

Honourable Speaker Sir,

The saga of unprecedented development that commenced in Gujarat under the inspiring and visionary leadership of our **Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi** has continued under the progressive leadership of **Honourable Chief Minister Shrimati Anandiben Patel** under whom the State is marching towards inclusive growth rapidly. The people centric and progressive approach to growth demonstrated by Gujarat has become a model for other states.

The hard working and enterprising farmers of Gujarat have put the state in **high pedestal in agricultural development**. Our Government is committed to increase their income and mitigate uncertainty through diversification of agriculture coupled with sufficient irrigation facilities. Our **talented youth will be equipped with diverse skill sets** to benefit from the increased employment opportunities available from investment and growth in non-farm and service sectors besides industries.

In **Ease of Doing Business** ranking of states, Gujarat has accomplished the first place, which is a strong endorsement of our developmental approach at the national level. With this, we reiterate our commitment to realize the **Make in India** and **Start-Up India** vision of the **Honourable Prime Minister** who has achieved enormous success in taking the country to the rightful place amongst the nations within a short span of time.

Honourable Chief Minister Shrimati Anandiben Patel has always accorded high priority to comprehensive human resource development in our state. Among the poor and middle class families, **Mukhyamantri Amrutam Yojna (MA)** and **Maa Vatsalya Yojna** have proved to be immensely beneficial and popular. Our Government has launched the pioneering **Mukhyamantrishri Yuva Swavalamban Yojna** to provide substantial financial assistance to meritorious students from economically deprived families, thus setting an example for the entire country.

Our venerable leader **Shri Indulal Yagnik** whose 125th birth anniversary falls this year has always been a source of inspiration for the youth. With the noble intention of giving new direction to youth and harness their potential for the development of future generations, Honourable Chief Minister **Shrimati Anandiben Patel** has taken the momentous decision of **announcing 2016-17 as the Year for Youth Development in the memory of Indu Chacha**. Youth centric programs and activities will be given high priority during the year.

Our Government, devoted to the overall development, is strongly committed to expedite the welfare and developmental programs for tribals, dalits, other backward classes and economically weaker sections. Specific attention is given to increase irrigation and water supply facilities in the tribal areas. In developing coastal areas, we have given priority to employment for the youth and environmental sustainability. Special focus is given to schemes for health and nutrition of women and children.

We are committed to provide necessary amenities to the citizens and ensure a balanced development in urban and rural areas. Programmes like **Smart City** and **AMRUT** will give further impetus to urban development in the state. Besides, our Government is determined to set high standards in providing road connectivity, housing, sanitation and other services in rural areas.

Through this august House, I reiterate our Government's resolve to realize the mantra of **Sauno Saath Sauno Vikas**. Honourable Chief Minister's **Gatisheel Gujarat** programme primarily aims at fulfilling this idea by way of various schemes and ensuring its effective implementation.

The budget for the year 2016-17 has been prepared with the core objective of realizing this comprehensive development.

Annual Development Plan

The size of the **Annual Development Plan for the year 2016-17** has been fixed at **₹ 85557.78 crore** which indicates an increase of **₹ 6262.67 crore** compared to the year 2015-16. The Sector wise allocation is as follows:

Sr.No.	Head	Provision (₹ in crore)
1	Agriculture and Allied activities	5940.08
2.	Rural Development	2764.89
3	Special Area Programme	50.00
4	Irrigation and flood control	14294.20
5	Energy	6823.82
6	Industries and mines	2955.26
7	Transportation	7969.00
8	Communication	997.35
9	Science, Technology and environment	721.96
10	General Economic Services	2645.78
11	Social services	40285.52
12	General Services	109.92
	Total	85557.78

In this headwise allocation, social services are accorded special priority. For the year 2016-17, allocation for the social services is **₹ 40285.52 crore** which is **₹ 1801.37 crore** more than 2015-16 proposed mainly include primary health, education, drinking water, housing, nutrition, employment, cleanliness, welfare of schedule caste, scheduled tribes, socially and educationally backward castes and economically backward classes as well as woman and child development.

The highlight of headwise proposed provisions is as follows:

Narmada and Water Resources Department

**Sardar
Sarovar
Yojna**

A plan of ₹ 9050 crore under Sardar Sarovar Yojna—the pride of Gujarat.

- All the 29 piers and all 30 spans of the bridge of the Sardar Sarovar Dam have been completed. A provision of **₹ 163 crore** for installing the radial gate and other ancillary works which are under progress.
- A provision of **₹ 2021 crore** to undertake underground pipeline works of about 12500 k.m. to provide irrigation benefit to 5 lac hectares of land in 64 talukas without acquiring land from farmers.

- A provision of ₹ 656 crore for Saurashtra, provision of ₹ 230 crore for North Gujarat and provision of ₹ 848 crore for Kutch to construct canals upto minor canals.
- A provision of ₹ 862 crore for three pumping stations of Kutch branch canal and five pumping stations of Saurashtra branch canal.
- A provision of ₹ 1066 crore for **Statue of Unity**, and to establish **Tribal Research and Training Institute** in the area.

Micro Irrigation

- For the assistance to farmers to increase their income by enhancing crop production through **drip irrigation** in approximately 3 lac hectares of land, a provision of ₹ 765 crore.

Water Resources Division

A plan of ₹ 5244 crore for water resources and Kalpsar division. Under this,

A provision of ₹ 919 crore to increase irrigation facility for the **scheduled tribe farmers** which includes -

- A provision of ₹ 190 crore for the lift irrigation project based on **Kadana reservoir in Mahisagar and Dahod districts and pipeline work** based on Narmada canal for the remote command area of **Panam reservoir**.
- A provision of ₹ 100 crore for a new lift irrigation scheme based on **Karajan reservoir** for the tribal area of Valia, Jhagadiya and Mangrol (Vadi area).
- A provision of ₹ 100 crore for the **lift irrigation** schemes based on tubewells and **river/canal in tribal areas**.
- A provision of ₹ 82 crore for improvement and strengthening of existing **canal structure of Ukai**, Damanganga and other medium irrigation schemes.
- A provision of ₹ 62 crore to **increase irrigation capacity by 30 thousand hectares** in Kakrapar command area of Ukai reservoir.
- A provision of ₹ 51 crore for completing survey and assessment work of **Tapi-Karajan pipeline** and commissioning the scheme.
- A provision of ₹ 45 crore for a new pipeline from **Ukai to Goradha**.
- A provision of ₹ 18 crore for improvement of canals under **Sahbhagi Sinchai Vyavsthapan Yojna**.
- A provision of ₹ 9 crore for minor works of Ukai-Poorna high level canal.

Water storage

For increasing the water storage capacity, it has been planned to deepen 470 small check-dams, 270 big check-dams and 850 ponds and repair check-dams and undertake desilting of reservoirs. Out of these works, deepening of 170 small check-dams, 100 large check-dams and 180 ponds will be undertaken in tribal areas from Ambaji to Umargam. A total provision of ₹ 329 crore for all these works.

Improvement and strengthening of the existing canal network of reservoirs

- A provision of **₹ 498 crore** for improvement and strengthening of existing canal network including which includes
 - 38,000 hectares in Ukai-Kakarapar,
 - 2,500 hectares in Damanganga,
 - 22,000 hectares in Kadana and Mahi command areas,
 - 3,500 hectares in Panam,
 - 7,000 hectares in Dharoi and
 - 27,000 hectares in Saurashtra area

This will benefit his **1 lac hectare of irrigated area** and help in irrigation water reaching tail end area.

- A provision of **₹ 2000 crore** for execution of works under Saurashtra Narmada Avataram Sinchai Yojna (**SAUNI**).
- A provision of **₹ 150 crore** to install new pipeline from Narmada main canal at Piyaj in Kalol taluka to Mansa taluka and further to Dharoi reservoir situated in Mahesana district.
- A provision of **₹ 100 crore** to undertake new pipe line extension work on Kadi-Adundara-Karannagar-Dhandhusan pipeline from Dhandhusan to Redlaxmipura.
- A provision of **₹ 40 crore** to construct a weir on Sabarmati river at Hirpura and Valasana villages in Vijapur taluka.
- A provision of **₹ 22.30 crore** to complete works of four pipelines i.e. Dantivada-Sipu, Vatrak-Maram - Meshvo, Patan-Deendrol and Karannagar-Dhandhusan, which are in progress under Sujalam Sufalam Yojna.
- A provision of **₹ 10 crore** for lift irrigation scheme based on Narmada canal by deepening Vada pond situated at Champaner.
- A provision of **₹ 33.35 crore** for Kherava-Visnagar pipeline scheme.
- It has been proposed to survey and assessment to lay pipeline from Kasara to Dantivada and Tharad to Sipu reservoir covering total 74 villages of Banaskantha and Patan districts.
- A provision of **₹ 25 crore** for preparing a **Drainage Master Plan** for drainage of rain water in the event of very heavy rainfall in Banaskantha, Patan, Kutch, Surendranagar, Ahmedabad and Mehsana districts.
- A provision of **₹ 16 crore** for river / canal based lift irrigation scheme and for constructing new tubewells for farmers belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.

Salinity ingress control and coastal erosion

- A provision of ₹ 70 crore to undertake works for barrages, spreading canals and other works for **controlling salinity ingress** in coastal areas of Saurashtra, Ghed and Kutch.
- A provision of ₹ 29 crore to **check land erosion** caused by tidal waves in Saurashtra and South Gujarat.

Kalpsar Project

A provision of ₹ 102 crore for Feasibility Report on Kalpsar Project as most of the studies are nearing completion.

- A provision of ₹ 50 crore for the construction of Bhadbhoot barrage which includes 1.60 km long bridge connecting Hansot and Dahej.

Agriculture, Co-operation and Animal Husbandry

Total provision of ₹ 5792.45 crore under plan and non-plan for Agriculture and Co-operation Department.

