

Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the 12th Session of this 14th Odisha Legislative Assembly. I convey my heartiest greetings to all of you and to the people of Odisha.

2. This August House has expressed its deep condolence on the sad demise of Late Inder Kumar Gujral, Former Prime Minister of India, Late B. Satyanarayan Reddy, Former Governor, Late Nityananda Mohapatra, Nalinikanta Mohanty, Bhagirathi Gomango and Harihar Swain, all former Ministers, Late Radha Mohan Nayak, Chandramadhaba Mishra, Satyasundar Mishra, Keshab Chandra Sahoo, Ajit Hembram, Bira Keshari Deo, Sarangadhar Pradhan, Manas Ranjan Mallick, Jagamohan Nayak and Kuliean Bage, all former Members of this August House who have made significant contribution to the development of the State. This House has also expressed its condolence on the sad demise of Late Krushna Chandra Ratha, Ex-Sub-Inspector, Late Kruparam Majhi and Narendra Kumar Patel, Ex-Assistant Sub-Inspectors of Odisha Police, Late R.N. Mahakud, Ex-Assistant Sub-Inspector and Late Biswajit Barik, Ex-Jawan, C.R.P.F., Late Kumud Chandra Swain, Ex-Jawan and Xavier Kindo,

Ex-Constable, B.S.F., Late Lambodar Sahoo, Ex-Lance Naik and Basanta Kumar Behera, Ex-Guard, Defence Force, Late Sasi Bhusan Rout, Sunil Dutt Singh and Ajaya Kumar Sahoo, all Ex-Constables, Late Ranjan Kumar Sarangi, Ex-Havildar, Ajit Sodi, Ex-S.P.O., Narayan Suna, Ex-Home Guard, Late Manik Khilla, Jabandhu Khemudu, Goura Chandra Dalai and Bhagaban Nayak, all Ex-Grama Rakhi of Odisha Police who have rendered exemplary and selfless service and laid down their lives for the cause of the Nation. I request Hon'ble Members to join me in paying tribute to Late Baishnab Charan Patnaik, Kumar Majhi and Satyanarayan Pradhan, all former Members of this House, Late Ramachandra Sethi, Ex-Naik, 19 Infantry, Divisional Signal Regiment, Late Ghasiram Majhi, Ex-Head Constable, BSF, Late Deepak Kumar Rout, 82 Armoured Regiment and Late Purna Chandra Nayak, Ex-Gnr Operator, 1880 Rocket Regiment who are no more with us. The House may convey our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families of the departed souls.

3. My Government has consistently and continuously endeavoured to achieve a sustainable and inclusive higher economic growth, accelerated overall development, reduction of regional, social and gender disparities and faster rate of poverty reduction. The State's 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) envisages an average annual growth rate of 9% with a projected outlay of Rs.1,24,373 crore. Sustained efforts have been made

by the State Government to allocate increasingly higher resources for planned development of the State.

4. Odisha has made impressive achievements in terms of economic growth and poverty reduction. An average real annual growth rate of 8.23% has been achieved during the 11th Plan at 2004-05 prices. The real per capita income in Odisha at 2004-05 prices has increased from Rs.14,862 in 1999-2000 to Rs.26,900 in 2011-12. Poverty in Odisha has declined from 57.2% in 2004-05 to 37% in 2009-10.

5. With a view to reducing regional imbalances and accelerating the pace of development in the Western Odisha, focused initiatives are being taken up through the Western Odisha Development Council (WODC). 2729 new projects with an estimated cost of Rs.96.47 crore have been taken up during 2012-13.

6. The Scheme “Special Development Programme” has been introduced in the State during the year 2012-13. The scheme aims at taking up implementation of infrastructure development projects up to Rs.50 lakh per Assembly Constituency. During 2012-13, Rs.73.50 crore has been provided in the budget. Integrated action plan (IAP) is being implemented in 18 districts with an allocation @ of Rs.30 crore per district.

7. The Action Plan 2012-13 under the Special Plan (RLTAP) for the KBK districts has been formulated with an outlay of

Rs.250 crore. Need based schemes / programmes in the field of Agriculture, Irrigation, Electrification, Urban Drinking Water Supply, Welfare of ST & SC, Social Safety Net and Rural Connectivity have been incorporated in the Action Plan and are implemented by the concerned Administrative Departments.

8. The Biju KBK Plan for the year 2012-13 is implemented with an outlay of Rs.120 crore under State Plan. Biju Kandhamal 'O' Gajapati Yojana is being implemented since 2009-10 in Kandhamal and Gajapati districts under State Plan out of State's own resources. During 2012-13, a sum of Rs.18 crore and Rs.10.50 crore have been sanctioned in favour of Kandhamal and Gajapati districts respectively. The projects under these programmes relate to Bijli, Sadak and Pani, i.e., village electrification including street lighting, construction of concrete roads within the village or any other form of connectivity, and creation of irrigation / drinking water sources.

9. Fiscal reforms undertaken by my Government which included expenditure rationalization and revenue generation measures has resulted in a major turnaround of the State's Finances. I am happy to mention that the State's Finances are now robust enough to provide adequate resource support to various developmental activities of the State. Perceptible improvement in the fiscal condition of the State during the last few years has created opportunities for higher Capital and Plan investment. Our dependence on borrowing has consequently declined.

10. Capital investment has increased from Rs.1038.06 crore in 2005-06 to Rs.4496.09 crore in 2011-12. This substantial increase in Capital Outlay has been possible because of generation of surpluses on the Revenue account and full utilization of the borrowed fund for Capital asset creation. No diversion of borrowed funds for revenue expenditure since 2005-06 is an indication of prudent fiscal management in past few years. Similarly, the annual plan size of the State has increased from Rs.3500 crore in 2006-07 to Rs.17,250 crore in 2012-13.

11. My Government has made substantial strides on the Management of Public Debt. We have been able to reduce the net debt stock from 46.48% of GSDP in 2001-02 to 17.87% of GSDP in 2011-12. Thereby we have achieved the desired level of Debt-GSDP ratio of 25% recommended by the 13th Finance Commission. The ratio of interest to Revenue Receipts which should be within the prudential level of 15% has already been achieved by 2007-08 being 14.43%. This ratio stands at 6.40% in 2011-12. Through buy back / prepayment of high cost loans and debt swap, it has been possible to reduce the debt stock and interest burden. With improvement in fiscal situation, the State Government has not resorted to Open Market Borrowing since 2005-06, as a result of which the State Government has been able to achieve debt sustainability parameters recommended by successive Finance Commissions.

