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FRIDAY, DATED THE 14TH JUNE, 2019

The Hon’ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh arrived at the Entrance of the Assembly Hall at 8.55AM. On his arrival, the Hon’ble Governor was given the National Salute and was received by the Hon’ble Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council and the Hon’ble Speaker, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, the Minister for Legislative Affairs and the Secretary (I/c) to State Legislature.

A procession was then formed in the main Veranda of the Assembly Hall. The Hon’ble Governor then conducted to the Assembly Hall. The Members of the both the Houses then rose on the entry of the Governor into the Assembly Hall and remained standing until he has taken his seat on the Dias. The Hon’ble Chairman and the Hon’ble Speaker then moved towards their respective seats on the Dias, flanking to the right and left of the Hon’ble Governor.

The Hon’ble Chief Minster, the Hon’ble Minister for Legislative Affairs and the Secretary (I/c) to State Legislature, then seated in the front row facing the Dias and the Officers in procession towards their seats in the Chairs places in the pit of the Assembly Hall. The Aide-de-Camp of the Governor then positioned himself behind the Governor on the Dias.

The National Anthem was then played and all the Members rose from their seats remained standing until its completion.

The Hon’ble Governor then delivered his Address to the Joint Session of Fifteenth Andhra Pradesh State Legislature – First Session, at 9.00 AM, in both Telugu and English Languages.

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J.No. 230/19 [1]
It’s time for the new government to focus on immediate concerns-some of which are a consequence of the state bifurcation and the rest are consequences of inept handling of the challenges emerged post bifurcation. The misutilisation of resources both human and physical further compounded the state’s misery. My government has inherited a near empty treasury calling for a stricter accountable and efficient spending of the public money and all attendant resources. My government, however is confident that it can overcome the problems and ensure a satisfying public service delivery to the citizens of the state.

At a time when people finding their aspirations unfulfilled during last 5 years looked for a change to take them forward into the 21st Century, the new government assumed office carrying hopes of 5 crore population for a better and good governance.

This new government has a perfect blend of fresh and experienced Hon’ble members in the Assembly. I once again welcome all the members who will be instrumental in making right policies in the interest of good governance. I am confident that they would also uphold the values and cultural heritage of this State.

My government is committed to uplift the downtrodden and the deprived through a corruption free and inclusive governance. Amidst pockets of affluence, there are segments of population which have been neglected in the past and these groups deserve additional support. At this juncture where the problems that arose after state bifurcation continue to haunt and challenge us even after 5 years, the need for concerted efforts is even more imperative. This calls for a special and focused drive to bring the vulnerable and neglected groups into the main stream.

Our efforts to pursue the Union government to implement all the assurances and promises mentioned in the A.P. Re-Organization Act 2014, and on other forums will be on the top of our agenda. These, among others, include Special Category Status to the state, expeditious completion of Polavaram project and also supporting
the state with necessary additional funds. We request the Union government to fully compensate for the loss of opportunities due to state bifurcation such as the income generation, employment opportunities, loss of premier health and educational institutions and social infrastructure.

My government is fully committed to fulfil all the promises made to the people of this state. It is encouraging that process has already been put in motion and the sense of joy and happiness among the public who are desperately looking for a change – change for the better is discernible.

My Government has a clear vision and actionable plans to tackle the problems and deliver on the promises made. This Government will revamp the system totally and strive to stand as a model for rest of the country. My government will adopt a two-pronged approach in this process – bold and effective steps to eliminate corruption and revamp the service delivery mechanism by taking it to the doorstep of the citizen.

This process of total revamp to ensure a corruption free state will involve innovative measures which would turn out to be role model for other states to follow.

Firstly, in contrast to erstwhile rules of governance, my government would place transparency and accountability on a high pedestal. As a lead step in this direction, my government, in its very first move has restored the general consent to CBI permitting it to carry out investigations in the state, which had been withdrawn by the erstwhile government.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

Secondly, my government believes in total transparency. To ensure this, in a hitherto unheard of measure, my government has sought the assistance of a judicial commission to look into every sizeable tender even before the tender is floated.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

To enhance transparency and pre-empt any scope for corruption, this commission will keep these documents in public domain for a week to get a public feedback. After due diligence, the commission will incorporate the necessary changes and return the tender document for further action.