With the objective of sustained growth in agriculture, providing liberal support to farmers at time of natural calamities and to ensure primary position of Gujarat in agricultural development in the country

- A provision of ₹ 300 crore for **Rashtriya Krushi Vikas Yojna**
- The State Government has decided to start a new mechanism to solve the problem of chronic shortage of **fertilizers and ensure its timely and adequate availability to meet the requirement farmers**, by having storage of 2 lac metric tonnes of fertilizers in around 50 locations through Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation for which a provision of ₹ 228.50 crore is proposed.
- A provision of ₹ 126 crore for constructing godowns through Gujarat State Seed Corporation to store fertilizers, seeds and farm produce.
- With the objective to protect farmers against agricultural risks and provide support for crop loss during natural calamity, **crop insurance cover for Kharif, Ravi/Summer and commercial crops** and coverage under Khedut Akasmat Vima Yojna will be provided under **Pradhanmantri Fasal Vima Yojna** for which a provision of ₹ 495.67 crore is made.
- A provision of ₹ 40 crore under Rashtriya Khadya Suraksha Mission to provide assistance to wheat, rice, pulse, coarse grains, commercial cotton and sugarcane farmers.
- A provision of ₹ 60 crore under National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture Scheme (NMSA) to increase agriculture productivity in **rain fed areas**.
- A provision of ₹ 37.04 crore under National Mission on Oilseed and Oilpalm Scheme to assist the farmers producing **oilseeds crops** in the State.
- A provision of ₹ 10 crore under **organic policy** to provide assistance to state farmers to promote organic farming.
- **Organic Farming University**, a first of its type in the country will be established to promote and develop organic farming in agriculture and horticulture with an initial provision of ₹ 10 crore.

- A provision of ₹ 120 crore for providing assistance to **purchase tractors and mini-tractors** to promote mechanization in agriculture. A provision of ₹ 70 crore to implement sub-mission on agriculture mechanization in every taluka of State.
- A provision of ₹ 246.42 crore for agricultural land and water conservation.
- A provision of ₹ 50 crore for the new scheme of storage of water by farmers by construction of a tank in their farms.
- A provision of ₹ 15 crore to organize **agricultural exhibition-cum-fair of International level** to disseminate information of new agricultural methods to farmers in the four zones of the State.
- A provision of ₹ 50 crore under **Krushi Mahotsav-2016** for empowerment of farmers.
- A provision of ₹ 25 crore for the proposed **food processing and agro business policy** to help the farmers get proper return through value addition in agricultural produce.
- A provision of ₹ 50 crore for satellite imagery/drone photography survey to get cropwise, talukawise and district wise estimates of cultivated area on regular basis.
- A provision of ₹ 354 crore for education, research and extension programmes in agricultural universities.

Horticulture

- Total provision of ₹ 355.56 crore for various schemes under Horticulture.
 - Under National Horticulture Mission a provision of ₹ 168 crore.
 - A provision of ₹ 125 crore under Integrated Horticulture Development Programme.
- A provision of ₹ 2.92 crore for phytosanitary certificate issuing facility at Navsari to **promote export of agriculture and horticulture produce** in the State.
- A provision of ₹ 8.20 crore to establish **four Centres of Excellence** for horticulture crops on Indo-Israel pattern.

Co-operation

A provision of ₹ 747 crore under Co-operation Sector

- Interest on crop loan is a financial burden to the farmers. With this in mind, Government has decided to provide additional interest relief to the farmers under which **interest on Kharif loan upto 3 lac will be only 1%**. For this, a provision of ₹ 375 crore has been made. Approximately **38 lac farmers shall be benefited** by this relief.
- To make the financial position of primary agricultural credit societies sound so that they can grant loan to farmers at reasonable interest rate and also for their computerization, a provision of ₹ 63 crore.

- A provision of **₹ 7 crore** for issuing Kisan Credit Card-cum-Rupay Card to about 17 lac farmers of District Central Co-operative Banks and Nagarik Co-operative Banks.
- A provision of **₹ 15 crore** for the formation of **Unified Market Platform** at the State level.
- A provision of **₹ 5 crore** to start a new **testing laboratory** for cotton, pulses and spices.
- Under **Kisan Kalpavruksh Yojna**, a provision of **₹ 44.77 crore** for creating infrastructural facilities for and modernization of agricultural produce marketing committees.
- A provision of **₹ 23.72 crore** for creating the godown facility for the agricultural produce market committees.
- A provision of **₹ 13.27 crore** for providing basic facilities to 26 agricultural produce marketing committees in the newly formed talukas.
- A new policy will be framed to strengthen and improve the existing **cooperative sugar mills so that the farmers can get proper payment**. Further, loan assistance and liquidity support for working capital will be provided to sugar factories. For this, provision of **₹ 50 crore**.

Provision of ₹ 614.50 crore under Animal Husbandry and Dairy

- Animal Husbandry has become an important source of supplementary income for farmers. To boost this, the Government aims to **provide interest relief in loan for purchase of one lac animals this year**. Under the new scheme, it is planned to provide financial support for these loans at a maximum interest rate of 5% for three year.
- A provision of **₹ 8.50 crore** towards assistance for rearing 17,000 Adarsh Vachhardi.
- A provision of **₹ 6.25 crore** for testing adulteration made in milk at Chilling Centre and Group Bulk Milk Cooler.
- A provision of **₹ 15 crore** for **progeny testing through genomics**.
- A provision of **₹ 28 crore** for strengthening of Patan Frozen Semen Centre and to establish Frozen Semen centres in Saurashtra and South Gujarat.
- A provision of **₹ 11.78 crore** to provide Chaff Cutter and Milking Machine to individual beneficiaries, Dudh Ghar along with storage facility, bulk milk cooler and automatic milk collection system to 500 cooperative milk producers.
- A provision of **₹ 22.50 crore** towards assistance to create storage facility of cattle feed and fodder for milk cooperatives.
- A provision of **₹ 10.26 crore** for creating facility of mineral mixture plant for district cooperative milk federations.

- A provision of **₹ 22.50 crore** for the purpose of interest support to district milk producing federations in the newly formed districts, tribal districts and other areas for dairy and plant.
- To further fillip to veterinary education, the provision proposed is **₹ 26.85 crore**. Under this, it has been planned to strengthen Kamdhenu University; and set up Dairy Science College at Mandvi and one **animal husbandry polytechnic** in Rajkot District under PPP mode.
- A provision of **₹ 9.10 crore to establish multi-purpose veterinary institutes** at Nadiad, Navsari, Rajkot, Surendranagar, Mahisagar, Botad, Gir-Somnath, Morbi, Devbhumi Dwarka, Tapi, Narmada, Dang-Ahwa, Aravalli and Chhota Udepur.

Plan of ₹ 657.50 crore for Fisheries :

- As an integral part of Sagakhedu Sarvangi Yojna, for modernization and value addition in fishing sector and to encourage exports, seven fishery harbours with modern infrastructural facilities will be developed at Mangrol, Navabandhar, Madhvad, Porbandar, Veraval, Sutrapada and Chorwad at **₹ 1500 crore**, for which the plan for next year is **₹ 500 crore**.
- A provision of **₹ 65 crore** to improve facilities in existing ports.

**Chief Minister's
Yuva
Swavalamban
Yojna**

Our Government is committed to take **Mukhyamantri Yuva Swavalamban Yojna** which has proved to be a boon for the students – to new heights in coming years by augmenting with a huge support of **₹ 1000 crore**. The size and scope of the scheme is expanded to provide range of assistance right from primary school students to students pursuing professional college education.

- The family income limit for the beneficiaries will be **increased to ₹ 6 lac from ₹ 4.50 lac**.
- **The limit of percentile will be reduced to 80 from 90.**
- **Girl students from BPL families securing admission in MBBS in the GMERS and private medical colleges will be provided special assistance in tuition fees by our Government**
- With a view to provide for the comprehensive facilities, all the 92 lac children of primary schools will be provided **scholarships, uniforms, text books**.
- **Textbooks will be provided free of cost** to all the 19.60 lac students of Secondary and Higher Secondary schools.
- Assistance will be provided in **tuition fee, hostel expenditure and purchase of equipment** to about 30,000 students pursuing higher education.

**Opportunities of
Government
Services to the
youth**

Our determination to take government services to the last person.

Our Government has made a unprecedented decision to harness Yuva Shakhthi and technology to provided speedy Government services by filling up approximately **66,000** posts in one year. Cadres which provide cutting edge

services to citizens and in rural areas like teachers, gram sevak, talati, health worker, police, forest guards will be accorded priority. Arrangement will be made to impart training to our youth at district level to facilitate recruitment. No personal interview will be conducted for filling up posts of Class-III and Class-IV, which is a notable change.

- It has been planned to fill-up **20,400** posts in Education sector, **17,200** posts in Police administration, **7,800** posts in Health sector, **7,800** posts in Revenue machinery, **1,600** posts in **Forest department**, **1,200** posts in Engineering cadre, **1,100** posts in Accounts cadre and **3,000** posts of Junior Clerks.
- In addition to this, recruitment in a large number is to be done for the grant-in-aid institutions and public enterprises.

Education

Total provision of ₹ 23815.74 crore under plan and non-plan for Education Department

My Government is committed to achieve our objective of making available primary education to every child in the state while ensuring quality of education for which plan provision is **₹ 4082.55 crore**.

