

**HON'BLE CHAIRMAN, HON'BLE SPEAKER AND  
HON'BLE MEMBERS,**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the first session of State Legislature for the year 2015.

2. My Government has started its work in right earnestness and given special emphasis on implanting a comprehensive programme for the progress and development of the State. The target of the Government is to work for the welfare of the people in all spheres and especially for those from the underprivileged and vulnerable sections so as to achieve their development. For this purpose the Government will ensure that the State advances in the right direction in sectors such as social, educational, economic and cultural.

3. Due to unseasonal rains and hailstorm in the months of November and December 2014, crops and cultivable land in some parts of the State were damaged. The Government therefore decided to give special relief and concession to affected farmers immediately and compensated for the loss of life, cattle and damaged houses. The package is much higher than the norms of the National Disaster Response Force.

4. Scarcity like situation has been declared in 23811 villages of the State, where *paisewari* was less than 50 *paise* and various relief measures have been implemented in these areas as per standing orders, which includes repayment of loans taken by the farmers from the moneylenders, conversion of outstanding crop loan into medium term loan and stay on recovery of agricultural loans. The State Government has submitted a memorandum to the Government of India for financial assistance. However, my Government released Rs.4000 crore without waiting for the Central assistance through the Direct Benefit Transfer scheme.

5. Considering the adverse impact of recurrent droughts, the Government has declared a new programme of "Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan". This Abhiyan aims at initiating permanent measures to make the State drought-free State by 2019 and to harvest rain water within the village boundaries thereby increasing ground water levels. Micro irrigation systems would be promoted for efficient use of water, thereby increasing the irrigated area. An ambitious target has been set to make 5,000 villages free from water scarcity every year.

6. My Government will emphasize on use of State of the art techniques for utilization of State's water resources in an optimum, equitable and sustainable manner and will lend support to farmers by giving irrigation facilities. Steps like empowerment of farmers, renovation of old projects, conjunctive use of surface and ground water etc. will be undertaken. Farmer's participation in the irrigation management and use of micro irrigation will be incentivized.

7. The Government intends to give online facilities for water demands and its sanctions to non-irrigation users. Technology Approval Agency will be established to promote use of advanced technology.

8. Under the "Swachh Bharat Mission", around 14.15 lakh toilets will be constructed in rural areas during the year 2015-16. The Government has also decided to provide toilet facilities to about 8 lakh households in urban areas.

9. In order to provide water, sanitation and other related services, the Government has decided to launch the Jalswarajya-II Programme in 12 Districts in the State with the assistance from the World Bank.

10. Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Gurantee Act scheme, construction of 44,000 wells will be completed within next two years. More and more works related to **Pandan** roads and agricultural roads will be undertaken through EGS.

11. Under the National Land Records Modernization programme, online e-mutation programme will be implemented from 1st April, 2015 in the State and all Land Records will be available on the laptops of Talathis from 2nd October, 2015.