

Honourable Sir,

The present Government of the State has successfully completed seventeen months of its formation. Today, I am presenting my second "Growth and Development" oriented budget, which is dedicated to eleven crore people of Maharashtra. It gives me immense pleasure to submit before you that the development of the common man at the grass root level of our society is the target of all our financial planning for the coming financial year. Farmers of the State continue to be the focal point of this budget who through their dedicated and untiring labour make our farm sector prosper. The spirit of overall development of the farmers and rural development constitutes the core of this budget. This budget also resonates our resolve for welfare of hitherto deprived class comprising of the poor, destitute, weak, oppressed, disabled, physically challenged, deserted women, widows, Dalits, the Tribals and all the weaker sections of society, who are still deprived of the fruits of independence even after the seven decades of independence.

Budgets have been presented in our country year after year; I can say with my experience of being in politics as well as in social circle and my close association with the common man, that although the common man may not be reading the budget document, he tries to find his identity in it. Therefore, I would specifically submit that the budget I am presenting today would reflect the expectations and aspirations of the common people living in every nook and corner of the State of Maharashtra.

Though, we are committed towards development of core infrastructures like roads, water supply, power, irrigation etc. in the State, we are also committed to make a sujalam sufalam, vibrant Maharashtra which was the dream of Chhatrapati Shivaji. We also aim at realising a society based on principles of social justice as visualised by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. We bear in mind the pains and sufferings of the people at the last rung while striving to realise the vision of Antyodaya of Pandit Dindayal Upadhyay. We strive to revive the spirit of dignity, pride and self-respect of the beloved daughters of the great social reformer Savitribai Phule; and create a society which values coexistence and brotherhood as dreamed by Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj and Saint Gadge Maharaj. I want to assure the people of Maharashtra that the budget being presented by me today has stipulations to ensure that every paisa spent will go towards realization of dreams of the great visionaries.

The farmer of this state is the back bone of the rural economy. Self-dependent farmers and prosperous villages constitute the foundation of "Make in India". Hence not only the survival but also the prosperity of our farmers is undoubtedly essential for strengthening and empowering our State's economy. Taking into consideration these facts I have attempted to formulate this budget by making substantial provision for agriculture sector so as to accelerate its growth. Therefore, this year's budget is dedicated to our farmers and a decision has been taken to observe the financial year 2016-17 as Shetakari Swabhiman Varsh.

In consonance with our social values which gives position of dignity and highest respect for women, this government attaches a very high priority to assisting destitute women, widows, divorced and deserted women for bringing about improvement in their lives without which development, per say, does not get legitimacy. Status of women determines the standard of any society,

therefore, upliftment of destitute women, widows, divorced and deserted women along with development of farmers and rural development forms the basis of overall development which is aimed to be achieved through this budget.

**Drought  
Relief**

1. The State has been facing severe drought conditions for last 3 successive years due to vagaries of monsoon. In this period of crises, the State Government is determined to extend maximum support to our farmers. As said earlier, this budget is dedicated to our farmers. Accordingly, an outlay of Rs. 25000 crore has been provided in the budget for agriculture sector and various schemes related to farmers details of which will continue to appear in my speech.

2. In order to assist the farmers suffering from drought and other natural calamities during the year 2015-16, a substantial increase has been made in per hectare relief package and a provision of Rs.5002.82 crore has been made. By way of precaution an outlay of Rs. 3360.35 crore has been made for the year 2016-17.

3. A large number of farmers have participated in crop insurance scheme during the year 2015-16. The farmers who have suffered damages to Kharif crops during the year 2015 are eligible to receive a crop insurance relief compensation of approximately Rs. 4200 crore. During 2016-17, I have allocated Rs.1855 crore as the state share towards the scheme.

4. We cannot rest just by providing relief packages to the farmer who have suffered losses. We have to build capacity in farmers to face vagaries of nature on his own, for which a permanent and lasting arrangement needs to be put in place. During the current year, a special program called "Jalyukt Shivar" has been launched for which fund of Rs. 1600 crores has been

made available by which one lakh thirty thousand water conservation works have been completed in five thousand villages. An outlay of Rs.1000 crore is being provided for this scheme for the year 2016-17.