- Remarkable improvement has been made in the quality of education as a result of the success of **Gunotsav**. To give further encouragement to schools obtaining A and A+ ranks, proposed provision is **₹ 15.30 crore**.
- Special incentive will be given to the villages that have achieved 100 percent literacy rate.
- A provision of **₹ 375.60 crore** for construction to create amenities and physical infrastructure like class-rooms and toilets in Primary Schools of the State.
- Total provision of **₹ 1560 crore** under **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan** for creating infrastructural facilities like classrooms, toilet-blocks, etc. in schools.
- **21 new schools** will be started under the immensely popular **Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyala** with a provision of **₹ 36.15 crore**.
- A provision of **₹ 66.05 crore** to provide necessary facilities to **Pragna Varga**.
- Currently 3000 computer co-ordinators are working in primary schools to provide computer based education. 5000 new computer coordinators will be added to strengthen this in primary 14856 schools for which a provision of **₹ 30 crore** has been made.
- Total provision of **₹ 179.95 crore** to improve quality of formal education through different activities of Gujarat Education Research and Training Council.
- A provision of **₹ 1040.37 crore** for the implementation of **Mid-day meal** scheme.
- **Mid-Day meals** in primary schools in Jamnagar and Bhavnagar corporation areas will be provided through centralized kitchen.

A provision of ₹ 1042.09 crore for Secondary and Higher Secondary Education.

- A provision of ₹ 50.25 crore to give assistance of ₹ 7500 per student to recognized non-grant Schools. This will benefit about 67,000 students.
- A provision of ₹ 38.43 crore to appoint 4230 retired and other teachers on honorary basis.
- A provision of ₹ 20 crore to provide financial assistance for repairing of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools run by Panchayats and Municipalities.
- A provision of ₹ 1.97 crore to start 41 Science stream schools in phased manner in talukas without government or grant-in-aid Science stream schools.
- A provision of ₹ 332.87 crore for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shikshan Abhiyan (RMSA).

Total provision of ₹ 725.36 crore for Higher Education :

- A total provision of ₹ 100 crore for infrastructure and quality improvement of Universities and Colleges under Rashtriya Uchchar Shikshan Abhiyan (RUSA).
- As a part of Youth Development Year and with the purpose of having Government Colleges in all the talukas of the state, 31 new Colleges will be started in next two years; Out of these, new colleges will be started at 16 places -Bavala, Babara, Sojitra, Gogha, Talala, Okha Mandal, Veraval, Lalpur, Vanthali, Harij, Vagara, Muli, Lakhpatt, Garbada, Poshina, Tilakvad in the next year, for which the primary provision is ₹ 2 crore.
- **Finishing schools** will be set up in educational institutions to improve employability of graduating students.
- A provision of ₹ 55 crore for construction of newly formed Govind Guru University and Narsinh Mehta University.
- A provision of ₹ 110 crore for repairing and renovation in the existing Universities and Colleges.

A provision of ₹ 658.90 crore for Technical Education

- A provision of ₹ 43.14 crore for construction of new buildings and improvement of existing buildings of Government Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics.
- A provision of ₹ 12 crore for quality improvement of 6 Government Engineering Colleges under TEQIP.
- A provision of ₹ 8212.05 crore under plan and non-plan for Health and Family Welfare Department.
- For Mukhyamantri Amrutam Yojna and Maa Vatsalya Yojna have become very beneficial and popular among the poor and middle class families to meet the expenditure for treatment of serious illness. Allocation of ₹ 160 crore with 33% increase in the provision.

Health & Family Welfare

- Similarly, treatment of **diabetes** and **blood pressure** is very expensive for poor and middle class families. For their relief, Government has taken a **historic decision to provide medicines free of charge for life time** through Government Hospitals.
- A provision of **₹ 272 crore** to provide **total 575 medicines free of charge** by Government hospitals.
- **Under the inspiring initiative of Hon. Chief Minister Anandiben Patel**, screening of lacs of women is carried out for uterus cancer and breast cancer. It has been planned to **provide free of charge treatment in Government speciality and Super Speciality hospitals** to help affected women without any income limit.
- A provision of **₹ 101.37 crore** for the construction of **50 Sub-Centres in rural areas, establishment of 63 Primary Health Centres and 15 Community Health Centres.**
- A provision of **₹ 12.69 crore** to upgrade 32 PHCs to provide higher medical services including gynaecologist and paediatrician in health centres in Urban areas.
- A provision of **₹ 143.73 crore** to create a special identity in the society and to provide incentives for ASHA.

Medical Services :

- A provision of **₹ 102.75 crore** to provide **108 emergency services which to more than 10 lac patients** annually and for additional 100 new ambulances.
- Based on the successful experiment to provide 108 services in interior areas of Narmada district, it has been decided to extend this service under **Van Sanjivini Yojna the tribal hamlets** in remote forest areas with a provision of **₹ 1 crore.**
- A provision of **₹ 15 crore** to provide **Haemodialysis centres** in 10 hospitals.
- A provision of **₹ 5.70 crore** to increase the number of beds and upgrade existing community health centres to Sub District level hospitals at Bardoli, Jambusar, Keshod, Jhalod, Kadi and Singarava.
- In order to provide **treatment for mental diseases**, Apex Institute for treatment of mental diseases will be functional at Ahmedabad; start new services at Surat and; to strengthen services at the hospitals in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Jamnagar and Bhuj. The total provision is **₹ 3.50 crore.**

Medical Education :

- Total provision of **₹ 568 crore** for development and expansion of seven existing Medical Colleges at Sola, Himmatnagar, Valsad, Gandhinagar, Gotri, Patan and Junagadh run under **Gujarat Medical Education and Research Society** and also for construction of medical college at Vadnagar.

- The number of MBBS seats will be increased from 180 to 250 at **Medical College, Vadodara** and from 150 to 250 at **Surat Medical College**. Thus totally **170 seats will be increased**, for which the initial provision is **₹ 32.10 crore**.
- A provision of **₹ 100 crore** to create Diagnosis Centres, Nursing Home, Speciality and Super Speciality hospitals in remote and needy areas under PPP.
- A provision of **₹ 100 crore** for expansion and related works of **Kidney and Ophthalmology Hospital** at Ahmedabad.
- A provision of **₹ 82 crore** for expansion of **Cancer Hospital, Ahmedabad**.
- A provision of **₹ 6 crore** to provide **equipment for Lithotripsy** at Civil Hospitals in Ahmedabad and Surat for advanced treatment of kidney stone.
- A provision of **₹ 5 crore** for special arrangement to set up **latest Cath Lab at Sola Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad**.
- A total provision of **₹ 165.50 crore** for services under **Ayush**.
- **₹ 3.43 crore** for the renovation of the building of Government Ayurvedic Hospital at Bhavnagar.
- A total provision of **₹ 69.48 crore** for strengthening of Food and Drugs administration.

Dudh Sanjivani

Total provision of ₹ 311.95 crore under Dudh Sanjivani scheme.

With thrust on improving the level of nutrition among primary school and Anganwadi children and lactating mothers, Government has been expanding the scope of **Dudh Sanjivani Yojna** every year. I am glad to inform this august House that next year all the 71 tribal and developing talukas of the state will be covered under this scheme and now milk will be served five days in a week. Under this, it has been planned to **cover 12 lac children and pregnant women besides 15 lac students under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme**. For this provision is made as under-

- **₹ 84 crore** under Tribal Development Department.
- **₹ 88.29 crore** under Education Department.
- **₹ 139.66 crore** Women and Child Development Department.

Women Empowerment and Child Development

A provision of ₹ 2615.81 crore under Plan and Non-Plan for Women and Child Development Department :

- Under **Integrated Child Development Scheme**, total provision of **₹ 2325.22 crore** to cover 45.55 lac beneficiaries in 53029 Anganwadi Centres. This includes,
 - A provision of **₹ 1075.40 crore** to provide balanced diet, nutritious diet, supplementary nutrition to the Anganwadi Children under **Mission Balam Sukham**.

- A provision of ₹ 92.38 crore for construction and repair of Anganwadis, power connection to new Anganwadi and infrastructure facilities and equipments.
 - Total provision of ₹ 8.62 crore to provide pre-primary education to children in the age group of 3-6 years in Anganwadis.
 - We are committed to bring significant decrease in mother and child mortality rates in our State. With this purpose, an important decision has been taken to establish the **first Speciality Hospital for mother and child** at Ahmedabad with a provision of ₹ 5 crore.
- With a strong determination to make Gujarat free from malnutrition, **Honourable Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel** has initiated a new campaign to provide therapeutic nutritious food and medical attention to malnourished children identified after medical examination of 43 lac children. A provision of ₹ 25 crore is made for this purpose.

Women Empowerment :

- A provision of ₹ 2.19 crore to set up 40 new centres in addition to 33 support centres functioning at police stations to help oppressed women.
- A provision of ₹ 1 crore to upgrade Nari Sanrakshan Gruh at Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara, Sabarkantha and to conduct training classes there.
- Total provision of ₹ 2.10 crore for starting **75 new Nari Adalats** besides existing Nari Adalats which will be a step further in the direction of opening Nari Adalats in all the talukas of the State.
- **Institute for Gender Studies** will be started in the state for the study of women issues, capacity development and evaluation women oriented schemes of State Government with an initial provision of ₹ 30 lac.

Tribal Development

A provision of ₹ 1779.43 crore under Plan and Non-plan for Tribal Development Department.

- **10 new government girls' hostels** at to be started Zalod, Uchchhal, Valod, Bodeli, Vansada, Mota Paundhha, Mehsana, Idar, Vaghodia and Lunawadawith a provision of ₹ 3.13 crore to start
- A provision of ₹ 4.62 crore for the construction of Government girls' hostel, Rajpipala and Government girls' dry hostel, Dediapada.
- A provision of ₹ 10 crore for providing facilities and operationalizing of **Samras Hostels** at Ahmedabad, Anand, Vadodara, Surat, Bhavnagar and Rajkot.
- A provision of ₹ 1.37 crore for introducing Std.10 in 16ashramshalas and Std.12 in 10 post basic schools progressively.
- A provision of ₹ 1.82 crore for introducing Std. 10 in 15 Adarsh Nivasi schools and std.12 in 5 Adarsh Nivasi schools.
- A provision of ₹ 7.76 crore for prayer Hall and other necessary construction in Adarsh Nivasi schools at Naswadi and Amirgadh.