Thirdly, my government would take the path of saturation laid by Late Dr. Y.S Rajasekhar Reddy garu while dispensing welfare measure to the eligible without any bearing relating to caste, colour, creed or political affiliation. This will ensure doing away with discretionary power – perceived source of corruption.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

Fourthly, my government would put in place measures to ensure government money is not wasted through inflated tenders. Inflationary tendencies in the award of
tenders and contracts will be looked into by a committee of experts and correctives put in place where needed. To this end reverse tendering will be taken recourse to if needed.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

This latter approach will be a trend setter in the country to ensure adherence to proper procedures and effective savings in costs and avoid inflated biddings.

My government would take a relook at the delivery mechanism of services. It is proposed to bring in the system of a Grama Volunteer, wherein one volunteer from the same village or ward would be assigned to 50 households to door deliver the various schemes of government.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

The same volunteer will also be responsible to convey the grievances of the people in his jurisdiction to the village secretariat. Each Grama Volunteer will be provided with an honorarium of Rs.5,000 per month and my government will not tolerate any corruption in this system.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

There will be a call centre to make sure that people can register complaint against these volunteers if they face any problem. The CMO will directly monitor this process to ensure 100% transparency and satisfaction.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

Village Secretariat will be made available for providing accessible governance to the people and ensuring that citizen request is addressed within 72 hours. This will provide employment to 10 educated youth.

My government will make itself accountable by publicly displaying its election Manifesto and treating it as a sacred document.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

It will adhere to its implementation without any deviation. Every department of the government will keep a copy of it to make sure that all the promises are delivered.

In today's context one would realize that the ideology of Late Dr. Y S Rajasekhara Reddy garu, former Chief Minister of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, which essentially centred around focusing governance and exploring ways to help the poor, needy and destitute is perhaps more relevant today than ever. It is in keeping with this outlook that, the incumbent government is evolving an integrated welfare agenda, NAVA RATNALU consisting of nine themes.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)
The themes are: YSR Rythu Bharosa, YSR Arogyasri, Amma Vodi, Fee reimbursement, YSR Pensions, Housing for all poor, Youth Employment and Job creation, YSR Asara-YSR Cheyutha, Phase wise ban on liquor and Jalayagnam. Effective implementation coupled with robust progress monitoring of these themes will be the prime agenda for my government in the years ahead. The scheme comprises nine welfare themes benefiting different segments of population and cutting across various sectors. Let me highlight these themes in a greater detail, as they are going to be the cornerstone of my government’s welfare agenda.

The top focus of my government would be farmer’s welfare.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

Totally committed to the welfare of the community, my government has plans to bring about a transformation in the agriculture sector, which hitherto has suffered to an extent by the unpredictable weather conditions and to a larger extent due to incoherent policies. With about 62% of the population still wedded to agriculture, my government considers that it is its primary duty to attend to their interests and well being.

My government is seriously concerned about the farmers who are being exploited in various ways including supply of spurious seed. My government is planning to set up a State farmers commission to delve deep in to the farmer related issues and bring in reforms. The proposed mission will look into the policy and implementation issues in the agriculture and allied sectors.

The much talked about linking of agriculture activities with the MGNREGS stands elusive even today. My government will explore ways and means to evolve a policy that will ensure availability of agriculture labour during the season to bring down the cost of cultivation.

As promised, my government will provide Rs.12,500/- per annum through the YSR Rythu Bharosa, to each of the farming household at the time of sowings from the 15th of October 2019, from the Rabi 2019 itself, much earlier than the timeline originally envisaged. This will ensure a total fund flow of over Rs.10,000/- crore directly to the farmers with nearly one-fifth of this amount helping the tenant farmers who along with the landowners are desperately looking for financial assistance and solace.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

My government is determined to safeguard the interests of tenant farmers without hurting the interests and rights of cultivators and land owners.

My government also proposes to provide interest free loans and free bore wells to the farmers.
(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

It is planned to provide a rig in each assembly constituency in the state so that farmers can go for bore wells free of cost. Providing 9 hours of free electricity in the day time, supporting the aqua farmers establishing price stabilization fund with Rs.3,000/- crore corpus, calamity relief fund with Rs.2,000/- crore corpus establishing a food processing unit in each assembly constituency are few other farmer-friendly initiatives proposed that need special mention.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

My government is also committed to revive the cooperative sector, particularly dairy sector through providing an incentive of Rs.4 per litre to the farmers who supply milk to the cooperative dairies.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

To stand by the farmers’ family when in distress, my government is committed to provide an amount of Rs.7.00 lakhs under YSR Bhima scheme in the event of death of a farmer due to any cause.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

My government is determined to provide assured water to all the districts by taking up integrated water management with conjunctive use of surface and ground water, development of water resources through scientific water conservation, adopting micro irrigation techniques like drip and sprinkler irrigation, interlinking of rivers and complete all ongoing projects taken up under Jalayagnam in a time bound manner.