12. With improved fiscal condition, now the focus of my Government is efficiency and quality of public spending. Our emphasis is on outcome and efficiency of expenditure rather than simply making budget provision. My Government has taken following institutional reform measures to improve efficiency, transparency and productivity in public spending:

- i. Outcome Budget has been introduced for 13 major Departments in order to link outlays to measurable outcomes.
- ii. Cash Management System has been introduced in fifteen Departments of the Government for ensuring timely spending of the budgeted outlays.
- iii. Formulation of Annual Maintenance Plans has been put in place for ensuring effective and productive utilization of the budgeted provision for Operation & Maintenance of capital assets.

13. In order to facilitate growth in trade and business in the State, the Commercial Taxes Organisation has launched Payment of taxes and filing of returns through the electronic mode. Facility has also been provided to the prospective dealers to apply for registration electronically. Presently, more than 80% of Commercial Taxes are received electronically. More such

business centric electronic services are proposed to be rolled out in near future for enhancing efficiency and transparency of our tax administration.

14. The Pension Administration System of the State Government has been completely revamped. In the new system, monthly pension of all State Government pensioners is automatically transferred to their Bank Account. No pensioner is required to come to the Treasury anymore for receiving his monthly pension. SMS alert is sent to the mobile of each pensioner on transfer of his monthly pension to his account.

15. In order to put in place a system for Complete Expenditure Control through Integrated Odisha Treasury Management System (IOTMS), the 40 year long practice of Letter of Credit (LC) system has been abolished and expenditure of all Administrative Departments have been brought under the fold of IOTMS. The system now enables monitoring of both receipt & expenditure position with real time data. The system facilitates Electronic distribution / redistribution/ re-appropriation without manual intervention. As all the expenditure through the system is against availability of allotment, incidence of excess expenditure has been minimized.

16. The State Government have introduced the Online Budget Compilation System for preparation of State Budget. The entire process of budget preparation is now done through “Online

Budget Compilation System". Besides, all the re-appropriation proposals are processed and approved online. This is a green initiative through which we are saving about 5000 man-hours and 500 reams of paper annually.

17. My Government is giving top priority for the development of Agriculture Sector as this sector continues to be the backbone of Odisha's economy and more than 60% population of the state is dependent on it. Our state envisages a growth rate of 4% in Agriculture and allied sector during 12th Plan period.

18. Seed is the most important input for boosting productivity of crops. Government has taken effective steps to increase Seed Replacement Rate (SRR) of various crops. The SRR of paddy, which was only 6.35% by end of 10th Plan period increased to 21.64% by the end of 11th Plan period which has further gone up to 27% at the end of 2012. It is programmed to enhance the SRR to 30.56% by 2013-14. All out efforts are being made to make available enough quality seeds to the farmers. Besides, 4 static and 6 mobile soil testing labs have been established during 11th plan and 6 more static soil testing labs are being established. About 5 Lakh hectares of land have been treated for soil acidity during the 11th Plan period and such endeavour is continuing during 2012-13 in 25,000 hectares. This intervention shall be intensified during 2013-14 to enhance crop productivity. Fertilizer consumption has increased from 52Kg./Ha. during 2007-08 to 60.4 Kg./Ha. by the end of the 11th plan

period. During 2012-13, the fertilizer consumption is estimated to go upto 66 Kg./Ha. It is programmed to further promote fertilizer consumption to touch 97 Kg during 2013-14. With a view to mechanise the farming operations it is programmed to support procurement of 6,600 Tractors, 17,000 Power Tillers, 2,000 Reapers, 180 Transplanters, 900 Rotavators, 4,000 Power Threshers, 300 Combine Harvesters, 3,000 Hydraulic Trailers, 4,200 Power Operated Implements and 14,000 Manual / Bullock drawn implements during 2013-14.

19. Watershed Development under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) are currently being implemented in the State. Watershed Development Programmes are also implemented under the scheme Special Plan (RLTAP) in eight KBK districts. 0.876 lakh hectares of land has been treated through watershed management programme under the above schemes by the end of December, 2012. 713 Self Help Groups have been formed in course of watershed development programme for improving the livelihoods of 8,472 landless and asset less households. 23,344 water bodies, and 47,532 small soil & water conservation structures have been created and 55,728 hectares of plantation have been created under Watershed Development Programme in the State.

20. Odisha Rural Livelihoods Programme (JEEBIKA) is an initiative for providing additional livelihoods component to 460 on going watershed projects under IWDP & DPAP schemes covering six districts such as Koraput, Nawarangpur, Rayagada, Malkangiri, Kandhamal & Mayurbhanj.

21. Irrigation is the most critical input for agriculture. Private lift irrigation points (PLIP) under Jalanidhi scheme are being promoted with 50% subsidy to farmers. Under “Jalanidhi” during 11th Plan, 1,00,524 PLIPs have been established bringing about 1,93,946 hectares under assured irrigation. During 2012-13, 9,513 such PLIPs have been established till December, 2012 bringing around 16,400 hectares under assured irrigation. It is programmed to establish 37,009 such PLIPs during 2013-14.

22. My Government has been successful in providing irrigation facilities to more than 50% of the cultivable land in order to boost agricultural production in the State. Out of total cultivable land of 61.65 lakh hectare, irrigation potential in 30.89 lakh hectare of land have been created by the end of 2011-12. In order to expand the scope of irrigation in the State, different schemes such as Externally aided, Central and State Government funded irrigation projects have been taken up. Asian Development Bank funded Odisha Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program (OIIAWMIP), worth Rs.1084.19 crore is being executed

in phased manner with a target to stabilize 2.18 lakh hectare of irrigation potential and to create additional irrigation potential of 6000 hectare in the State. Under Repair, Restoration and Renovation (RR&R) scheme, renovation of 462 Water Bodies have been completed with revival of irrigation potential of 17,612 hectare by end of March, 2012. Various Farmers Welfare Oriented schemes like Biju Krushak Vikash Yojana (BKVY), Deep Bore wells, Check Dams, Mega Lifts are also being executed in the State. During financial year 2012-13, 1723 Check Dams, 267 Lift Irrigation Projects have been completed. 3652 Deep Bore Wells have been energised by end of December, 2012. Additional irrigation potential of 9.66 thousand hectare have been created by end of December, 2012 through Major-Medium, Minor (flow and lift) irrigation projects. Efforts are being taken for timely completion of on-going irrigation projects. It has been programmed for construction of 3000 Check Dams, 20,000 Deep Bore Wells & 1200 Lift irrigation projects in 2013-14 to create additional irrigation potential of 1.084 lakh hectare of land.

23. In the meanwhile, 14.63 lakh hectare land have been handed over to 20,418 Pani Panchayats by end of December, 2012. Under Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD&WM) programme, Field Channels covering 24,340 hectare and Field Drains Covering 7279 hectare land have been completed ending December, 2012. It has been

programmed to construct Field Channel in 40,498 hectare of irrigated land for efficient management of irrigation water. Similarly, it has been programmed for construction of Field Drains in 14,963 hectare land during 2013-14.