- A provision of **₹ 31.25 crore** for the construction of buildings of Eklavya schools at Waghodia-2, Shamlaji and girls residential schools at Babargadh, Zalod and Model Schools at Danta and Zalod.
- A provision of **₹ 11.74 crore for imparting vocational training to approximately 14,000** tribal youths and construction of Vocational Training Centres functioning at Dharampur.
- A provision of **₹ 309.94 crore** for pre-metric and post-metric scholarship schemes.
- A provision of **₹ 10 crore** to provide benefit of lift irrigation to tribal farmers.
- It has been planned to reconstruct 20 years' old dilapidated houses of Halpatis.

**Social Justice
and
Empowerment**

A total provision of ₹ 2729.33 crore under plan and non-plan head for Social Justice and Empowerment Department.

**Welfare of
Scheduled
Castes**

A provision of ₹ 945 crore under plan head for Welfare of Scheduled Castes.

- State Government has decided to make provision of **₹ 100 crore to provide capital to various corporations functioning under the department** and strengthen them to provide loans for the development of deprived sections, particularly assisting the youth to start their own enterprise.
- A provision of **₹ 22.76 crore** to provide facilities in **12 Samaras hostels** and make them functional.
- It has been planned to create total **88** new posts of teachers with 1 teacher per class in **88** Ashram Shalas.
- A provision of **₹ 2.25 crore** to **increase intake capacity of students by 1500** in Grant-in-aid hostels.
- The Government has decided to develop a museum and library at **Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ranip, Ahmedabad** in the first phase and further to start skill enhancement training centre and pre-examination training in coordination with SPIPA for the youth of the foundation with a total provision of **₹ 2 crore**.
- **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar chair** will be created in five Universities of Gujarat for the study of his message of social unity (Samrasta) and give them wide publicity on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

**Welfare of
Developing
Castes**

- A provision of **₹ 1105 crore** under plan head for holistic development of the socially and educationally backward classes, nomadic and denotified tribes, economically backward classes and minorities of the State.
- A provision of **₹ 45 crore** for giving **free of cost bicycles to 1.45 lac** Std.9 girls belonging to socially, educationally and economically backward classes, under the Saraswati Sadhana Yojna.
- A provision of **₹ 12 crore** for giving assistances of ₹ 10000 for Mamera to 12000 girls belonging to socially and educationally backward classes and economically backward classes.
- The number of students in the existing grant-in-aid hostels shall be increased by 3000, for which the provision is **₹ 4.50 crore**.
- A new scheme will be implemented for providing loan upto ₹ 15 lac to the students belonging to economically backward classes for pursuing higher education abroad, with a total provision of **₹ 7.25 crore**.
- A provision of **₹ 3 crore** for construction of building of Adarsh Nivasi School with modern facilities at Babara in Amreli district.
- Increase in the monthly food bill concession paid to the students belonging to socially and educationally backward class **from existing ₹ 1000 to ₹ 1200** who study in medical and engineering courses.
- For as many as 7.50 lac students belonging to backward classes studying in Std.9 and 10, the **scholarship will be increased from ₹ 400 per annum to ₹ 750** for which the provision is **₹ 26.25 crore**.

**Social
Security**

- A provision of **₹ 623.72 crore** under social security activities for the welfare of children, senior citizens and other weaker sections requiring care and protection.
- A provision of **₹ 403.88 crore** for pension to approximately 7.15 lac old age people to provide them financial support.
- A provision of **₹ 28.30 crore** for pension to specially abled persons under Santsurdas Yojna and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme.
- Increase in assistance to purchase aid for the specially abled persons **from ₹ 6000 to ₹ 10000** for which the provision is **₹ 4 crore**.
- Monthly assistance of **₹ 1000** paid under the foster parents scheme will be **increased to ₹ 3000** per month.
- **New Bala Gokulam scheme** to provide shelter and care alongwith education and support to orphan children at Ahmedabad, Surat and Rajkot.
- Plan to set up a new institution in Saurashtra for the mentally retarded women.

**Sports, Youths
and Cultural
Activities**

**A provision of ₹ 570.06 crore under plan and non-plan for Sports,
Youths Services and Cultural Activities Department:**

- A provision of ₹ 73.87 crore for organizing the **Khel Mahakumbh**.
- A provision of ₹ 9.75 crore for starting **summer camp** under **Khele Gujarat** for the winners of Khel Mahakumbha.
- A provision of ₹ 9 crore for renovation and upgradation of the existing sports complexes at various places of the state and also in **tribal areas like Rajpipla, Saputara and Devgadhbhariya** under the Sardar Patel Sports Complex Scheme.
- A provision of ₹ 20 crore for the construction of the building of Swarnim Gujarat Sports University at Vadodara.
- Sports persons from **2000** schools and colleges of the **State will participate** for the first time in six games at Zonal and State level competitions. For this the provision is ₹ 2.20 crore.
- Special plan to have **women trainer and coach** to train women players.
- A provision of ₹ 6 crore for establishing **sports academies** in **Surat** and **Rajkot** Municipal Corporations and **hostels** at **Waghodia** and **Rajkot**.
- A provision of ₹ 5 crore to develop community sports and adventure sports.
- A provision of ₹ 30 crore for establishing **international art and culture centre** at Bhavnagar and Vadodara to promote music, dance and theatre activities.
- Interstate exchange programme, youth training camp, art and cultural lecture series will be encouraged for the promotion of the youth services and cultural activities.
- A provision of ₹ 5 crore for strengthening central **libraries** at **Vadodara, Valiya and Palanpur**.

**Roads and
Buildings**

**Total provision of ₹ 8402.20 crore under Plan and Non-Plan head
for Roads and Buildings Department.**

Mukhyamantri Gram Sadak Yojna.

- Gujarat is well known for its robust and quality road network in the country. With the objective to augment and strengthen this network in rural areas, my Government is launching an ambitious scheme named “**Mukhyamantri Gram Sadak Yojna**” to ensure excellent quality and all weather connectivity to about **18000 villages and 16245 hamlets** in the state. The State Government has identified works to the tune of ₹ 10,000 crore over the next three years for which ₹ 2500 crore has been planned under the scheme in the current year. Under this scheme plan of
 - ₹ 1000 crore for construction, resurfacing and strengthening of non plan roads.

- **₹ 658 crore** for improvement of plan roads including dairy roads under Rural Roads Projects (RRP).
 - Road connectivity of the remaining hamlets (para) in the state.
 - Upgradation of O.D.R. and village roads.
 - Converting the existing plan kauccha metal roads to asphalt roads
 - Approach roads, uncompleted gullies or bridges and links etc. connecting educational institutions are included.
 - More than 2.5 crore population of the rural area in the state will be benefitted by the scheme and huge employment will be generated in the rural area.
- A provision of **₹ 1168 crore** for **roads and bridges** to strengthen infrastructural facilities to give boost to the economy of Gujarat. Out of these, the major works to be undertaken are as follows :
 - **Six-laning** of the roads that are in progress and the works to be undertaken are as follows :
 - (1) Ahmedabad-Bagodara-Rajkot Road, and
 - (2) “Kh”Road in Gandhinagar.
 - **4 laning of 59 roads**–which include -
 - Bagodara-Fedara-Pipali-Bhavnagar.
 - Ankleshwar-Jhagadiya-Rajpipla.
 - Dabhoi-Tilakvada-Garudeshwar Kevadia Colony.
 - Sanand-Kadi-Mehsana etc.
 - **Total 51 works for widening the roads to 10 meters** which are under progress or to be undertaken in the State. They include -
 - (1) Limkheda-Limbadi-Chakaliya.
 - (2) Vinchhiya-Babarkot
 - (3) Halvad-Morbi
 - (4) Amreli-Mendarda-Sasan-Talala-Veraval roads etc.
 - **Works of 18 bridges are under progress and works of 43 bridges** are to be undertaken in the State. They include works of four-lane bridge on river Narmada, bridge on river Mindhola near Bardoli, bridges on river Sabarmati and Harnav, bridge on river Parr linking Pardi and Valsad talukas, bridge on river Vadi-Thebi on Amreli-Fatepur Road, bridge on river Veradi on Jamnagar-Lalpur-Porbandar road etc.
 - A provision of **₹ 212 crore** for converting **677 KM** state highways into two-lane roads.
 - A provision of **₹ 477 crore** for **resurfacing** roads which have not been resurfaced for seven years and which require resurfacing.
 - A provision of **₹ 180 crore** for the annuity works of roads and R.O.B.
 - A provision of **₹ 241 crore** for widening the main district roads as well as other district roads **upto 7 metres**.
 - A provision of **₹ 55 crore** for Kisanpath Yojna.

- The works four district Seva Sadan and 11 Taluka Seva Sadan are in progress. The provision proposed is ₹ 45 crore.
- A provision of ₹ 15 crore for construction of Taluka Seva Sadan at Gariyadhar, Waghodia, Shinor, Shahera and Kheda.
- A provision of ₹ 75 crore for construction of various categories for residential quarters/houses of Officers / Employees in the newly-formed districts and talukas.
- A provision of ₹ 52.20 crore for construction of 596 flats / houses at Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar.
- Development of Railway stations at Gandhinagar and Surat are taken up in co-ordination with the Railways. Further, it is planned to undertake modernization of 20 railway stations in Gujarat on PPP basis including Navsari, Vadodara, Mehsana, Rajkot, Gandhidham, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar railway stations.
- For the special purpose vehicle to execute Ahmedabad-Mumbai high speed corridor (Bullet train) set up jointly by Central Government and State Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra, a plan of ₹ 125 crore towards contribution to capital.

Ports and Transport

Total provision of ₹ 1317.08 crore under plan and non-plan head for Ports and Transport Department.