5. In the winter session of year 2015, a scheme named as 'Farm Pond on Demand' was accorded approval. With the objective of providing protective irrigation through farm ponds, irrigation wells, energisation of water-lifting devices etc. during water scarcity period too, a total provision of Rs. 2000 crores is being provided. Through this scheme, one lakh farm ponds, 37,500 wells and energisation of 90,000 electric pumps will be provided to the farmers. About fifty thousand farmers have already submitted their application under this scheme. I am quite sure that this will definitely benefit our farmers who are troubled by the water scarcity. For effective, efficient and transparent utilisation of this fund the expenditure will be closely monitored with the help of advanced technology.

6. Government has decided to procure food grains at rate of minimum support price and supply the same on line with National Food Security Scheme to the farmers of 14 districts of Aurangabad, Nagpur and Amravati divisions. An expenditure of Rs.1 thousand 35 crore 83 lakh crore is estimated for this purpose which will benefit about 68 lakhs farmers.

7. It is planned to undertake repair, maintenance and renovation of 6862 ex-Malgujari Tanks along with its fish ponds in districts of Nagpur, Chandrapur, Gondia, Bhandara and Gadchiroli. During year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.150 crore is being proposed. It will definitely benefit farmers as well as fishermen in this area.

8. The farm transit routes called Panand Rasta is highly useful for transport & evacuation of agriculture produce. Since a long time modernisation of these Rastas have been demanded. Therefore, government has decided to undertake repairs of Panand Rastas.

I am announcing a special scheme called “Palakmantri Panand Raste Yojana”. Through this work we wish to provide job opportunities to the rural youth and therefore to undertake this work and other Jalyukt Shivar jobs by our youth, I propose “Palakmantri Earth Moving Machines Kharedi Yojana”. Under this scheme the rural youth will be trained and facilitated access to loan through nationalised banks. The government will service its interest liability. For this scheme I proposed an outlay of Rs.100 crore.

**Agriculture** 9. In Dr. Shri Punjabrao Deshmukh Interest Relief facility Scheme, for promoting the farmers who have completely repaid their crop loan to the bank in stipulated time, the State Government extends relief in servicing of interest. In this scheme the farmers are eligible to avail a crop loan with meagre interest. In this scheme the farmers can avail Rs.1 lakh crop loan with interest of 3% per annum and for Rs.1lakh to 3 lakh crop loan with interest subsidy of 1% per annum. During year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.110 crore is proposed for this scheme

10. United Nations Organisation (UNO) has declared year 2016 as “International Year of Pulses”. An outlay of Rs.80 Crore is proposed under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to enhance the productivity of pulses and oil seeds through various program.

11. Most of the agriculture produce are perishable. The post-harvest processing of agriculture produce has to be done as soon as possible to maintain its original quality and therefore the food processing has high importance in agriculture sector. Considering this fact in order to promote the processing industry in agriculture, the government has proposed a new scheme to provide financial assistance of minimum 25% of project cost taking unit cost to maximum Rs.50 lakhs per cold storage project. During 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.50 crore is proposed for this scheme. In future we wish to provide maximum grants for this scheme.

12. To update our farmers with the knowledge of new discoveries, inventions and suitable guidance in agriculture sector via a single platform medium, we have decided to launch a new scheme framed “Pandit Dindayal Upadhyay Krishi Margadarshak Yojana” from 2016-17 and for this scheme an outlay of Rs.60 crore is proposed.

13. To promote agriculture education and research new Government Agriculture College at Buldhana, Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Government Agriculture College, Halgaon, Taluka Jamkhed, District Ahmadnagar and Government Horticulture College at Jalgaon will be opened in the year 2016-17 and for this required outlay will be made available during the course of time.

14. Considering the importance of veterinary knowledge, two new Veterinary Colleges are proposed at Jalgaon and Akola for which an outlay of Rs10 crore is proposed.

15. Nearly 1664 farmers have been honoured with “Adarsh Shetkari Purashkar” by the State Government for their extraordinary works in this field. Government has decided to implement a new scheme called “Krushi Gurukul Yojana” for spreading such kind of knowledge to other farmers also. In this scheme 3 farmers per district will be selected so as to share information and guide 25 others with their own experience, adopted advance techniques in agriculture and floriculture. This role model trainer and the trainee farmer will be paid honorarium under this scheme. During 2016-17 necessary funds are made available.

16. Every year “Agriculture Festival” will be organised in each district of the state. The main objective behind such kind of event is to motivate farmer’s society, create awareness about government’s various efforts for agriculture business, agriculture exhibition, give and take and sharing of information etc. In this event the

innovative ideas and projects implemented by farmers will be appreciated and honoured. I propose budgetary provision of Rs.6.80 crore for 34 district (Rs.20 lakh per district) during this budget.