24. In Odisha, the Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure provides 65% of the total crop loan disbursed to the farmers in the State. During 2012-13, Crop Loan to the extent of Rs.3800.34 crore has been advanced to 17.87 lakh farmers. It has been targeted to finance crop loan to the extent of Rs.5,500 Crore in 2013-14.

25. In order to meet the credit needs of the rural poor and to provide banking services at their door steps, Central Cooperative Banks have organized 76,358 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and have credit linked 58,295 Groups. Besides there are 9459 Tenant Farmers Groups (TFGs) and 44,877 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) have been formed of which 7,683 TFGs and JLGs have been credit linked. A target for organising 11,000 new Self Help Groups has been fixed for 2013-14.

26. In order to create adequate scientific Warehousing facilities for storage of agricultural produce and to implement the warehousing receipts system under the provisions of warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, the OSWC has taken up construction of 1,12,000 MT capacity of godown facilities from their own resources. The PACS have been

provided with financial assistance of over Rs.44 Crore to create godown facilities of 89,400 MT capacities while the Regulated Market Committees (RMCs) have undertaken construction of godowns of 33,000 MT capacity.

27. Massive afforestation activities have been taken up by my Government under various schemes such as National Afforestation Programme, Mangrove Action Plan, Economic Plantation, Plantation under Bamboo Mission, Industrial Plantation, Compensatory Afforestation, MGNREGS etc. A total area of 2 lakh hectare of degraded forest area has been targeted under afforestation which includes plantation in 52,000 hectares land and silvicultural operations in 1.48 lakh hectares of forest land. Avenue plantation has been made in 3068 row kilometres. 212 lakh saplings have been distributed to public for plantation. Massive afforestation is planned to be continued in the year 2013-14. Protection of forest is continuing with deployment of 19 APR units and 276 Forest Protection Squads besides the involvement of community level institutions such as Vana Surakhya Samities.

28. My Government has substantially increased the purchase price of Kendu leaves for the 2013 crop which will benefit about 8 lakh kendu leaf pluckers.

29. My Government is implementing a “Elephant Corridor Development Management Plan” in 14 identified elephant

corridors. The Action Plan involves improvement of elephant habitat, plantation of fodder species, solar electric fencing, elephant-proof trenches, and construction of water bodies/water harvesting structures, restoration of elephant corridors and constitution of anti-poaching and anti-depredation squads, early payment of compassionate grant and creating public awareness. To mitigate human sufferings due to man-animal conflicts, an amount of Rs.736 lakh has been provided as compassionate grant for human injury, human kill, crop damage, cattle kill, house damage etc. during 2012-13.

30. Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project for protection and conservation of two coastal stretches namely – Gopalpur to Chilika and Paradeep to Dhamara of Odisha is being implemented with the assistance of World Bank. This scheme aims at overall development of coastal area including mitigation of coastal erosion, conservation and improvement of archaeological and cultural assets and ensuring livelihood of the coastal community. A “Regional Coastal Process Study” has been commissioned at the estimated cost of Rs.16.50 crore which will help in formulation of a scientific shoreline management plan.

31. The Chilika Lake has drawn the attention of international community as a success story of wetland management. The eco-restoration of the Chilika Lake has resulted in increase in

the fish production in the lake to an all time high of 14,200 metric tonnes. As many as 80 Primary Fishermen's Cooperative Societies have been strengthened by providing them financial and infrastructural assistance. For strengthening the monitoring of water quality of Chilika Lake, sensors have been deployed at 10 strategic locations which are providing real-time data on the water quality.

32. Integrated Livestock Development Programme (ILDPP) "KALYANI" has been taken up in 14 districts of the State in collaboration with BAIF. During the last one year 628 nos. of Block Level Infertility Camps and Farmers Training Camps have been organized. The Livestock Insurance Programme of CB cows and buffaloes have been taken up in 9 districts of the State.

33. The Cattle Breeding Farm at Khapuria is strengthened for CB bull production. The Livestock breeding farm Keonjhar and Chipilima are being upgraded under RKVY with a view to produce high productive bull calves for production of better quality semen straws. Under Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) 37,538 entrepreneurs have been identified and steps have been taken to provide loan through banks.

34. 4680 Broiler Poultry farms have been established with a total bird capacity of 72.56 lakh & daily poultry meat production

capacity of 242.42MT. Similarly 81 layer poultry farms in the State with total bird capacity of 72.56 lakh & daily egg production of 34.87 lakh have been established. For boosting rural backyard poultry development programme, 4,73,624 Chicks & 33,284 ducklings of improved variety have been produced during the year. It is targeted to establish 6000 dairy units in the state under Dairy Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (DEDS) with an objective to enhance productivity as well as develop entrepreneur skill among the dairy farmers of the state.

35. State has received National award “Golden Peacock” continuously for the last three years for coverage of highest number of fishermen in Group Accident Insurance Scheme. 10 lakh fishermen were covered in 2012-13 and 11 lakh fishermen are planned to be covered during 2013-14.

36. The Government of Odisha has adopted a holistic and integrated approach for development of the ST & SC population. Apart from opening new educational institutions such as Sevashrams, Ashram Schools, High Schools, Higher Secondary Schools (Science & Commerce), Secondary Training Schools and B.Ed. training college, emphasis has been given to improve the retention rate and to check drop outs. To make SC/ ST Students computer literate, computer education in ST & SC High Schools has been started. Special merit scholarship is also being given to ST/ SC students for studying in Sainik Schools.

37. 30 New Ashram Schools would be opened and 14 Higher Secondary Schools shall also be made functional during 2013-14. 5 B.Ed. Colleges are to be established in a phased manner one each in Malkangiri, Nawarangpur, Rayagada, Sundargarh & Mayurbhanj District. Under “Babu Jagajiban Ram Chhatravas Yojana”, 44 SC girls Hostels and 12 SC boys hostels are under construction which are likely to be completed by March, 2013.

38. Government has decided to open urban hostel complex for SC/ST boys & girls at Bhubaneswar, Berhampur and Rourkela with an intake capacity of 1000 in Bhubaneswar and 300 each in Berhampur and Rourkela. Construction work of these Urban Hostels at Pokhariput, Ghatikia & Chandrasekharpur in Bhubaneswar is going on. Construction of hostels is under process for ST boys and girls in 5 Naxal Affected Districts such as Malkangiri, Rayagada, Gajapati, Deogarh and Sambalpur. 478 Hostels have been sanctioned for the above 5 districts.

39. As part of economic empowerment, steps have been taken by the Odisha Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe Finance Development Co-operative Corporation (OSFDC) for self-employment of the ST & SC youths. So far 6,400 SC beneficiaries and 2,319 ST beneficiaries have been financed through banks under bankable income generating scheme for self employment. For this purpose OSFDC has released Rs. 871.96 lakh towards subsidy during the year 2012-13.