Transport :

- Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation will provide **new 1100 daily new trips and 1600 new buses** will be deployed in its fleet for the service of the people at a cost of ₹ 361 crore.
- To undertake complete modernization of the Central Workshop, modernization of 40 existing bus stations and 14 depot buildings and building 28 new bus stations, the total provision is ₹ 111.25 crore.
- A provision of ₹ 37.12 crore for strengthening the R.T.O. Offices in newly formed districts.
- A provision of ₹ 20 crore for linking all the check-posts and R.T.O. offices of the State with head office by Central Server under the system integration project.
- Recently **Government** has notified **Alang Ship Breaking Policy** suited to current the global situation. The policy includes modernization of Ship Recycling Yard, environmental facilities for disposal of waste, infrastructure to enhance the facilities and welfare of workers and labourers.

Energy

Plan and non plan provision of ₹ 7794.38 crore under Energy and Petrochemicals Department.

- The State Government's is committed to **lighten the burden of farmers by providing electricity at subsidized rate to the farmers of the State.** An allocation of ₹ 4010.75 crore is made in to provide various **subsidies** for this purpose.

- Capital Plan of ₹ 1643.50 crore to provide **agricultural power connection to more than 1 lac** farmers. This includes the provision of ₹ 320 crore for the farmers in tribal areas and ₹ 200 crore for the farmers in coastal areas.
- A capital provision of ₹ 150 crore under **Kushi Yojna** to provide uninterrupted and quality power supply to farmers.
- A provision ₹ 29 crore to provide **free of cost domestic power connections** to 42000 poor families.
- A provision of ₹ 459.88 crore to provide **free power supply to water works** of all the Gram Panchayats and Voluntary Organizations of the State.
- The existing power generation capacity of the state is 24606 MW. It has been planned to increase the generation capacity by 3343 MW by the year 2019.
- A plan provision of ₹ 220 crore towards share capital to GSECL and GETCO to increase the capacity of power generation and strengthen the power transmission infrastructure.
- In the coming year, it has been planned to lay new power supply line of **2471 kms at the cost of ₹ 2532 crore** and **establish 100 new power sub-stations** including **27 new sub-stations at the cost of ₹ 160 crore** in tribal areas and **27 new sub stations at the cost of ₹ 160 crore** in coastal areas of the state.
- A plan of ₹ 214 crore for retrofitting and modernization of the power stations of G.S.E.C.L.
- **Capital provision of ₹ 100 crore** to shift and transfer electric lines and lamp posts obstructing the development in urban areas and for conversion of overhead electric lines into **underground electric lines**.
- Out of the total 31 lac domestic **gas connections** in the **country**, 14.5 lac i.e. 47% are in Gujarat. It has been planned to provide approximately 2.5 lac new connections and 40 CNG stations next year.
- It has been planned by Gujarat State Petronet Limited to install new gas pipelines approximately 174 kms length in the state at a cost of ₹ 660 crore.
- A provision of ₹ 190.70 crore to install 15000 solar domestic energy system and for providing 3210 **solar agriculture pumps** in scattered areas.
- To make available world class facility of energy appliance testing in Gujarat and providing assistance to establish testing laboratory for R & D institutions of the State, a provision of ₹ 100 crore has been made.
- A provision of ₹ 100 crore for various initiatives to save energy. With the intention of promoting the use of LED bulbs, **consumers will be provided LED bulbs at reasonable cost** through power distribution companies and they will be provided the option of making payment in easy instalments.

Climate Change

- Gujarat has done path breaking work in the production of Solar Energy in the country. To encourage production of Solar energy, State Government has decided to give subsidy of ₹ 10,000 per kw to 50,000 private homes. A provision of ₹ 50 crore for this program.
- As a part of the celebration of 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar, a provision of ₹ 2 crore for installing **Solar Water Heating System** in Government hostels / Ashramshalas for scheduled castes.

Industrial Development

Plan and Non-Plan provision of ₹ 3545.56 crore for Industry and Mines Department.

Last year, I had started my budget speech with the statement that State Government is focusing on each aspect of **Ease of Doing Business**. I am glad to inform this august House that **Gujarat has been ranked first by the World Bank and Government of India in Ease of Doing Business**. This achievement has given concrete shape to the direction given by Hon. Prime Minister and the leadership of Hon. Chief Minister and is a matter of great pride for Gujarat.

- A provision of ₹ 596 crore for cash assistance scheme, interest subvention scheme, assistance for rent of shed and other assistance to MSME units under the Industrial Policy 2015.
- The capital investment of approximately ₹ 15000 crore made after the successful textile policy of State Government has generated large scale employment. A provision of ₹ 500 crore to promote the textile industry.
- Activities amounting to ₹ 1806 crore to be undertaken for roads, drainage and allied infrastructural facilities on 2250 hectares of land in the first phase of Dholera Special Investment Region which will generate employment of 78,600.
- Vibrant Gujarat has captured the imagination at global level and has been replicated by many states. A provision of ₹ 70 crore for Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2017.
- A provision of ₹ 1.50 crore to create necessary infrastructure for the investors under **Ease of Doing Business**.
- A provision of ₹ 200 crore for infrastructure facilities in the industrial areas and industrial estates of the State.
- A provision of ₹ 10 crore to establish convention-cum-exhibition centre at Rajkot.
- A provision of ₹ 31 crore for the development of salt industry as well as welfare schemes for salt workers.

GIDC

- **Honourable Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel** given priority to promote small scale industries, increase employment opportunities to the youth and equip them for global competition and has introduced key initiatives for online services, simplification of processes, liberal exit policy,

provision of impact fee for regularization of additional construction, open house, estate mapping and many other initiatives for the benefit of small industries through GIDC. **An SME cell will be set up in GIDC for the support of small industries.**

- Pharma Park, Plastic Park, Medical Device Cluster will be established by GIDC in addition to assistance under **Industrial Park** Scheme with a plan of **Rs 200 crore.**
- A plan of **₹ 50 crore to develop a Plug and Play apparel park in four districts** i.e. Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Vadodara and Surat by GIDC so that **readymade garment industry** can develop and women can get employment in large numbers.
- A **special Women Industrial Park** has been set up at Sanand with special concession. Similar parks will also be set up at Halol and Junaid (Bharuch).
- A plan of **₹ 110 crore** to construct **35 multi-level sheds** for 1000 MSE units.
- To provide financial support to the entrepreneurs purchasing plots in GIDC, the time limit for payment of plot will be fixed at 10 years from the current 3 years.
- Mini and Rural GIDC Estates will be set up in the interior, tribal and backward areas of the state.

Start Up Policy :

- As part of Youth Development Year, our Government has announced the start-up policy in the year 2015 with the objective to assist the youth of Gujarat in various ways to equip them professionally and encourage their innovative ideas.
- A provision of **₹ 50 crore** for venture capital to encourage Start up and MSME projects.
- A provision of **₹ 22 crore** for effective implementation of the Start-up policy.
- **'Gujarat Start Up Mission'** will be started to give concrete shape to the innovative ideas of the youth of the State.
- A provision of **₹ 25 crore** to set-up a corpus fund in iCreate for accelerating incubation, innovation and start up.
- **Total provision of ₹ 330 crore under Cottage and Village Industry head.**
- Total provision of **₹ 31 crore** for various activities to encourage and **develop the Khadi sector.**
- Government has decided to provide uniform of **'Poly Khadi' to 20,000 students** of primary schools of Chotila Taluka as a pilot project to create employment opportunities in villages. A provision of **₹ 6 crore** for this purpose.

- Under the new Cottage Industrial Policy, **Raw material bank will be created to provide small artisans** raw material at reasonable rates.
- An exhibition centre will be set up at Sabarmati river front to demonstrate the best traditional arts of Gujarat and the unique workmanship of our artisans.
- The **existing limit of ₹ 5000 has been increased to ₹ 6000** to provide toolkit to 65000 beneficiaries under Manav Kalyan Yojna with a provision of **₹ 38.40 crore.**
- **A provision of ₹ 110 crore for Shree Vajpai Bankable Scheme.**
- A provision of **₹ 10 crore for Dattopant Thengadi Interest Subvention Scheme.**
- Total provision of **₹ 22.38 crore** to train clay workers and to assist them in marketing and purchase of equipment.
- Total provision of **₹ 41.94 crore** to organize an **international buyer-seller meet of Handicraft and Handloom.**

Total provision of ₹ 104.89 crore for Geology and Mining Division under Plan-head.

- A provision of **₹ 10 crore** for setting up check-posts in Kutch, Chhota Udepur and Devbhumi Dwarka for inspection of vehicles transporting minerals in the State.
- A provision of **₹ 15 crore** for preparing geological reports with a view to undertaking e-auction for granting lease of important minerals.

Provision of ₹ 834 crore under plan for Tourism, Yatradham and Civil Aviation :

- Government has announced Tourism Policy 2015-20, under **which tourism has been accorded the status of industry for the first time.** A provision of **₹ 452 crore** to provide incentives to tourism industry.
- A provision of **₹ 244 crore** for development of water sports, Green Eco-Tourism, Heritage Tourism, Medical Tourism and infrastructural facilities at prominent places of pilgrimage under **Integrated Destination Development.**
- A provision of **₹ 30 crore** to create lodging facilities at sites of eco-tourism like Tithal, Chorwad, Mandavi, Saputara, Pavagadh, Champaner, Kadana Dam and others through private participation.
- With a view to encouraging **Film Shooting** at tourist places of the State, a provision of **₹ 10 crore** is made.
- A provision of **₹ 2.50 crore** for **City Tours** in major cities of the State for the first time.

Yatradham :

- A provision of ₹ 18 crore to support development of **International Buddhist Circuit**.
- A provision of ₹ 1.60 crore for **Senior Citizen Tirth Yojna** to facilitate convenient pilgrimage to holy places for Senior Citizens.