17. It is the need of the hour to promote technology of Organic Farming and therefore all the four agricultural universities in the state Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Agriculture University, Akola, Marathawada Agriculture University, Parbhani, Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Kokan Agriculture University, Dapoli and Mahatma Phule Agriculture University, Rahuri will be equipped with organic farming research and training centers.

18. Both 'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Mission' and 'State Employment Guarantee Scheme' are effectively implemented for providing job opportunities as per the requirement in rural areas. In union budget 2016-17, towards central share, an outlay projected for this scheme stands at Rs.2768.67 crore and an outlay of Rs. 705 crore through general state plan and special component plan is proposed towards state share. Therefore the total outlay is significantly higher and it stands to level of Rs. 3473.67 crore.

19. At all 2065 revenue block level, Automated Weather Forecasting Centres will be established, which will be connected with central weather bureau. These centers will collect information about 4 specific weather parameters namely, Precipitation, Wind Velocity, Humidity and Temperature. This data will be helpful for accurate forecasting of weather. It will help in providing farm advisories also for evolving weather-based Crop Insurance Scheme in the future. The expenditure expected for this scheme is Rs.107 crore.

**Animal  
Husbandry**

20. Integrated Agriculture development programme is being implemented through private participation under the PPP Integrated Agriculture Development Programme of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas yojana. New dairy projects will be undertaken with NABARD

support under this programme. Producers' companies will be established which in turn would set up project costing Rs. 100 crores in Vidarbha and Marathwada regions.

21. In order to provide farmers and farm labourers subsidiary and allied economic activities like poultry, an outlay of Rs. 51.13 crores is proposed during year 2016-17. Likewise, out of 34 districts, Intensive Poultry Development Groups have been established in 16 districts. It is planned to set up Intensive Poultry Development Groups in 14 new districts during the year 2016-17.

22. With the objective of rearing and conservation of local indigenous breed of cattle, Bull Mother Farms at two places in the state namely, Hettikunti, District-Vardha and Boad, District- Amravati respectively will be modernized and renovated. For this scheme during the year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.18.61 crore is proposed.

23. I am proposing a new scheme "Govardhan Govansh Raksha Kendra" to be established in 34 rural districts of Maharashtra for rearing of non-lactating and unproductive cattle breed with the participation of experienced NGO and a one time grant of Rs.1 crore will be provided for this project. During the year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.34 crore is proposed for Govardhan Govansh Raksha Kendra.

24. In 5 coastal districts of the state projects of developing jetties at various places has been undertaken. During 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.30 crore is being proposed. The Sasoon dock is a major port in our state for fisheries, which is going to be renovated .The estimated cost for this project is Rs.52.17 crore out of which the Central assistance is going to be 40%. During 2016-17 outlay of Rs.15 crore is being proposed.

**Irrigation** 25. I feel very proud and happy to state that the budgetary provision of Rs.7272 crore for water resources projects provided during year 2015-16 has been completely distributed. The project which will yield immediate benefit to farmers were given priority in release of fund. During 2016-17 total budgetary provision of 7850 crore has been made. As a result, 28 projects will get completed and additional water storage of 770 million cubic meter (mcm) will get created and 1.68 lakh hectares of land will come under irrigation. Seven irrigation project namely Waghur, Bavanthadi, Lower Dudhna, Tillari, Lower Wardha, Lower Panjhara and Nandur Madhveshwar Phase II has been included under Pradhanmantri Krushi Sinchai Yojana (PKSY) . In year 2015-16 budgetary provision of Rs. 938 crore was made available and during 2016-17 sizeable outlay of Rs.2078 crore is being proposed. On completion of these projects an irrigation potential of 1 lakh hectares will get created. Micro planning of generated additional irrigation capacity by specifying survey number under command area is stipulated for ensuring projected outcome.

26. It is the need of the hour to promote Water Literacy and spread Water Awareness among all sections of the society which will help proper planning for use of every drop of water. With this view a permanent Water Centre is going to be set up at Yashada, Pune with sub centers at Forest Academy, Chandrapur, WALMI Aurangabad and Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Administrative Training Academy, Amravati.

Course and training programmes related to water literacy and water awareness will be taken up regularly at these centres and subcentres.