40. For skill development and placement linked Employability, 2,590 SC candidates have been trained in reputed training institutes out of which 431 candidates have got employment.

41. Government of Odisha achieved the distinction of distributing land rights to maximum number of tribal families under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. So far 3,24,737 Individual Claims have been finalised including 17,229 Claims from particularly vulnerable Tribal Groups.

42. During 2012-13, a sum of Rs.160.95 crore has been proposed under the Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme (OTELP) with a target of 96,528 Scheduled Tribe families under B.P.L category. Focused attention has been given on placement linked employability schemes like Apparel designing, mobile phone repairing, computer software and hardware training, driving, fitter, mechanic of electrical and electronics appliances, welding & fabrication, plumber, hospital management, medical technician, housekeeping, food & beverages processing, plastic engineering, wood carving etc.

43. My Government is implementing “Mamata”, a conditional cash transfer scheme operational in all the rural as well as urban areas with an objective of providing partial wage compensation for pregnant and nursing mothers to enable them to rest adequately during their pregnancy and after delivery. The beneficiaries receive total incentive of Rs.5000/- in four

instalments by electronic transfer system subject to fulfillment of specific conditions. 5,87,745 beneficiaries have received Rs.157.317 crore under this scheme during 2012.

44. Empowerment of women through Mission Shakti has been taken up since 2001. It has covered nearly 58 lakhs Women in the rural and urban Odisha by forming 4.5 Lakh Women Self Help Groups by end of October, 2012.

45. In order to curb atrocities on women, Protection Officers have been appointed at district level to address the issues of Domestic Violence under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDV Act, 2005). Bell Bajao Campaign (A Campaign against Domestic Violence) has been launched in Odia for better understanding of the rural people. Support Centre for Women are functioning in six districts like Rayagada, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Dhenkanal, Bhadrak & Cuttack with the help of Oxfam India to prevent and counter crime against women. To reach every woman in distress and in need of care & protection in Bhubaneswar City, a dedicated Women Helpline 10920 (24 x 7) is functioning by Ruchika Social Service Organisation. This is being extended to the entire state of Odisha.

46. For Welfare and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, the pension amount for all categories of pension holders, has been increased to Rs.300/- per month. One-time winter

allowance of Rs.200/- was distributed on Jan Seva divas to all pension holders. Bhima Bhoi Samarth Abhijan has been conducted in each Block benefiting persons with disability.

47. Government has also taken various measures to safeguard the interest of children in the state. The Odisha State Council for Protection of Child Rights and Odisha State Child Protection Society have already become operational in order to provide safe and secure environment to the children in need of care and protection.

48. My Government has devolved powers and responsibilities upon the 3-tier Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) as mandated in the 73rd Amendment of the constitution so as to enable them to function as Institutions of Self-Governance. Accordingly, 21 subjects relating to 11 Departments have been devolved to the control of 3-tier PRIs. Provisions of Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) have been implemented in the matter of strengthening Palli Sabhas and Gram Sabhas, reservations for Scheduled Tribes in the PRI structure. Election to the 3-tier Panchayati Raj institution was conducted smoothly during 2012.

49. My Government has launched successfully an innovative programme named Gram Sabha Shasaktikaran Karyakrama-2012 from 2nd to 18th October, 2012 for effective participation of the people in deciding the works & beneficiaries under various

programmes in a transparent manner. This was a major step in strengthening local self government. In order to hear the grievances and suggestions of the people from every nook and corner of the state, a toll free Help Line has been made operational from 8.00 A.M to 8.00 P.M on every working day.

50. The flag-ship programmes of Govt. of India such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Backward Region Grant Fund Scheme (BRGF) are being implemented effectively. All the 30 districts of the state are now covered under MGNREGS and during this financial year up to December, 2012, a sum of Rs.618.57 crore have been utilized generating 313.69 lakh man days. In the said period 13.49 lakh households have demanded employment and out of which 13.42 lakh households have been provided with employment & amongst them 16,948 families have completed 100 days of work.

51. Up-to December, 2012, construction of 5966 Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra (BNRGSK) at the G.P. head quarters and 309 BNRGSK buildings at the Block Head Quarters have been taken up out of which 2802 at G.P. level and 119 building at Block level are completed.

52. Electronically generated muster roll (e-muster roll) with pre-printed name of the Job seekers who demanded employment has been introduced to prevent entry of ghost wage

earners in the muster roll. e-FMS has been launched to transfer the wages to the account of Job seeker directly to avoid delay in wage payment. An independent society in the name of Odisha Society for Social Audit, Accountability and Transparency (OSSAAT) has been established to conduct social audit to ensure public accountability in implementation of projects under MGNREGS in the state.

53. Under 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana', a flagship programme where BPL families are provided with Health Insurance upto Rs.30,000 per annum, over thirty three lakh BPL families have been covered under the scheme during the current financial year.

54. My Government has also revised the minimum wages of all categories of workers. For the first time, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with neighbouring Andhra Pradesh to track migrants to and from the two states. The MOU, besides other things, provides for housing, education for children of migrant labourers, health and other security measures as was available to them while in Odisha.

55. My Government's priority has been to provide food security to the poor & vulnerable sections of the society through an efficient and transparent Public Distribution System (PDS). Private storage agency system has been abolished in the State from 1st April, 2012 and Departmental Storage Agency has been

introduced along with delivery of food grains and sugar at Fair Price Shop (FPS) locations. Institutions like Gram Panchayats, Women SHGs and Cooperatives are being encouraged to take up FPS dealership so as to reduce private involvement in the Supply Chain of the PDS. Till date, 4009 Gram Panchayats, 6767 Women SHGs and 734 cooperatives are engaged in PDS.

56. My Government has reduced the issue price of rice to Re.1 per Kg. for 36.90 lakh BPL families, 12.52 lakh Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families and 5.35 lakh APL families of 8 KBK districts with effect from February, 2013. This benefit is also being made available to 4.15 lakh students residing in the hostels belonging to SC & ST Category and 75,000 severely disabled people. This will go a long way in ensuring food security for the poor and vulnerable sections of the State.

57. In order to ensure quality education, a dedicated cell has been created to track performance of the Primary Schools across the State. For engagement of qualified and quality teachers at elementary stage, Odisha Teachers Eligibility Test (OTET) has been conducted in conformity with the provisions under Right to Education Act. In order to improve the minimum qualification of the teachers as provided under RTE Act., agreement has been made with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), New Delhi to conduct short term course. To ensure quality education and keep the Pupil Teacher Ratio

as per RTE-SSA norm at elementary level, 14,547 Sikshya Sahayaks have been engaged in primary and upper primary schools during 2012.

58. A State Project Management Unit has been set up to monitor the Mid Day Meal (MDM) Programme in the State. At District level, Project Management Units have been set up with adequate manpower in all the 30 districts of the State.