Civil Aviation :

- With a view to make interstate and domestic aviation attractive, a policy will be framed for which the provision is ₹ 11.25 crore.
- A provision of ₹ 4 crore for establishment of Aero Sport Hub at Amreli Airstrip and for setting up Centre of Excellence for training on subjects related to Aero Space.

Labor and Employment

Total provision of ₹ 1516.22 crore including Plan and non-Plan for Labour and Employment Department.

- Total provision of ₹ 515.81 crore for providing stipend, bus pass, raw-material to 1.96 lac trainees of ITIs and for renovation and administration of existing ITIs.
- A provision of ₹ 13 crore for construction of ITIs at Mahudha, Desar, Gotri, Netrang, Sayala, Rajkot (two), Chanasma, Upleta, Jesar, Liliya, Malpur and Vadhai.
- An initial provision of ₹ 5 crore to establish **four Regional High-Tech Multi Skill Training and Certification Centres** for running a proper skill enhancement programme for youth in partnership with Industry.
- For setting up **National Institute of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** under Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute as a part of Start up India and Stand up India drive and Youth Development Year, initial provision of ₹ 1 crore.
- Provision for opening new **Overseas Employment and Career Information Centre** at Anand, Mehsana and Kheda.
- A provision of ₹ 220 crore for providing permanent and temporary accommodation to workers of unorganized sector.

Urban Development and Urban Housing

A provision of ₹ 11256.88 crore under Plan and Non-Plan for Urban Development and Urban Housing Department:

- With a view to construct individual, community and public toilets, managing solid waste and promoting public awareness, a provision of ₹ 200 crore under the total allotment of ₹ 1025 crore for water and underground drainage in urban areas under Sawchchhata Mission.

Mahatma Gandhi Swachchhata Mission :

- For strengthening of infrastructural facilities and civic facilities under Urban Development Mission including Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojna, a provision of ₹ 3555 crore which includes -

- (1) ₹ 1710 crore for infrastructural facilities in areas under Municipalities, Municipal Corporations and Urban Authorities.
- (2) ₹ 500 crore for public roads in Municipalities–Municipal Corporations under **Mukhyamantri Shaheri Sadak Yojna**.
- (3) Under Urban Development Mission, a provision of ₹ 254 crore, including –
 - a. ₹ 100 crore for 1000 buses for transportation in municipality – Municipal Corporations areas.
 - b. ₹ 84 crore for ring road works in Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar and Vadodara.
 - c. ₹ 50 crore for developmental works of outgrowth areas of Municipal Corporations –municipalities.
 - d. ₹ 5 crore for speeding up **Dream City Project** at Surat.
 - e. ₹ 15 crore for works of R.O.B –R.U.B. in Municipality and Municipal Corporation areas.
- (4) ₹ 150 crore for works to provide for specific requirement of cities.
- (5) ₹ 20 crore for construction of Multi Level Parking in municipalities.
- (6) ₹ 10 crore for development of Chandola lake in Ahmedabad City.
- (7) Total ₹ 100 crore to Municipal Corporations for **Waste to Energy Projects**.
- (8) ₹ 250 crore for works of Public facilities with people’s participation in private societies.
- (9) ₹ 1 crore for survey of Kharicut Canal in Ahmedabad City.
- (10) ₹ 10 crore for beautification of Kansara Culvert in Bhavnagar City.
- (11) ₹ 20 crore–for converting the road from Nari Chokadi to RTO Circle into six lane in Bhavnagar.
- (12) ₹ 15 crore for Crocodile Park at Vadodara.
- (13) **Total provision of ₹ 515 crore** for flyovers in cities of the State as shown here under :
 - Two flyovers in Ahmedabad City.
 - Naroda Railway Flyover.
 - Pakwan Junction Flyover.
 - Vaibhav Crossing Railway Overbridge in Junagadh.
 - Flyover from Subhashbridge to Umber crossing via Seven roads circle in Jamnagar.
 - Mavadi Flyover in Rajkot.
 - Flyover from Vaghavadi road Radha Temple to Jail in Bhavnagar.
 - Flyover from Genda circle to Manisha Chowkdi in Vadodara.

Urban Housing Scheme for poor and middle class people:

- With the noble objective of providing urban poor their own house at **reasonable cost**, a provision of **₹ 750 crore** under Urban Housing. **A New Slum Rehabilitation Policy has been announced for reconstruction of houses** which are either 20 years old or in dilapidated condition, including that of Gujarat Housing Board, on PPP basis.
- Under the new policy, assistance may be availed for houses falling under the new category of E.W.S.- II which covers units admeasuring upto 40 sq.mt.
- The income limit for the beneficiaries will be increased so that more people can avail the benefit of the housing scheme.
 - The annual income limit for E.W.S. category will be increased from ₹ 1 lac to ₹ 3 lac.
 - The annual income limit for L.I.G. category will be increased from ₹ 3 lac to ₹ 6 lac.
- With selling price decreasing from ₹ 7.50 lac to ₹ 5.50 lac for houses admeasuring from 31 to 40 sq.mt under E.W.S.II category. There will be a benefit of ₹ 2 lac for the beneficiaries.
- For construction of an individual house, assistance of ₹ 2.00 lac per new house and for renovation, 50% of expenditure within the limit of ₹ 1.50 lac.
- For beneficiaries of untenable slums, an assistance of ₹ 4.00 lac per house.

Smart City

- It is a matter of pride for Gujarat that in the first phase our two large cities Ahmedabad and Surat have been selected for Smart City by Government of India. Plan provision of **₹ 800 crore to develop basic infrastructure in the smart city inspired by the Vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister to make Indian cities world class and also in the 31 cities selected under Amrut Yojna.**
- A provision of **₹ 21.41 crore** under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) for providing training and opportunities for employment to the Urban Poor families.
- A provision of **₹ 722 crore** to commission Ahmedabad Metro project –to be completed at a cost of ₹ 10773 crore –by the end of 2018.
- A provision of **₹ 2 crore** for preparing DPRs of **Surat Metro and Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro Phase-II** projects.
- A provision of **₹ 5 crore** for motivating the Youth to come out with **“Innovative Urban Solutions”** in Urban Development Sector.

Panchayat Rural Housing and Rural Development

Total provision of ₹ 6729.42 crore under Plan and Non-Plan for Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department.

Provision of ₹ 185 crore for Smart villages.

- Our Government, committed to good governance, has taken new initiative for excellent and exemplary development of villages in Gujarat. In the first year, approximately 300 villages will be developed as **Smart Village**. We aim to make villages of Gujarat Self reliant, clean and healthy, crime free,

disease free, samras and economically empowered. The villages will be selected through independent and transparent competition. **Every Smart village will be provided special assistance by State Government.** Under this scheme, there will be scope to include extra villages adopted through people's participation.

- A provision of **₹ 223.75 crore** to strengthen drinking water and drainage system in **Rurban** villages.
- Under recommendation of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, all the gram panchayats of the State shall receive total **₹ 1460.18 crore** to undertake developmental works in villages. Every Gram Panchayat is required to make village development plan to undertake works.
- A provision of **₹ 142.50 crore** for constructing **new buildings** of Gram Panchayat and repairing of old buildings.
- With a view to strengthening the **technical capacity of Panchayat machinery**, a provision of **₹ 4.59 crore** for filling up total 247 posts of **engineering cadre** in every Taluka Panchayat.
- Provision of **₹ 135 crore** for assistance at the rate of ₹ 2 per person per month for **door to door waste collection** under Mahatma Gandhi Swachchhata Mission by covering all the villages.

A provision of ₹ 2200.79 crore under Rural Development Division.

- Under Mission Manglam and Livelihood Programme, a provision of **₹ 46.41 crore** for economic empowerment of women through 2.52 lac Sakhimandals functioning in the State.
- Under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Yojna, a provision of **₹ 780 crore** to provide employment of approximately 254.50 lac man days in the State.
- Under Indira Awas Yojna, total provision of **₹ 254.80 crore** to give housing assistance to **20416** poor families.
- A provision of **₹ 824.36 crore** for providing assistance to construct 7 lac **individual toilets** next year.
- Under Watershed Programme, total provision of **₹ 200 crore** for taking up works for storage of rain water, ground water recharge, prevention of land erosion, conservation of land and afforestation in approximately 31.04 lac hectare area of the state.

Water Supply

- State Government is committed to have permanent solution of drinking water requirement for which the plan is **₹ 3400 crore** under water supply sector.
- Planning of **₹ 40 crore** to construct **6 balancing reservoirs** in North Gujarat and Saurashtra for storage of drinking water based on Narmada Canal.
- Total provision of **₹ 730.33 crore** for group water supply schemes and individual / mini pipe and hand pump as a part of permanent solution for drinking water in vanbandhu areas. This include -

- A provision of ₹ 150 crore for Group Water Supply Scheme covering population of 10 lac in 343 villages of Dahod and Chhota Udepur districts.
- A provision of ₹ 100 crore for Group Water Supply Scheme covering population of 3 lac in 202 villages of Dediapada and Sagbara based on Ukai Dam.
- A provision of ₹ 100 crore for four group water supply schemes covering 4.5 lac population in 151 villages of Valsad, Chhota Udepur and Mahisagar districts.
- A provision of ₹ 250 crore to provide Narmada Water to 156 villages and five towns of Rajkot district through 170 km long D-Network bulk pipeline laid at the cost of ₹ 596 crore. With these works extra water will be available for Bhavnagar, Amreli, Junagadh, Rajkot and Botad districts.