**Rural Development** 27. The Government has undertaken Chief Minister Rural Road Development Scheme on the line of Prime Minister Rural Road Scheme for the road development in unconnected habitat and those areas not included in PMGSY. The works of Rs. 1000 crore are being initiated shortly. In 2016-17 I proposed an outlay of Rs.500 crore for this scheme.

28. I proposed a new scheme called “Smart Village Program “ for continuous and sustainable development of our villages. Under this scheme the gram panchayats will compete with each other at block level for selection of “Smart Gram Panchayat”. The Smart Gram Panchayat selected at block and ZP level will be awarded with special development funds.

29. In this budget we will provide sufficient fund for installing “ Digital Boards ” in all Gram Panchayat which will display all the Government Policies, GR related to them.

30. Since 2009-10 Central Government has initiated the “National Rural Drinking Water Supply Program” towards state share an outlay of Rs.170 crore is proposed in 2016-17

31. In order to solve the problems of safe drinking water in the rural and remote areas of our state, we are launching an ambitious program called Chief Minister Rural Drinking Water Supply Program for the rural areas of our state. The expenditure propose stands at Rs.2500 crore approximately. The scheme mainly comprises of revival of old regional water supply schemes, some regional rural drinking water supply sub schemes and those areas which are not included in the erstwhile National Rural Drinking Water Supply Program. In 2016-17 I have kept an outlay of Rs.500 crore.

32. For fast tracking the development in rural areas of our state it is essential to strengthen the gram panchayats in the state. To achieve this a new state level scheme called “Balasaheb Thackeray Smruti Matoshree Grampanchayat va Mahila Sakshmikaran Abhiyan” is proposed. The program will cover various activities like construction of new grampanchayat, supply of technical human resource, increasing women’s participation in financial and physical planning process etc. An outlay of Rs.1 crore is being provided for the year 2016-17.

33. In year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.10 crore is proposed for providing easy loan with nil interest to the women's self-help group under "Sumatitai Sukalika Udyogini Mahila Sakshamikaran Yojana".

Electricity  
Generation  
and  
Energy  
Rate

34. Considering every citizens cause of concern for energy, the State Government has decided to significantly increase the investment in this sector. Currently the installed capacity of Mahageneration company is 12077 mw including 8640 mw Thermal, 2585 mw Hydro-electric, 672 mw Gas based and 180 mw Solar based energy. During 2016-17 outlay of Rs.784 crore is being proposed.

35. For upgrading and modernising the existing electricity distribution system new scheme involving development of basic infrastructure in 120 zones of Maharashtra is proposed. Under this scheme during the upcoming year Mahadiscom company will utilise amount of Rs.1500 crore to establish new 240 electric installation. For 20% of the share capital of this project during 2016-17 ,an outlay of Rs.301 crore is proposed.

36. The State Government is promoting electricity generation through new and renewal energy sources (non- conventional energy). In order to increase substantially the capacity of these energy sources, new energy policy has been declared. In 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.456 crore is proposed.

37. For subsidizing the energy tariff for agriculture, power loom, industrial and commercial consumers, budgetary allocation of Rs. 4462 crore 69 lakh is proposed during the year 2016-17.

38. Although Vidarbha is rich in mineral as well as natural resources, it is still backward in industrial development as compares to rest of the state. Marathwada region also lags behind. To promote maximum industrialisation in this belt, the government has decided to provide energy to industries in this area at subsidised rate. I proposed Rs.1000 crore per year for this scheme.

**Skill  
Development  
and  
Entrepreneurship**

39. The State Government has taken all the necessary steps to promote industries and trade. It includes initiatives like “Single Window Scheme”, New Electronic Policy, New IT-based trade policy” etc. Upto January 2016 the manufacturing in 8497 projects have been started involving investment of Rs.2,62,631 crore and 11.23 lakh direct employment generation. Since the mega project policy announced, 139 mega projects have been certified as eligible under Package Scheme Of Incentives. Through this an investment of 53330.25 crores and 85084 direct employment generation is expected. For promoting this sector further, I am proposing a budgetary provision of Rs.2650 crore.

40. Under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) scheme, a Special Purpose Vehicle company called Aurangabad Industrial Township Ltd. has been created and basic infrastructure development work has already been started over 839 hectares land at Shendra. The Central Government has extended a share capital of Rs.600 crore to the AITL Special Purpose Vehicle Company.