59. To streamline the administration of schools, Govt. has created 11 more Education Circles in the State so that each revenue district is having one Education Circle. To ensure quality education for improvement of percentage of result in HSC Examination, retired qualified teachers in Science, Mathematics and English have been engaged as Resource Teachers. As a measure towards reforms in High School Certificate Examination, it has been decided to provide question paper-cum-answer sheet to the students. This will assist the students to organize the answers better. In order to reduce dropout rate, especially among girls, steps have been taken to conduct supplementary High School Certificate Examination immediately after the publication of the Annual Examination result so that students will not lose a year.

60. Free Bi-cycle scheme has been introduced in the State to encourage the girl students studying in Class-X in Government, Aided and Block Grant High Schools & SC & ST boy students,

boy students of BPL families studying in Class X and to the students of Sanskrit Tols & Madrasas of above categories. Account Payee Cheque amounting to Rs.2600/- is provided to each beneficiary. The aim is to check the dropout rate and encourage the beneficiaries to complete secondary education. Under the scheme so far 4,75,874 students have been benefited.

61. To identify the meritorious children belonging to socially and economically backward sections of the society and to facilitate their competence enhancement, Pathani Samant Mathematics Talent Scholarship Scheme has been introduced. Scholarships will be awarded annually to the 7500 talented students in Mathematics. For recognition of talents among students at a very early stage as early as at Class-VI in the School, INSPIRE award has been introduced. Each INSPIRE awardee will receive a one-time award of Rs.5000/- .

62. Establishing institutes of National repute like IIT, NIT and NISER in the State has made the State of Odisha an educational hub.

With a view to making the process of admission into colleges more efficient and transparent, Government has introduced e-Admission from 2009-10. All the +2 Colleges & 675 Degree Colleges have been brought under this scheme during 2012-13. It is targeted to bring all the Degree Colleges under this Scheme during 2013-14.

63. The number of State Government merit Scholarship for +2, +3 & P.G. Students has been increased to 10,000, 3,000 & 1500 respectively. The rate of such scholarship for +2, +3 & P.G. Students has been enhanced to Rs.3000, 5000 & 10000 per annum. The income ceiling of parents has been enhanced from Rs.4.5 lakh to 6.00 lakh per annum benefiting 24,500 students. For girl students the qualifying percentage of applying for scholarship has been reduced from 70% to 60%. Similarly, 10,000 brilliant students pursuing higher studies in the field of Professional education are provided with Scholarship of Rs.10,000 per annum. Government in collaboration with BSNL-MTNL combine has extended Broad band connectivity to 700 Degree Colleges and all State Universities. The remaining colleges will be brought under NME-ICT Project by end of 2012-13.

64. A number of measures have been taken by my Government during the year 2012-13 to promote mass participation in sports, excellence in sports and mainstream the youth in the development process. Steps have been taken to make sports and physical education an integral part of school curriculum. A policy decision has been taken to locate all PYKKA playfields in High Schools and so far around 2,000 playfields have been covered under this arrangement. Steps are also underway to engage part time Physical Education Instructors in all RTE Schools with 100 or more students.

65. On the sports for excellence front, steps have been taken to establish a Football Academy and a Hockey Academy at Kalinga Stadium Sports Complex, Bhubaneswar, a Weight Lifting Academy at Gopalpur, an Archery Academy at Sundergarh, a Swimming Academy at Sambalpur and feeder centres for Archery at Keonjhar, Football at Baripada and Weight Lifting Academy at Koraput. A new scheme has been introduced for promoting mini-stadium at Block level with a funding of Rs.25 lakh per Block. Initially 50 such stadiums are being developed with special emphasis on IAP districts. The strength of students under sports hostel scheme has been doubled from 750 to 1500 and steps are underway to induct additional trainees.

66. A new scheme has been introduced for promoting youth clubs in urban areas with financial assistance upto Rs.10,000/- per club. A project has been sanctioned for formulation of State Youth Policy for which consultations are on with the related departments in the Government, non-governmental organizations, experts, eminent persons, youth groups and other stakeholders. The Policy will look at issues such as mainstreaming of youth in the development process, skill development, gender priority, livelihood, etc.

67. My Government has been making constant and concerted effort to formulate and implement schemes to ensure quality health care services to the people of the State in line with the

National Health Policy. As a result of this the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has substantially reduced from 358 (SRS,2003) to 258(SRS,2009). Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has drastically reduced from 75 (SRS 2005) to 57 (SRS 2011)- i.e. maximum decline in the country in the last 7 years and consistent decline in both IMR and Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR). Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) has also reduced from 53 (SRS 2005) to 42 (SRS 2010) which has kept pace with decline in IMR. There is an overall decline of Malaria case load. As a result State API has been reduced from 10 to 8.8. Institutional delivery has increased from 36% in 2005 to 85% (HMIS-2010-2011) against reported delivery. Full immunization coverage has increased from 53% to 81%. Total fertility rate is better than National average.

68. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) with intake capacity of fifty students has started functioning in Bhubaneswar from August, 2012. My Government has decided to launch “Emergency Medical Ambulance Service” shortly for providing faster emergency service to patients. Odisha State Treatment Fund (OSTF), has been created to provide financial assistance upto Rs.3 lakhs to Patients living below poverty line who are suffering from major life threatening diseases. CMRF funds amounting to Rs.10 crores have been provided to the OSTF.

69. My Government is implementing different schemes for providing better road connectivity and institutional support in rural areas. During 2012-13, 100 bridges are targeted for completion under different schemes such as Biju Setu Yojana, R.I.D.F. and Pradhana Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. Under Biju Setu Yojana alone, 600 new bridges have been programmed for construction over a period of 3 years. During the current financial year, 3000 KM of rural roads have been programmed for completion under PMGSY. During 2013-14, 5000 KM of rural roads are programmed for completion under the above scheme. Similarly there is a target to complete 225 rural buildings and to take up 1766 new buildings for hospital during 2013-14.

70. In order to provide potable drinking water and sanitation facility to the rural people 3,30,543 Spot sources and 7946 piped water supply projects have been installed so far. Action is being taken to provide safe drinking water to the Fluoride affected districts. Priority is being given to cover Uncovered G.Ps through Piped Water Supply Schemes.

71. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of roads of economic importance, 10 road projects have been sanctioned by Government of India till date on 50:50 cost share basis,

out of which 8 projects have been completed. Out of the rest 2 projects, a major project namely “Improvement to Naranpur-Pandapara-Harichandanpur-Brahmanipal-Duburi Road” at an estimated cost to Rs.302.09 crore is in progress which is targeted to be completed during 2013-14. Under Inter State Connectivity Scheme all the 7 Sanctioned road projects have been completed with an expenditure of Rs.57.94 crore.