Polavaram, lifeline of Andhra Pradesh and other important projects including the Veligonda project, once conceived as a major project will be completed in a definite time frame.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

A third-party enquiry by irrigation and technical experts is also envisaged to set right deficiencies and irregularities if any. My government, should it find it necessary, will not hesitate to go for reverse tendering after due diligence.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

The beeping sound of 108 health ambulance vehicle, which of late seems to be in mute mode, is still etched in our memories. To bring back the past glory and improve the health conditions in the state, my government is determined to ensure preventive, diagnostic and curative health care service delivery to all its citizens through YSR Arogyasri.
(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

The scheme which will be applicable to all categories of people whose annual income does not exceed Rs.5.00 lakh will be effective in all cases whenever the expenditure on health care exceeds Rs.1000/- and will cover an additional 936 procedures to the existing 1095 procedures for treatment. As a special treatment to the persons suffering from chronic kidney problems and diseases like Thalassemia, my government will provide a pension of Rs.10,000 per month.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

Besides implementing the YSR Arogyasri scheme effectively, my government will workout a comprehensive action plan to transform government hospitals on par with any private sector facility. All these efforts while minimizing the out of pocket expenses for the poor, will also bring in significant changes in various health parameters like Infant Mortality Rate, Maternal Mortality Ratio, anemia among women and malnutrition. To protect the health of the infants, students, pregnant and lactating women in the state, nutrition related schemes like Mid Day Meals will be implemented in right spirit. To incentivize the village health activists, the monthly honorarium has been increased from Rs.3,000 to 10,000 to about 45,000 ASHA workers in the state.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

Alcohol consumption has led to misery and large scale disruption of families. Realizing the adverse impact of this menace, my government is committed to ban liquor in a phased manner. In a first step, my government has ordered closure of belt shops. This in itself is expected to bring joy in many hearts.

My government is determined to ensure education for all school going children so that no mother is worried about her children’s education. As a token of appreciation and incentive, my government is committed to offer Rs.15,000 per year to every mother for sending her children to school under the scheme Amma Vodi.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

This act will not only fully eradicate child labour but also create necessary ecosystem for a knowledge economy through universal education. We are committed to bring improvement in Gross Enrolment Ratio(GER) at primary, upper primary and secondary levels and also significantly bring down the dropout rates at all these levels. The current state of the government schools calls for a huge uplift and relook so that it incentivizes children to attend school. My government is committed to improve the standards and facilities of the schools. My government is fully committed to bear the cost of education for all the poor families. We will provide Rs.20,000 per year to every student for boarding and accommodation in addition to full fee reimbursement for students pursuing technical and higher education. My
government will also provide quality education in all higher and technical educational institutions.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

Establishing an inclusive society through YSR Cheyutha is our priority. My government is committed to stand by every SC, ST, BC and Minority family and in particular women in the state by providing necessary support, under this scheme. Every woman belonging to these communities and aged between 45 years to 60 years will receive an amount of Rs.75,000 in four years @ Rs.18,750 per year.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

My government accords top priority for the welfare of SCs, STs, BCs, Minorities and other weaker sections. An amount of Rs.1,00,000 will be provided as incentive to brides from these categories at the time of their marriage.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

My government has plans to set up a permanent BC commission with statutory powers. My government is committed to provide 50% reservation, to the unemployed youth of SC, ST, BC and Minority communities, in all the government's contractual obligations i.e., outsourcing of manpower, transport facilities, civil works etc. To realize the real inclusive political governance, my government proposes to provide 50% reservation in all political appointments like directors, chairmen, trust boards etc. Financial support will be extended to Nayeebrahmans, tailors, fishermen and weavers.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

My government is equally committed to the welfare of the Kapu community. We have plans to earmark Rs.10,000crores over a period of five years for the Kapus. Adequate attention will be given for Aryavysyas, Muslim minorities, Christian minorities and economically weaker sections in the forward caste. My government is also committed to the welfare of Journalists, Lawyers and Government employees. While corruption or negligence on the part of officials will not be tolerated, my government is open to receiving suggestions which would merit consideration and recognition.