Forest and Environment

Total provision of ₹ 1292.86 crore under plan and non plan for Forest and Environment :

- With a view to preventing damage to crop by forest animals, assistance to farmers for erecting barbed wire fencing. The provision is ₹ 100 crore.
- A provision of ₹ 24 crore to complete the project of erecting barbed wire fencing on both sides of railway line for **Lion Conservation**.
- A provision of ₹ 7.74 crore for **Safari Park** to generate public awareness for wild life in the State.
- Total provision of ₹ 66.67 crore for grass production, construction of godown and development of vidi areas for protection of livestock at times of scarcity.
- A provision of ₹ 23.38 crore for Cultural Forest Development including celebration of **Van Mahotsav at State level at four places**.
- A provision of ₹ 9.15 crore to promote urban forestation and tree plantation.
- A provision of ₹ 2 crore for planning of **Vanaspati Mela**. A provision of ₹ 13 crore to give assistance for LPG connections and kits to decrease usage of wood for fuel.

Revenue Department

A provision of ₹ 2893.45 crore under Plan and Non-Plan for Revenue Department :

- A provision of ₹ 848 crore for State Disaster Relief Fund to provide assistance to the affected people against damages caused by disaster and also to rehabilitate them.
- A provision of ₹ 53.30 crore for preparing digital record by **re-survey** of agricultural land in **33 districts** through modern technology.
- A provision of ₹ 4 crore to put in place an integrated management of all the revenue records and procedures related to land and also to provide transparent and dynamic facility to the people through **Integrated Land Management System** under the concept of Digital India.

- A provision of ₹ **10.62 crore** for setting up a state level land record storage / data center for maintaining land records and also for providing GSWAN Connectivity to all land record offices, for record scanning and application development.
- A provision of ₹ **22.05 crore** for construction of new Collectorates buildings Bhavnagar and Vadodara, 7 Revenue offices buildings, 11 Sub-Registrar offices and model City Survey Office at Junagadh.

**Food, Civil
Supply**

Plan provision of ₹ 1029.78 crore under Plan and Non-Plan for Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department :

- Government provides food grains at fair price to Below Poverty Line and Antyoday families of the State under which 16 lac metric ton wheat and 3.3 lac metric ton rice have been distributed.

Food for all:

- To ensure food security to all, our government is making major changes in public distribution system from 1st April, 2016, with the objective to make available food grain in good quantity and of good quality at affordable price to all to ensure respectable life of citizens. 35 kg food grains to Antyoday families as well as 5 kg food grains per person to other eligible families will be made available on monthly basis at affordable price. Wheat at the rate ₹ 2/kg and rice at the rate of ₹ 3/kg will be made available which will benefit almost 3 crore citizens. A provision of ₹ **456 crore** for this purpose.
- A provision of ₹ **97 crore** for the construction of **124 godowns** at district and taluka levels to increase storage capacity of food grains upto **2,56,500 metric ton**.

**Law and
Order**

Total provision of ₹ 4643.03 crore under Plan and Non Plan for Home Department :

- A provision of ₹ **50 crore** for City Surveillance and Intelligent Traffic Management System to settle traffic problems and to keep constant control over situation of Law and Order in Urban areas.
- A provision of ₹ **10 crore** for setting up state of art **command and control center** at the State level.
- A provision of ₹ **41 crore** for the scheme of modernization of police and ₹ **6 crore** for Forensic Science Laboratory.
- A provision of ₹ **6 crore** for establishment of public safety answering points (PSAP) based on modern technology for Suratrange.
- A provision of ₹ **5 crore** for giving smart hand held device (Pocket-Cop) to every police station for investigation of crime in more scientific and flawless manner.
- A provision of ₹ **50 lac** for establishment of police response system by developing mobile application of **Abhayam 181** for the security of women.

- A provision of **₹ 289 crore** for **construction and repairing of residential and non-residential buildings** for police personnel.
- A provision of **₹ 60 crore** for shifting Baroda and Bhavnagar **Jails** outside the city and provision of **₹ 8 crore** for the construction of new district jail at Dahod district. Besides, a provision of **₹ 38.50 crore** for construction and repairing of other jails of the state.
- Recruitment of approximately 17200 posts to be done in the police department, out of which, 4000 posts will be for traffic management. In addition to this, a provision of **₹ 50 lac** to create an SRP battalion for protection and security of public properties like ports, water supply structure and mines and minerals of the state.
- A provision of **₹ 38 crore** for the establishment of Mahila Police Station in the newly created seven districts and for setting up one smart police station in every district and also for establishment of new police stations.
- A provision of **₹ 45 crore** for the purchase of new vehicles for police administration.

**Legal
Department**

A provision of ₹ 1723.75 crore for Plan and Non Plan for Legal Department :

- A provision of **₹ 10 crore** to provide computer, equipment and facilities to High-Court, subordinate courts and judicial academy. This will include digitization of old records of Gujarat High Court.
- It has been planned to **set-up commercial courts in eight municipal corporations of the State for settlement of commercial dispute cases** and establishment of family courts in Narmada district and establishment of Civil Judge and J.M.F.C. Court in Kukarmuda, Dolvan and Nandod talukas.
- A provision of **₹ 46 crore** for CCTV camera, furniture, new vehicles, computers and ancillary items and GSWAN –connectivity in District and Taluka Courts, City Civil Courts, Family Courts, Metropolitan Magistrate Courts and Small Cause Courts.
- A provision of **₹ 520.11 crore** for construction of buildings for new and existing courts and residential quarters at various districts and talukas including Jamnagar and Devbhumi Dwarka as a part of development of infrastructural facilities.
- It has been planned to establish **mobile courts in seven Municipal Corporations for health and sanitization as a part of Swachchhata Abhiyan.**

**Science and
Technology**

Total provision of ₹ 373.63 crore under Plan and Non-Plan for Science and Technology Department :

- State Government has recently announced Electronics and I.T. policy to generate more opportunities for employment to the youth of Gujarat. For incentives to promote I.T., Electronics and Bio-technology sector and new start up policy on anvil, the provision is **₹ 36 crore.**

- A provision of **₹ 5 crore** to provide GSWAN Connectivity to accelerate various services at rural level by giving increased bandwidth to 5000 E-Gram centers in the villages.
- A provision of **₹ 5 crore** to provide internet connectivity for **E-learning** in 635 **Ashramshalas** set up for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the State.
- A provision of **₹ 6 crore** for strengthening Data Center and Fiber Grid Network in Gujarat.
- A provision of **₹ 1 crore** for '**Finishing School**' to provide employment oriented training to the fresh graduates from the I.T. sector.
- As a part of Youth Development Year, **Wi-Fi will be provided to the students of Colleges and Universities** in the eight Corporations of the State.
- A provision of **₹ 5 crore** to promote quality breeding of Gir cows and improve indigenous medicines through **Bio-Technology Mission**.

Information and Broadcasting

- **Incentive Policy – 2016** has been declared for Gujarati movies. Under this policy, assistance up to maximum ₹ 50 lac will be given based on the quality and popularity of the movie. 25% additional assistance will be provided to movies based on children and women and financial assistance of ₹ 2 to ₹ 5 crore will be given to the movies that may receive national or international awards. Cash prize for the artists has been doubled. Total provision of **₹ 14 crore** for this purpose.

General Administration

Decentralized Planning

A provision of **₹ 1211.95 crore** for development grant that will be given under ATVT, development activities under decentralized planning at taluka and district levels and requirement of Vikassheel talukas.

Fiscal Management

Gujarat has achieved consistently high growth from 2004-05 to 2015-16, because of sound fiscal management. For the coming year, the Government has made provisions of the new programmes and activities after taking into account the State's revenue receipts and providing for committed liabilities. State Government's priority for development is evident from continuous rise in allocations towards Plan Schemes.

Thus, the State Government while adhering to the norms of prudent fiscal management, has generated revenue surplus with reasonable fiscal deficit to maintain the growth momentum. I am confident that the State Government will be able to achieve comprehensive development in **Gatisheel Gujarat** based on the foundation of stable and sustainable fiscal management and balanced growth.

Accounts for the year 2014-15 :

Now, I will review the actual receipts and expenditure for the year 2014-15. Revised Estimates had projected the surplus of ₹ 1756.66 Crore as net transactions, however, the accounts for the year 2014-15 indicate surplus of ₹ 1346.22 crore at net transactions.

(₹ In Crore)

		Revised Estimates for the year 2014-15	Accounts for the year 2014-15
(1)	Consolidated Fund		
	Revenue Receipts	98984.96	91977.78
	Revenue Expenditure	92597.88	86651.71
	Surplus on Revenue Account	(+) 6387.08	(+) 5326.07
	Capital Receipts	24385.41	20316.32
	Capital Expenditure including loans & advances	32915.83	30016.87
	Deficit on Capital Account	(-) 8530.42	(-) 9700.55
	Total (1) Consolidated Fund (Net)	(-) 2143.34	(-) 4374.48
(2)	Contingency Fund (Net)	-	(-) 14.05
(3)	Public Accounts (Net)	(+) 3900.00	(+) 5734.75
	Total : Net transactions (1+2+3)	(+) 1756.66	(+) 1346.22

Revised estimates for the year 2015-16 :

It was expected that there would be surplus of ₹ 124.95 crore in the estimates for the year 2015-16. Now the surplus is ₹ 467.94 crore in the revised estimates by the end of the year due to net transactions.

(₹ In Crore)

		Estimates for the year 2015-16	Revised Estimates for the year 2015-16
(1)	Consolidated Fund		
	Revenue Receipts	109295.15	104384.44
	Revenue Expenditure	101986.68	100727.78
	Surplus on Revenue Account	(+) 7308.47	(+) 3656.66
	Capital Receipts	25121.89	25121.89
	Capital Expenditure including loans & advances	35555.41	32298.61
	Deficit on Capital Account	(-) 10433.52	(-) 7176.72
	Total (1) Consolidated Fund (Net)	(-) 3125.05	(-) 3520.06
(2)	Contingency Fund (Net)	-	-
(3)	Public Accounts (Net)	(+) 3250.00	(+) 3988.00
	Total : Net transactions (1+2+3)	(+) 124.95	(+) 467.94

Estimates for the year 2016-17:

Estimates for the year 2016-17 indicate surplus of ₹ 245.49 crore as follows :

(₹ In Crore)

		Estimates for the year 2016-17
(1)	Consolidated Fund	
	Revenue Receipts	116365.98
	Revenue Expenditure	113129.90
	Surplus on Revenue Accounts	(+) 3236.08
	Capital Receipts	29796.90
	Capital Expenditure including Loans and Advances	36762.48
	Deficit on Capital Account	(-) 6965.58
	Total (1) Consolidated Fund (Net)	(-) 3729.50
(2)	Contingency Fund (Net)	-
(3)	Public Accounts (Net)	(+) 3974.99
	Total : Net transactions (1+2+3)	(+) 245.49

Now, I will present Part-B of my budget speech.

