials being set up in Amritsar, Kartarpur and Hoshiarpur, the following memorials are also being set up.

- Shaheed Udham Singh Ji at Sunam.
- Baba Moti Mehra Ji at Fatehgarh Sahib.
- Swami Vivekanand Ji.
- Girja Nand Ji at Kartarpur.
- Baba Jiwan Singh Memorial at Anandpur Sahib.
- Memorial at Kila Raipur.
- 87. The completion of 350 years of Sri Anandpur Sahib will be suitably celebrated.

TOURISM

88. Sir, a major Infrastructure Development Programme for Tourism is under implementation with ADB support at a cost of Rs 398 crore. The projects include Tourism facilities and infrastructure creation for showcasing of Sikh Culture Conservation and Adaptive re-use of Rambagh Gardens, Amritsar, Heritage conservation and tourism development in Gurdaspur District, Conservation and adaptive reuse of colonial heritage in Kapurthala are being carried out. An outlay of Rs 190 crore is earmarked for 2015-16 for Tourism.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

89. The State Government has taken steps to prevent burning of

paddy straw in fields. Energy Conservation Measures (ECM) have been adopted by 13 re-rolling mills and 52 mills are in the process of implementation at Mandi Gobindgarh.

90. Punjab Biotechnology Incubator, a State Government Undertaking, an integral part of the Knowledge City being developed in SAS Nagar, Mohali is operational for the Testing, Certification of Agriculture, Food, Environmental and Allied Sectors. Punjab Biotechnology Incubator's facilities have been recognized by Agriculture Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA) in July 2014 and Export Inspection Council (EIC) in February 2015.

LAW AND ORDER

- 91. Sir, during the year 2014-15, crime situation in the state remained under control. Terrorist activities have been kept under effective surveillance. The Police recovered large quantities of illicit arms as well as drugs and narcotics.
- 92. The State Government has started important initiatives like Punjab Police Helpline (Dial 181), saanjh kendras and Rapid rural response system. Under the Dial 181 helpline, 86,937 complaints have been received since the time of its inception. 97% of the cases were closed within the given time-frame. More than 27 thousand disputes have been successfully resolved through the Saanjh Kendras. Rapid Rural Police Response System has been launched in the state under which police assistance will be available to the remotest rural areas in less than 20 minutes. The Crime and Criminal

Tracking Network & Systems project is under implementation. In order to make traffic enforcement and crime prevention more effective, a safe city project using latest available technology is being started initially in Amritsar and Ludhiana.

- 93. An amount of Rs 5638 crore has been allocated in 2015-16 for Justice and Law and order. The important scheme wise plan allocations during 2015-16 are as under:
- Rs 110 crore-for infrastructure facility for Judiciary.
- Rs 30 crore for prevention of crime and improvement of Police Public Relations.
- Rs 1 crore-for setting up suvidha centres.

DEFENCE SERVICES WELFARE

- 94. An amount of Rs 42.55 crore has been allocated in 2015-16 for the Defence Services Welfare for the following programmes:-
- Rs 30 crore for setting up of international standard War
 Memorial complex at Amritsar.
- Rs 4.21 crore- for construction of Sainik Rest Houses for newly created districts.
- Rs 2 crore- for pre-recruitment training for wards of ex-servicemen and others.
- Rs 3 crore- for Grants-in-aid to Punjab Defence and Security Relief Fund.

GOVERNANCE REFORMS

- 95. Apart from the setting up of 2174 unified service centres in the State, the other Major Achievements of the Government in the field of e-governance are:
- e-district Project has been successfully implemented with automated back-end process for delivery of 47 services in 2 Pilot districts of Kapurthala and SBS Nagar. State wide roll out of e-district project has also been started in the remaining 20 districts.
- Under National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN), broadband connectivity to more than 12000 Gram Panchayats of the state will be provided.
- E-tendering has been implemented with online mode of payments in 41 Departments/ Organizations to bring transparency and cost savings in procurement. More than 54,756 tenders have been uploaded on centralized Punjab Government Portal.
- 96. State is geared up to implement "Digital India" programme. The necessary institutional mechanism required to monitor this programme has already been established with constitution of a State Committee on Digital India under chairmanship of Honb'le Chief Minister, Punjab.

BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

97. Under the Border Area Development Programme, an amount

of Rs 40.00 crore is proposed for the 19 border blocks of six districts for upgrading infrastructure relating to education, health, agriculture and allied infrastructure in social sectors for the year 2015-16.