72. A major project for construction of South-North Corridor Connecting Motu-Malkangiri to Jashipur-Rairangpur (Part of Vijayawada-Ranchi Corridor) in the State of Odisha passing through tribal and left wing extremism prone areas covering a total length of 1219 Kms has been taken up. For the said corridor, the Planning Commission, Government of India have approved 4 projects for improvement of 51.700 Km. with an estimated cost of Rs.100 crore as Special Grant. All the projects have been completed.

Further, the road portion of Vijayawada-Ranchi Corridor from Koraput-Rayagada with a length of 38.250 Km. and Jeypore-Malkangiri with a length of 18.200 Km. has been taken up for improvement with Special Assistance of Rs.120 crore out of SARCA fund, made available by the State Government. Under this Scheme, a total road length of 45.75 Km. out of 56.45 Km. has been completed.

73. Road Over Bridges (RoBs) at Lanjipalli at Berhampur, Punamagate at Bhubaneswar and Rendia at Bhadrak have been completed. Besides above, 8 ROBs at Basanti Colony, Rourkela, at Haladipadar, Ganjam, at Titilagarh, Kantabanji, at Managovindapur, Jajpur, at Simulia, Dhenkanal, at Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar, at Lingaraj Temple Road, Bhubaneswar and at Mancheswar level Crossing, Bhubaneswar are in progress. Flyover at Rajmahal Square at Bhubaneswar has been completed and flyover at Nayabazar in Cuttack City is in progress.

74. My Government has taken several proactive initiatives to create a vibrant industrial sector with the enactment of important policies such as Industrial Policy Resolution – 2007 and Industries (facilitation) Act, 2004. The aim is to broad base industrial growth, Investment promotion, enhancing the share of industrial production in State Gross Domestic Product and generate large scale and sustainable employment to achieve inclusive growth. Development of 9 SEZs has been approved by Government of India for our State, out of which 5 projects have been notified.

75. To promote industries in Plastic & Polymer sector, a Plastic Park is proposed to be developed in PCPIR Complex at Paradip under the Plastic Park scheme of Government of India. Under the Scheme of Mega Food Park of GOI, one Mega Food Park

is under establishment at Rayagada by M/s. MITS Mega Food Park Ltd., (MMFPL) under PPP mode with IDCO as an equity partner in the project. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between IDCO and NALCO to develop an ancillary and downstream Aluminum Park at Angul over an area of 450 acres of land close to NALCO Smelter Plant. A JV Company namely, M/s Angul Aluminum Park Ltd. (AAPL) has been constituted with 50.5:49.5 equity shareholdings of IDCO & NALCO respectively.

76. My Government has decided to develop Angul-Chhendipada Rail Corridor with an investment of Rs.6000 crore with infrastructure such as Railway Tracks, Four lane roads, water supply to facilitate the coal blocks to evacuate coal to the tune of 187 million tons per annum.

77. Considering the crucial role played by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the economic and social development of a country, the Government of Odisha created a new Department of MSME last year and has taken up various important measures to boost the sector. To provide hassle free service to the prospective entrepreneurs, On-line filing of Entrepreneur Memorandum has been started. To provide marketing support to the MSMEs, the 1st Odisha MSME International Trade Fair was conducted from 1st January to 5th January, 2013 which eventually turned out to be a one stop

shop for all entrepreneurial activities. 200 MSEs participated and showcased their products in the above Trade Fair. 1.4 lakhs visitors with Rs.20 crore trade enquiries which could be converted to business and with 2 crore firm business orders have been made during the above Trade Fair. 40,000 youth were exposed to various technology displayed in the fair to promote self employment. Seminars on various aspects of MSME development and Business meetings between mother plants and MSMEs were also held.

78. Marketing assistance has been rendered to MSMEs by way of concluding rate contract with the local MSEs for purchase by various Government Departments, CPSUs etc. At present, 814 MSEs have rate contract for 63 Nos. of store items. The time lag for issue of registration certificate has been reduced from one month to 15 days. To boost export, Odisha State Export Policy has been drafted and is in the process of finalization. During the year 2013-14, it has been planned to promote 6300 MSMEs with investment of Rs.630 crore, generating 37,800 employment opportunities. It has been Proposed to promote 31,170 KVI units annually to create self and wage employment avenues for 62,340 artisans and 3,11,700 persons respectively with a subsidy of Rs.107.35 crore during the 12th Five year Plan.

79. 5317 Common Service Centres (CSC) have been opened under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) scheme to function

as front-end delivery points for providing Government, private and social sector services to rural citizens in an integrated manner and at affordable cost.

The e-District Project which is implemented on pilot basis in two districts such as Ganjam & Mayurbhanj providing five services like Income, Caste, Residence, Solvency & Legal Heir Certificates, is to be extended to other districts of the state from the year 2013-14.

e-Municipality Project for Urban Local Bodies which is one of the Mission Mode Projects under National e-Governance is under implementation. The objective of this Project is to develop an integrated system for delivery of municipal service to the citizens at anytime, anywhere basis with efficiency and effectiveness.

Project “e-Dharani” (e-Registration) is a major e-Governance initiative to bring in transparency and reliability into delivery of property registration-related services (like registration of deeds, valuation of properties, capturing and preserving copies of the documents, conducting searches and maintaining back office records) in a hassle free environment. This project has been implemented throughout the state in all the 177 registration offices in PPP mode by Odisha e-Governance Services Limited (a SPV of OCAC &IL&FS). The Registration

Process has been re-engineered to make it faster, simpler, accurate and error-free, reducing the long waiting time for obtaining the Registered Deed.

80. Under the Village Energy Security Programme (VESP), 12 projects have been commissioned in 12 villages situated in fringes or inside the forest area.

The Remote Village Electrification Programme (RVEP) is implemented to electrify un-electrified remote habitations & villages through non-conventional sources of energy where grid connectivity is neither feasible nor cost effective. The Programme is being implemented in 18 districts of the State. So far 893 remote villages have been covered under this programme.

Under Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) Programme 650 watt SPV power plant has been installed at Badatamera Sevashram and 2 K.Watt SPV power plant has been installed in Palia Sevashram of Nowrangpur district. Apart from the above, 650 Watt SPV power plant has been installed at Gunupur High School of Kalahandi district. During the current year SPV power plants of 2 K.Watt each have been installed in four Ashram Schools, i.e. two in Gajapati and two in Sundargarh District. Besides, Maa Kalijai Temple has been illuminated by installation of 2 K.Watt SPV power plant.

81. My Government has undertaken various initiatives for reforming Public Enterprises like Financial Restructuring, Human Resource Restructuring for better management of the State owned Enterprises as well as to achieve maximum growth in this Sector. My Government has introduced a Corporate Governance Manual to institute a system of good governance practices in the State Public Sector Enterprises for better transparency and accountability in their functioning. As in case of Central Government PSUs, the State Government has initiated pioneering step to categorize the State PSUs basing on their performance under the category of Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze and delegated substantial functional autonomy in certain selective areas of their operation. The Department of Public Enterprises is providing training to the willing redundant employees for value addition and up gradation of their skills under Social Safety Net Programme to enable those employees for wage employment as well as self-employment.