41. Along with promoting Industry and Commerce, our government is equally concerned about the workers in this field. An Integrated Management System is being developed. For this scheme an outlay of Rs.18.92 crore is being proposed during 2016-17.

42. Hon’ble Prime Minister of India has always hailed the youth of this country, during his speeches on India as well as abroad. This Youth power is our energy source for bright future. We dream to acquire the position of Global Power on their strength. And that’s why the Central Government has initiated the MUDRA Bank Scheme. Through the MUDRA Bank initiative, a loan at subsidised rate is provided to the unemployed people with the aim to improve their living standard. For the publicity and coordination of this scheme a committee will be constituted at district level under the chairmanship of District Collector. During 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.20 crore is being proposed.

43. Necessary funds will be made available for constitution of Maharashtra Entrepreneurship Council as proposed by Industries Department.

**Textile and Marketing** 44. The State Government is implementing various schemes for promoting Textile Industry in the State. Special focus is given to bring up new textile units in cotton growing areas of the State. In the year 2016-17, an outlay of Rs.265 crore is proposed for currently running CSS Textile Industrial Complexes and Capital Subsidy and Interest Subsidy for new textile projects in Marathwada, Vidharbha and Northern Maharashtra.

**Infrastructure Facility and Road Development** 45. The development of basic infrastructure is one of the important catalyst required for the growth and development of any state. We have accepted the challenge to create this facilities in our state. An outlay of Rs.4050 crore has been provided for road construction sector. The Government has proposed construction of Bhiwandi-Kalyan-Shilphata elevated road of 21km length for improving traffic flow in Kalyan town for which a provision of Rs.40 crores has been proposed. We have adopted a policy of “build-operate-transfer” for double laning and four laning of roads in the states through state participation and private investment. In 2016-17 under this scheme Rs.550 crore is proposed towards state share. 21000 km. length road out of 40000 km. length of State highways and 50000 km. length of major district road is proposed to be modernized under Hybrid Annuity program during 8 years period.

46. The Central Government has approved works of Rs.2500 crores during past ten years under Central Road Fund Scheme. Thereafter, after change of Government at Centre the Centre has sanctioned new works of Rs.1718 crores during year 2014-15 and Rs. 2947 crores during year 2015-16 totaling to Rs.4665 crores during the two years. It is for the first time that works in such a large number have been approve in our

State. Likewise 3924 km. of length roads have been upgraded to National Highway standard by continuous follow up with Central Government. I express my gratitude and thanks to Central Government for extending substantial assistance to the State for its road development programmes.

47. We have nearly 40000 km. long length of state highways. For providing washrooms for ladies who travel on these roads, one washroom with all modernized facilities per 100 km. will be built. I proposed an outlay of Rs.50 crore in this year to develop such 400 washrooms.

48. The revised administrative approval worth Rs.1508.36 crore for the MIHAN project involving land acquisition, rehabilitation of project displaced people, special subsidy package has been accorded. During 2016-17 outlay of Rs.216.33 crore is being proposed.

49. For the development of Airport (Shirdi, Karhad, Amravati, Akola, Solapur, Chandrapur etc) under the Maharashtra Airport Development Authority and for rehabilitation of project displaced people, during 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.60 crore is being proposed.

50. We have signed a MOU with Central Ministry of Railways for setting up of a Special Purpose Vehicle to accelerate executing of pending Rail projects in the State. The Government has accorded the approval for implementation of 9 rail projects through Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Company. An outlay of Rs.68 crore 60 lakh is proposed towards State's equity in these projects.

**Shelter** 51. The government aims to extend support to supportless, help to helpless, provide home to homeless people in the state. The government is determined to make all the efforts for this objective. In order to provide home for every citizen, the government has decided to

implement the centrally sponsored scheme “Shelter for all - 2022” with necessary modification as per our requirement. Simultaneously house loan scheme with interest relief subsidy will also be implemented through banks. In 2016-17 outlay of Rs.700 crore is proposed.

52. The government will focus on fast tracking of New Chandrpur City project and therefore MHADA has been appointed special planning authority for the development plans related scheduled zone in this city. In year 2016-17, I am proposing Rs.100 crore for this project.

53. The contribution given by the freedom fighters cannot be expressed in few words. We have high respect for them, but I regret that even after 68 years of our independence there are some freedom fighters who don't have their own house. In order to recognise the contribution given by our freedom fighters, free house/ residences upto Rs.10 lakh will be provided to the freedom fighters or to their living spouses who don't have house in their name or their close relative's name at native places. Necessary financial assistance will be provided for this purpose.