AADHAAR AND DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER

- 98. The Jan Dhan Yojana was implemented in a time bound manner with Punjab becoming the 3rd state in the country to be fully covered. The State Government has generated over 2.54 crore Aadhaar cards, which is 92 per cent of the total population of the state. The State Government is successfully implementing the Direct Benefit Transfer schemes in all the districts. An amount of Rs 65 crore has been disbursed through Aadhaar Payment Bridge to 1.56 lac beneficiaries under various schemes of the departments of Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and Social Security and Women & Child Development.
- 99. State Government have adopted DBT rollout for disbursement of benefits directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts in various state level schemes also. An amount of Rs 75 crore has been disbursed to 4 lac beneficiaries under schemes of the departments of Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes and Minorities. Besides, disbursement of Rs 83 crore has been made to 5.18 lac beneficiaries under State level Pension schemes which has been routed through Electronic Benefit Transfer/Biometric Smart Card project in 7 districts of the state.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- 100. Punjab Skill Development Mission will bring the necessary synergy, oversight & effective coordination in the implementation of various skill development schemes. An overarching MoU has been signed with NSDC to improve the employability skills of the beneficiaries participating in skill development schemes.
- 101. The state has carried out an extensive exercise to weed out obsolete courses in ITIs and introduce new courses and it has planned to take its current capacity of 22,000 students to 40,000 in a phased manner.
- 102. An amount of Rs 267.92 crore has been earmarked for skill development of 1,21,000 youth under various schemes.
- 103. Allocation for other employment generation includes:-
- Rs 7.45 crore-for Centres for Training and Employment of Punjab Youth(C-PYTE).
- Rs 3 crore- for Maharaja Ranjit Singh armed forces services preparatory institute at Ajitgarh.
- Rs 1 crore for Mai Bhago Armed Forces Services Preparatory Institution(for girls) Mohali.

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

104. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I now present before this august House the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2015-16 which are as under:

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

105. The total Budget size for the year 2015-16 is Rs 79,314 crore. However, the effective budget size is Rs 61,814 crore as the above figure contains a budget provision of Rs 17,500 crore towards ways and means transactions for the current year. The year begins with a negative opening balance of Rs 69 crore. The total receipts are likely to be Rs 60,585 crore. The closing balance at the end of 2015-16 would be Rs (-) 125 crore. The details are as follows:

					(Rs in crore)		
Sr.	Ite	m		2014-15	2015-16		
No				(RE)	(BE)		
	Op	enir	ng Balance	(-) 69	(-)73		
1.	1. CONSOLIDATED FUND						
	Receipts i Revenue Receipts		54,096	60,585			
	i. Revenue Receipts		42,742	46,229			
	ii.	Capital Receipts		11,353	14,356		
		a)	Receipts from Public Debt *	11235	14,265		
		b)	Recovery of Loans & Advances	118	91		
	Expenditure			56,431	61,814		
	i.	i. Revenue Expenditure		48,983	52,623		
		a)	Development Expenditure	25,733	27,344		
		b)	Non-development Expenditure	23,250	25,279		

	ii.	Capital Outlay	3,948	4,857
		a) Development Expenditure	3,583	4,615
		b) Non-development Expenditure	365	242
	iii.	Repayment of Public Debt *	3,174	3,598
	iv.	Loans & Advances Disbursal	327	736
2.	CONTINGENCY FUND		-	-
3.	PU	BLIC ACCOUNT (Net)	2,331	1,177
	Clo	sing Balance	(-)73	(-)125

^{*} Excludes a sum of Rs, 18,500 crore for 2014-15 (RE) and Rs 17,500 crore for 2015-16 (BE) on account of receipts & payments into ways and means/overdraft.

Excess of Expenditure over Receipts in 2015-16 (BE) – Rs 1228 crore to be met from Public Account (Rs1,177 crore), Opening Balance Rs(-)73 crore) with Closing Balance of Rs(-) 125 crore.

With the above estimates, fiscal deficit will be 2.98 per cent of GSDP and Revenue deficit will be 1.60 per cent of GSDP.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

106. I record my sincere gratitude to our beloved Chief Minister Sardar Parkash Singh Badal Ji and our dynamic Deputy Chief Minister Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal Ji for their valuable guidance and support.

- 107. I thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and all the Hon'ble members of this august House for their whole hearted support and co-operation.
- 108. I also thank the Principal Secretary Finance, Secretary Planning and the team of officers in the Departments of Finance and Planning who have been working tirelessly for the formulation and preparation of budget and annual plan for the year 2015-16.
- 109. Sir, with these words, I commend the Budget proposals of Rs79314 crore and the Annual Plan for Rs 21174 crore for the year 2015-16 to this august House for approval.
- 110. With the following lines of the poet Lala Dhani Ram Chatrik, I take this opportunity to call upon everyone to work together steadfastly for the growth and development of our beloved Punjab.

ਪੰਜਾਬ ! ਕਰਾਂ ਕੀ ਸਿਫ਼ਤ ਤੇਰੀ, ਸ਼ਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਭ ਸਾਮਾਨ ਤੇਰੇ, ਜਲ–ਪੌਣਤੇਰਾ, ਹਰਿਔਲ ਤੇਰੀ, ਦਰਿਆ, ਪਰਬਤ, ਮੈਦਾਨ ਤੇਰੇ। ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਸਿਰ ਤੇ ਛਤਰ ਤੇਰਾ, ਤੇਰੇ ਸਿਰ ਛਤਰ ਹਿਮਾਲਾ ਦਾ, ਮੋਢੇ ਤੇ ਚਾਦਰ ਬਰਫ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ, ਸੀਨੇ ਵਿਚ ਸੇਕ ਜਵਾਲਾ ਦਾ। ਅਰਸ਼ੀਂ ਬਰਕਤ ਰੂੰ ਵਾਂਗ ਉੱਤਰ, ਚਾਂਦੀ ਢੇਰ ਲਗਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਚਾਂਦੀ ਢਲ ਢਲ ਕੇ ਵਿਛਦੀ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਸੋਨਾ ਬਣੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

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