82. My Government has enacted the Odisha Right to Public Services Act, 2012 and commenced its implementation from January, 2013. In the 1st phase 34 public services relating to 7 Departments have been rolled out to provide services in time bound manner.

83. My Government has taken a number of initiatives to promote inclusive urbanization in the State. The major initiatives taken during 2012-13 include the formulation of an Affordable Housing Scheme, introduction of Odisha Property Rights to Slum Dwellers and Prevention of New Slum Bill, promotion of Public Private Partnership projects in the areas of street lighting, solid waste disposal and city bus services, introduction of placement linked skill training programmes for urban youth, introduction of Odisha Urban Street Vendor Policy, preparation of slum free city plans for Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Rourkela and Puri, and preparation of urban city sanitation plans for 8 cities.

84. GIS based Comprehensive Development Plans are under preparation for the urban areas coming under the seven Development Authorities of Puri-Konark, Berhampur, Rourkela, Sambalpur, Paradeep, Talcher-Angul, Kalinga Nagar and Jharsuguda; similarly, building standard regulations of Puri-Konark Development Authority, Berhampur Development Authority, Sambalpur Development Authority and Talcher-Angul-Meramundali Development Authority have been finalized.

85. A special drive has been taken up for construction of night shelters and community and public toilets. New projects worth Rs.268 crore have been sanctioned under Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) for the Cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, which are under different stages of implementation. 18 major drinking

water projects and 434 small projects involving a total project cost of Rs.363 crore have been taken up during 2012-13, which are expected to benefit nearly 1,18,000 households. Funds have also been sanctioned for sinking 2,000 hand pump tube wells in the water deficient Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). A major drive has also been taken up for providing financial support to Urban Local Bodies for construction of cement concrete roads, Kalyan Mandaps, Bus Stands, Community Halls etc. A policy decision has been taken to provide piped water supply to all schools and Anganwadis located in urban areas and to set up sewerage treatment plants in all the district headquarter hospitals.

86. In the area of urban transport, the fleet of Bhubaneswar Puri Transport Services Limited (BPTSL) is being expanded to cover Cuttack City as well and funds have been sanctioned for inducting 60 additional buses in order to augment services in existing routes and take up new viable routes. Funds have also been sanctioned for starting city bus services at Berhampur alongwith intra city bus service between Berhampur, Gopalpur, Chhatrapur and Hinjilicut.

87. In order to make the ULBs more responsive, a number of municipal services have been included under the Odisha Public Services Delivery Act such as birth and death certificate, marriage certificate, trade license, building plan approval,

occupancy certificate, water supply connection, repair of tube wells, etc.

88. Providing quality & reliable power to all consumers and electrification of all villages & habitations are the priorities of my Government. Under Biju Gram Jyoti (BGJ), 10,778 habitations & 1,30,064 BPL Households have been electrified so far. Under Biju Saharanchal Vidyutikaran Yojana (BSVY) 1058 habitations & 8636 BPL Households have been electrified. Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) 14,303 un-electrified & De-electrified villages & 24,044 partially electrified villages have been completed, 27,94,278 BPL kits have been installed and 16,20,569 BPL houses have been electrified. Capacities in respect of 192 nos. of 33/11 KV Substations have been augmented, 13 new 33/11 KV Substations added, 347 circuit Km. of 33 KV feeder lines & 2840 circuit Km. of 11 KV feeder lines completed.

89. In order to strengthen electricity supply in KBK Districts an action plan under RLTAAP has been prepared to provide electricity in the remote, hilly and marooned areas of the districts. State Govt. has decided to give equity support of total Rs.300 Crore for a period of 5 years to OPTCL to take up construction of 132/33 KV Grid sub-station and associated transmission lines which are non-remunerative. A proposal has been initiated for shifting of transformers from schools, colleges and Anganbadi premises to prevent accidents.

90. Green Energy Development Corporation (GEDCO) a subsidiary of OHPC have been formed for developing non-conventional sources of energy in the State. This year, due to sufficient rain and judicious management of water, State is in a comfortable position as regards to hydro power generation.

91. With 100 Grid Substations, 10,897 MVA transformation capacity and 11,344 Circuit Kms. of EHT lines, the OPTCL achieved a system availability of 99.84%. To evacuate and receive State share of power from the proposed power plants coming up in the state, massive expansion involving addition of transformation capacity and EHT Lines at different voltage levels and 400 KV new Substations with interlinking lines are planned to be taken up under PPP mode. Kalinga Vidyut Prasarana Nigam Pvt Ltd, a JV between OPTCL & PGCIL and Nilachal Power Transmission Company Pvt Ltd, a JV between OPTCL & MCL have been formed for developing Intrastate Transmission in the State during 12th plan period. New project about 1360 MVA transformation capacity & 646 Kms of EHT lines and capacity augmentation of 355 MVA in 14 Grid Substation are planned for 2013-14. 550 new 33/11 KV Sub-stations will be created in two years time period.

92. With a view to identifying the un-electrified habitations for taking up rural electrification works on a Saturation mode, a State wide habitation survey has been carried out so that the

left out habitations could be identified and covered under electrification programmes. Govt. also for the 1st time decided to take up separate feeder for Agriculture / Fishing clusters having substantial electricity demand.

93. In Order to bring transparency in the mining operations, an Integrated Mines and Mineral Management System (i-3MS) which was launched on pilot basis in the last year has now been made full-fledged covering the entire State. This online e-transit permit and pass system has hastened the process of issue of permits for transportation of minerals eliminating the possibility of use of fake permit for such transportation.

94. These measures have not only improved the mineral administration but have also led to revenue generation of over Rs.3,800 crore by the end of December, 2012. It is expected that mining revenue by the end of financial year 2012-13 would exceed the revenue of Rs.4,586 crore realized during last fiscal year. This mining revenue is likely to increase further once the Central Government approves the State Government's proposal to impose mineral resource rent tax @ 50% of the surplus rent.

95. Under the Project Odisha Cell (POC), funds have been provided for preservation of Monuments and Buddhist Heritage of the State. Out of 295 such sites, preservation of 97 monuments by POC (Archaeology) and 33 monuments by the POC (OIMSEAS) have been taken up during 2012-13.

Under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP) 8 monuments have been selected out of which the work in respect of Bhabakundaleswar Temple, Manikpatna, Puri and Ganjam Fort, Ganjam are under progress.

96. My Government is actively working on strengthening livelihood support to traditional folk artists, presentation & promotion of the traditional art forms by integrating them with the welfare schemes of various Departments.