Honourable Speaker Sir,

The overall surplus as per Budget Estimates for the year 2016-2017 is ₹ 245.49 crore.

I now present tax proposals for the year 2016-2017.

Value Added Tax

Bamboo and bamboo-articles (Except furniture)

Large number of people living in forest and rural areas get employment in making bamboo and bamboo based articles as a cottage industry. These articles include baskets, tray, bowl, supda, pen-stand, articles of decoration, hand-fan, mat, broom, toys etc. In order to encourage production, sales and usage/consumption of these items, and also **for the upliftment / improvement of the people engaged in these activities**, I propose to **fully exempt** Bamboo and articles made from bamboo (except furniture) **from current rate of tax 5% including additional tax.**

Pedal Rickshaw and cycle rickshaw

Pedal Rickshaw and cycle rickshaw are the tools of employment for the people of economically weaker sections. These cycles are used for movement of goods on a small scale. The vendors ferry small items and earn their livelihood. In order to give relief to these people, I propose to **fully exempt pedal rickshaw and cycle rickshaw** from the current rate of tax 5% including additional tax.

Mosquito Net

Fatal diseases like malaria, dengue and some other diseases are spread through mosquitoes. In order to increase the usage of mosquito nets to get increased protection from mosquitoes and also keeping in mind the objective of Healthy Gujarat, I propose to **fully exempt mosquito net from current rate of tax 5% including additional tax.**

Sanitary Napkins and adult diapers

Sanitary napkins and adult diapers are necessary for hygiene and physical health for daughters, women and old age people. These items are medically treated also. In old age, during physical inability, and in certain kind of illness, adult diapers are useful to old people. To promote the usage of these items and to build **clean and healthy Gujarat**, I propose to **fully exempt sanitary napkins and adult diapers from the current rate of tax 5% including additional tax.**

Frozen semen

Frozen semen is prepared after lot of research and development efforts and sold in the State. It is used for animal breeding and developing good quality animals. In order to **encourage development of strong animal husbandry and dairy industry** in the State, I propose to **fully exempt frozen semen from the current rate of tax 15% including additional tax.**

Ceramic products

Gujarat is the manufacturing hub of ceramic products in the country with large scale employment generation. In order to **sustain the employment** provided by this industry, I propose to **reduce the rate of tax on ceramic products from current rate of tax 15% including additional tax to 5%** including additional tax.

As a result of reduction in the rate of tax and the exemption from tax on the items mentioned above, the **people of the State will get relief of approximately ₹ 171 crore.**

Vehicles purchased by institutions (Institutional purchases)

Vehicles purchased by Companies, Firms, Institutes, Associations, Trusts, Government departments, Boards-Corporations, Local Self Governments, etc are purchased for their administrative/business purposes. Because of the depreciation benefit available to most of these institutions for the purpose of income tax on these vehicles, the burden of income tax gets reduced to that extent for such institutions. Therefore if the rate of tax is increased on such vehicles, the burden would be negligible. I therefore, propose to **increase the rate of tax from current rate of tax 15% including additional tax to 20% including additional tax** on the vehicles(except school buses, college buses, passenger buses and goods trucks) purchased by Companies, Firms, Institutes, Associations, Trusts, Government departments, Boards-Corporations, Local Self Governments, etc. The proposed increase will not be applicable to purchases made by individuals for personal use. As a result of this proposal, the tax revenue of the State is estimated to **increase approximately to the extent of ₹ 50 crore** annually.

Luxury car/ SUV and luxury two wheeler

Normally, luxury cars/SUVs and luxury two wheelers are used by economically sound people. The prices of these types of vehicles are very high also. If the rate of tax on such vehicles is increased, it would still be affordable to such people. I, therefore, propose to **increase the rate of tax from current rate of tax 15% including additional tax to 20% including additional tax** on luxury cars/SUVs with price more than ₹ 15 lakhs and luxury two wheelers with price more than ₹ 2.5 lakhs. As a result of this proposal, the tax revenue of the State is estimated to increase approximately to the extent of **₹ 30 crore** annually.

Pan masala

Tobacco gutkha is presently prohibited in the State. It is necessary that there is some restraint on the usage of pan masala also. If the price of pan masala increases by increase in rate of tax, it would **discourage the usage of pan masala**. I therefore propose to **increase the present rate of tax on pan masala from 15% including additional tax to 25% including additional tax**. As a result of this proposal, the tax revenue of the State is estimated to increase approximately to the extent of **₹ 75 crores** annually.

Industrial Salt

Industrial salt is produced on large scale in the State. If the industrial salt used in manufacture of goods as industrial input is made taxable, the input tax credit would be available for the industrial salt used for industrial purpose and there would not be additional burden on the dealers of the State using industrial salt for industrial purpose. At the same time, tax revenue would be available on the industrial salt which is sold in large scale in interstate transactions. I therefore propose **to levy tax at the rate of 5% including additional tax on industrial salt** used in manufacture of goods. As a result of this proposal, the tax revenue of

the State from the interstate sales is estimated to increase approximately to the extent of **₹ 10 crore** annually.

E-commerce transactions

Trade of the **dealers** of the State is **affected adversely** as also the State suffers **loss of tax revenue** due to sale of goods through supplies in the State from outside the State under **e-commerce transactions**. By capturing such transactions under the Entry Tax, the dealers of the State would get **level playing field**. I therefore **propose to cover the goods coming in the State through e-commerce under the Entry Tax**. A Bill to amend The Gujarat Tax on Entry of Specified Goods into Local Areas Act, 2001 will be introduced in the current session of the Legislative Assembly. As a result of this proposal, the tax revenue of the State is estimated to increase approximately to the extent of **₹ 30 crores** annually.

Provisional Refund

In order that the **small dealers** of the State **get refund easily**, I propose **to pay 100%** provisional refund **within 30 days** from the date of submission of all documents, to the dealers to whom refund upto ₹ 1.00 lakh is to be paid. This will be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The dealers, in whose case annual refund upto ₹ 1 lakh has been paid in the previous year will get this benefit in the subsequent year.
- (b) The dealer should be holding Registration Certificate for more than two years.

As a result of such provision, about 60% of the small dealers getting the refund will be benefitted.

Amnesty scheme

The Goods and Service Tax would reach implementation stage in the coming days. Under this, a new tax system and new tax structure would be implemented. In such circumstances, it is necessary that problems relating to past outstanding tax dues are resolved. The recovery of tax dues under the Sales Tax Act and the Value Added Tax Act, has long been pending due to issues of interpretation, some other pending problems, non availability of statutory forms, and pending before the Appellate Authority. Thus, the recovery of tax amount actually due to the State remains outstanding. **To address the situation, an amnesty scheme will be declared.** It will contain the following aspects:

- (1) Outstanding dues upto 31-12-2015 under the Sales Tax Act, Value Added Tax Act, Motor Spirit Act and the Central Sales Tax Act will be covered under the Amnesty Scheme.
- (2) In the cases of outstanding recovery, except in the cases of tax evasion, interest and penalty will be remitted on full payment of outstanding principal tax amount.
- (3) In the cases of outstanding recovery in the cases of tax evasion, full amount of principal tax and interest; and 25% of penalty amount will have to be paid.

- (4) The scheme will extend to the cases in appeal also, provided the appeal is withdrawn.

As a result of the scheme, **large number of outstanding recovery cases and pending appeals will be disposed** and the State will receive the pending tax dues.

Electricity Duty

Hotel/ Restaurants

Presently, Electricity Duty at the rate of 25% is applicable to hotel/restaurants. It is proposed that such units which are getting electricity at high voltage will attract the rate of **only 15%** of Electricity Duty, and the units other than the above units will attract Electricity Duty at the rate of **only 10%**. Notification in this regard will be issued. Because of the above change, the hotel/restaurants of the State will get relief to the extent of approximately **₹ 40 crore**.

Private Hospitals

Presently, the hospitals or dispensaries which are not meant for the purpose of private gain are completely exempted from payment of Electricity Duty. But the other hospitals are assessed Electricity Duty at the rate of 25%.

It is necessary that the people of the State get quality health facilities easily. With this purpose, I therefore, propose **to reduce the current rate of Electricity Duty from 25% to 15%** for the private hospitals having **ten(10) or more beds**. Due to the proposed change, the private hospitals of the State would get relief of approximately **₹ 40 crore**.

Stamp Duty

Transactions of Share Brokers in the GIFT City

In order to **encourage the service sector and to accelerate employment opportunities** to the youth in the GIFT City, Gandhinagar, **exemption from payment of Stamp Duty** will be given as per the prevailing provisions of the Gujarat Stamp Act, 1958, to the share broking transactions of the share brokers who **establish their registered share broking office in GIFT City, Gandhinagar and also operate and trade** from the same place.

Conclusion

The final position of Budget Estimates for the year 2016-2017 will be as under: (₹ In crores)

(1) Surplus as per Budget estimates		(+) 245.49
(2) Proposed increase in taxes	(+) 195.00	
(3) Proposed relief in taxes	(-) 251.00	
(4) Estimated overall surplus		(+) 189.49

I commend the Budget for the consideration of this august House.
