



TELANGANA LEGISLATURE

ADDRESS

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**Hon'ble Chairman, Hon'ble Speaker and
Hon'ble Members of the State Legislature,**

I am extremely happy to address the joint session of Telangana legislature with a hope that your deliberations will be productive and fruitful during this budget session of 2016-17.

Telangana, the youngest State of India, has emerged amidst a lot of hopes for its citizens to usher in a new era of growth and development.

Over the past 21 months, I have seen the strength, resilience, and commitment of my Government to address the needs of the people of Telangana. The budget is a roadmap to the future. My Government has prepared this year's budget after a detailed and meticulous exercise to ensure that the State's resources are effectively utilised to address the needs of the people of Telangana and fulfill their aspirations.

It gives me immense pleasure to enunciate the vision and achievements of the State of Telangana, which has

completed 21 months of its journey on a successful note. The innovative policies and programmes formulated and implemented by my Government are attracting National and International attention.

I am happy to state that my Government has successfully resolved the inter-State issues on sharing of Godavari river water with Maharashtra by signing a historic agreement between the two States. In the context of bitter and protracted disputes on sharing of inter-State river waters, the pragmatic vision and statesmanship evinced by my Government is indeed laudable and a model for other States to emulate. This augurs well for optimizing the use of water resources to harness it for the prosperity of all in the State.

In its second financial year, my Government created a record by endorsing an annual budget of more than 1 lakh 15 thousand crore rupees for the fiscal year 2015-16, with a Plan allocation of more than Rs.52,000 crore. Under this, the per capita Plan allocation has almost doubled compared