97. A new Tourism Policy aimed at strengthening the tourist prospects of Odisha, increasing private sector participation, augmenting tourism infrastructure and improving marketing and promotion of Odisha Tourism is under active consideration of my Government.

98. My Government has decided to constitute Odisha Maritime Board through enactment to control, manage and administer all the non-major Ports. Government is taking steps to develop and modernise all weather deep sea ports at the notified port sites. This will not only give impetus to maritime trade but also give rise to many port based industries and attract investment in large scale. Dhamra Port, which has been developed in PPP mode, has started its commercial operation from 06-05-2011. Till November, 2012 about 11.6 million Metric Tonne cargo have been handled through 160 ships and Rs.424.83 crore revenue

has been earned by the port authority out of which Government revenue share is Rs.21.24 crore. The development of Gopalpur, Subarnarekha and Astaranga Ports are in various stages.

99. In addition to E-Vahan (vehicle registration), E-Sarathi (issue of Driving license), and E-Disha (on line tax payment) programmes, introduction of Dealer Point Registration for Non-Transport vehicles and issue of on line permit in Permit Issue Management System has enhanced efficiency and transparency of the Transport Service Delivery System.

100. It has been decided to purchase 100 new buses for OSRTC during the current Financial Year 2012-13 with an investment of Rs.23.40 crore to improve the transport connectivity to the inaccessible and backward areas of the State.

101. My Government is committed to preserve and promote the rich tradition of Odisha handloom and accordingly initiated programmes for comprehensive development of the sector. During the 2012-13, my Government has provided Rs.675 lakh for construction of 1500 worksheds of weavers. Similarly Rs.86.69 lakh has been provided for skill up-gradation training of 700 beneficiaries under Self Employment Programme. Work for establishment of one museum for handloom and handicrafts at Bhubaneswar has been initiated. To protect the interests of weavers 5 handloom products have been registered during

2012-13 under Geographical Indication Act. The 2nd phase of Special Package has been announced for the benefit of the weavers. Under the package i) total share of weavers premium towards enrollment of weavers under “Health Insurance Scheme” and “Mahatma Gandhi Bunakar Bima Yojana” will be provided from State Plan ii) more weavers will be covered under “Mo-Kudia” and “Madhu Babu Pension yojana” iii) 20 clusters will be covered for providing assistance under National Rural Livelihood Mission iv) Solar lantern will be provided to each weaver family through OREDA in phases.

For development of handicraft, 257 Craft Clusters have been formed in different districts covering 12,471 artisans. Marketing Support and Design Support have also been provided to artisans for better marketing of their products.

102. The State Government promptly responded to the flash flood situation in Khordha, Kandhamal, Nayagarh, Kalahandi and Ganjam during 2012 and took all necessary measures to ameliorate the sufferings of the people. Adequate funds were provided to the Collectors for immediate relief and rescue operation. Besides Rs.100.03 lakh towards House Building Assistance and Rs.73.92 lakh towards sand cast assistance have been provided to the concerned Collectors. Rs.176.05 lakh have been provided to the Panchayati Raj Department for repair/ restoration of the damaged infrastructure.

103. Out of 1,69,116 families found homestead less in the State as on 01.04.2012, 82,591 families out of which 43,898 STs, 18,098 SCs and 20,595 others have been distributed with 3090.106 acres of homestead land by 15th December, 2012. Similarly, Out of 1,98,763 families found landless in the State as on 01.04.2012, 22,634 families out of which 18,745 STs, 2023 SCs and 1866 others have been distributed with 27,989.77 acres of Government waste land for agricultural purpose by 15th December, 2012. Concerned Collectors have been instructed to provide homestead land and Government waste land to the rest homestead less and landless families respectively in a time bound manner.

104. The overall Law and Order situation in the State has remained by and large peaceful. Communal amity has been maintained in the State. There has been a progressive improvement in Left Wing Extremist problem in the State during 2012. The pro-active security response has resulted in the death of 10 maoists, arrest of 167 and surrender of as many as 35 cadres. Besides, a total number of 83 firearms, 125 landmines & Improvised Explosive Devices and huge quantity of explosives and ammunition have been recovered during 2012. Due to sustained anti-maoist action, no violence has been reported from Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Nayagarh, Deogarh, Mayurbhanj and Sambalpur Districts last year.

105. During 2012, Government has appointed 273 Sub-Inspectors, 94 Dy. Subedars and 37 Sergeants by way of Direct Recruitment. Government has appointed 1521 Tribal Youths (Special Police Officers) as Constables in newly created Odisha Auxiliary Police Force (OAPF). The Odisha Industrial Security Force (OISF) Act has been enacted to provide adequate and fool proof security to industries, sensitive projects and vital installations. Further, 1704 number of posts for raising Specialized IR Batallions, 165 posts for traffic police, 105 police personnel for Economic Offence Wing and Special Task Force Units have been sanctioned. To revamp and strengthen the State Forensic Laboratory 218 numbers of posts have been created in different ranks.

106. To make the police people friendly, Reception Centres are being constructed with provision of basic amenities in the Police Stations in a phased manner. Funds have been provided during 2012-13 in the first phase, to start the construction work of Reception Centres in 140 Police Stations of the State. For the year 2013-14, there is a proposal to take up construction of the Reception Centres in 135 more Police Stations.

107. Victim Compensation Scheme has been notified. Under the scheme provision of compensation has been made for loss of life, rape, loss of any limb, loss or injury causing severe

mental agony and simple injury to child victims ranging from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.1,50,000/-.

108. In our effort to provide one Fire Station in each block, 41 new Fire Stations have been sanctioned during 2012-13. The left out 39 Blocks are proposed to be covered during 2013-14 and with that all the Blocks of the State would be covered.

109. Security in the Prison has been upgraded by raising the Perimeter Wall of Jails and fortification of Jails. CCTV facility has been installed in 18 Jails, Cell-Phone Jammers have been installed in 7 Jails and Baggage Scanners have been installed in 3 Jails. Steps have been taken to install these systems in more Prisons. Video Conferencing System in 8 Jails is functioning to facilitate trial of hardcore criminals without physically producing them in Courts. Funds have been provided to extend this facility to 23 more Jails. A 100 capacity hostel for the prisoner's children is under construction at Bhubaneswar to facilitate their education. Two more open air jails are proposed to be constructed one in the district of Sambalpur and another in Balasore to facilitate easy and smooth integration of convict prisoners in to the society.

110. I have taken this opportunity to outline the policies and programmes of my Government as also to highlight the significant achievements made in the important sectors.

My Government will continue to work diligently and assiduously in order to create an enabling environment where every citizen of the State is liberated from the bondage of poverty and illiteracy, hunger and destitution. It is our firm determination to enable all of them to lead a life with all the rights envisioned in our Constitution.

I now leave you to your deliberations and wish you all success.

Jai Hind.