Soon after assuming office, in fulfilment of the commitment of raising the social welfare pension to Rs.3,000 in a phased manner, my government in a first move hiked the YSR Bharosa pension for old aged to Rs.2,250 and annual increase of Rs.250 will follow in the coming 4years, taking the total pension amount to Rs.3,000.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)
The age for a person to be eligible for pension has also been reduced from 65 years to 60 years and this would nearly help another 5 lakh persons.

My government is committed to provide a house for every eligible household in the state, irrespective of their caste, creed, religion and political affiliations. We are committed to construct 25 lakh houses in the coming 5 years.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

Extending support to women, my government is committed to handover the total outstanding debt amount under thrift federations (DWACRA) in 4 phases directly in the hands of women.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

In addition, we will provide loans at zero interest to all the women entrepreneurs under the YSR Asara scheme.

While our fight for Special Category Status, which would provide employment opportunities for the youth in the State would continue, we are committed to providing employment opportunities to the youth through various programmes. Besides focusing on job creation for youth both in organized and unorganized sectors, we will also appoint Village/Ward volunteers catering to 50 households who are willing to serve their villages/wards, with a monthly honorarium of Rs.5,000. These volunteers will act as interface between the people and the government and ensure smooth service delivery of activities identified under the coveted Nava Ratnaulu scheme. My government is also putting in a place Grama Sachivalayam – a Village Secretariat which would be present in every Village and also to fill in 1.60 lakh vacancies for various posts @ 10 persons per village to work in these Secretariats.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

We are committed to fill in all the vacancies in government offices and also planning to release the calendar of vacancies on 1st of January every year.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

My government is seriously concerned with providing employment to the youth. Some youth for various reasons may not possess the desired educational qualifications or skills to secure organized employment. It is essential to handle this vital demographic dividend properly and put them in to some economic activity to earn their livelihoods and generate wealth for the nation. A properly trained youth will have better job opportunities. With this perspective my government is planning to utilize the energies of youth in a more productive manner. The state is committed to improve the standards in education and bring significant improvement in the ITIs and Polytechnics. Ensuring industry linkage with technical educational institutions, the
youth will be made industry ready. With this, the government will roll out plans to provide jobs for the youth in manufacturing.

Besides implementing Navaratnalu in the right spirit, my government will also lay emphasis on developing Industry and Service sectors. Technology will be adopted in appropriate interventions, especially to ensure safety and security of women. Saturating the rural and urban infrastructure will be taken up in a planned manner. For mitigating the traffic congestion in urban areas, alternative traffic models will be studied. Promoting non-conventional energy and minimizing the T&D losses in conventional power will be given preference.

I am happy to mention that the decisions taken by my government in the last 10 days testifies the government’s sincerity and commitment towards the delivery of promises given to the people. The following decisions in particular taken in this direction need mention:

- Enhancing the pension amount to Rs.2250/-
- Increase of salaries of ASHA workers from Rs.3,000 to Rs.10,000.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

- Abolition of Contributory pension scheme. A Committee to be constituted.
- To work out modalities for implementation of “Amma Vodi” scheme from 26/01/2020.
- Merger of APSRTC with the Govt. A committee to be constituted.
- Enhancement of wages of Municipal sanitation workers from Rs.12,000 to Rs.18,000.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

- 27% Interim Relief to employees. Enhanced amount to be payable from July 2019 onwards.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

- Implementation of YSR Rythu Bharosa @ Rs.12,500 from 15th October 2019.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

- Enhancing the salaries of Community Health workers in Tribal welfare department from Rs.400 to Rs.4000.

(Thumping of desks from the Treasury Benches)

- Enhancement of wages to Anganwadis and Home guards.
• Proposal to distribute 25 Lakh house site pattas from Ugaadi 2020 and construction of 6 Lakh houses every year for next 4 years.
• New Sand Policy to curb illegal mining and corruption.


(The address by the Governor was then ended at 09.28AM)
After completion of Address by the Hon'ble Governor, the National Anthem was once again played with all the Hon'ble Members standing on their feet.

The Hon'ble Governor, thereafter, left the Assembly Hall in a procession which was formed in like manner, at the time of his arrival. The Members remained standing until the procession left the Assembly Hall.

On arrival at the gate, the Hon'ble Governor took leave from the Hon'ble Chairman, A.P.Legislative Council, the Hon'ble Speaker, A.P.Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Minister for Legislative Affairs and the Secretary (I/c) to State Legislature.

The Hon'ble Governor then attended by his Secretary, Aide-de-Camp and escorted by Body Guards left to Raj Bhavan.

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