**Urbanisation** 54. “Maharashtra Suvarn Jayanti Nagrothan Mahaabhiyan” is being implemented to create basic urban amenities in all municipal council/Township and D-class municipal corporations. In year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.1000 crore is proposed.

55. To give special impetus to Nagpur and Pune Metro Rail Projects an outlay of Rs.180 crore is proposed in budget 2016-17.

56. The Mumbai Metro Line Phase III comprising of Nariman Point and BKC Complex connecting links with Domestic and International Airports, Industrial Clusters have been accelerated and Civil works is likely to go on floor from April 2016. During 2016-17, an outlay of Rs 90.47crore is being proposed.

57. Central Government has launched the Smart City Scheme to provide clean, sustainable and eco friendly urban life to citizens. Pune and Solapur are the two cities in the state among the first 20 selected cities. Along with these two cities, the State Government has decided to develop 8 other smart cities in the state.

58. For developing and retrofitting existing fire brigade services in all local bodies of the state, Maharashtra Fire Safety Mission is being implemented. In 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.30 crore is proposed.

59. In Mumbai City, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Pune, Nagpur, Kalyan, Dombivli etc while commuting to their work places or in routine life, my dear sisters use bus transportation. During their journey they have to face many problems. This is really a matter of concern. To ease their travelling financial assistance of Rs.50 crore will be provided to public transport systems for procuring 300 special "Tejasvini Buses" which will be running specially for ladies commuter.

**Health** 60. An outlay of Rs.1554 crore has been allocated to the Public Health Department. Out of which an outlay of Rs.970 crore 37 lakh outlay towards Centre and State share is available for National Health Mission. An outlay of Rs.233 crore 80 lakh is available for construction work of Health Centres in rural as well as urban areas.

61. To increase the coverage of "Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayi Arogya Yojana", the list of marked diseases/ health problem and their treatment is being revised as per the demand of public. In year 2016-17 ,an outlay of Rs.300 crore is proposed for increasing the insurance coverage currently provided to the beneficiaries.

**Education and Sports** 62. The Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act-2009 is implemented through “Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan”. In year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.740 crores for Central and State’s share put together is proposed. Likewise, an outlay of Rs.180 crores for Centre’s and State’s share combined has been proposed for computer training programme.

63. For achieving the target of universalisation of secondary education, the Central Government in partnership with State Government has initiated “National Secondary Education Mission”. This mission aims to provide the basic and quality education to all the secondary school goers. In year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.137.44 crore is proposed. An outlay of Rs.50 crore for Central and State Share combined has been proposed for girls’ hostels.

64. Our government have always acknowledged the importance of the libraries. Therefore we have decided to digitize all the government approved public libraries in the State. Accordingly for transformation of 43 libraries into e-libraries, the expenditure proposed is Rs.17.20 crore (Rs.40 lakh per library).

65. To achieve maximum number of medals in upcoming Mission Olympic 2020, Japan Olympic 2020, we are going to encourage our sports persons and for that an outlay of Rs.3 crore is proposed in year 2016-17.

66. The project of high quality sports amenities equipped regional sports complex at Shimpoli, Mumbai has been undertaken. Necessary funds will be made available for this project.

67. At Amaravati, Shri. Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal is working since pre independence era and has given many famous sport persons and coaches to our sports field. To recognize the contribution of this institution in its centenary year, the State Government will provide a financial assistance of Rs.1 crore in this year.

**Safety and Transportation** 68. The police force of the state which have a big responsibility to protect the public in our state will be provided houses and for this an outlay of Rs.320 crore is proposed. Simultaneously for the CCTV surveillance system installation in sensitive cities of the state, I have provided an outlay of Rs.350 crore.

69. Considering the big role of ST transportation service in rural areas, the Government endeavors to provide different facilities to the passenger as well as accelerate the progress of state transport corporation. At 13 bus stations—Panvel, Mumbai, Pune, Sangli, Solapur, Kolhapur, Nashik, Dhule, Jalgoan, Auragabad, Nanded, Akola and Nagpur new independent structural arrangement for arrival and departure of buses and provision of modernise facilities are in progress. For this purpose necessary outlay will be provided.

70. We have nearly 3500 ST bus stands across various national highways, state highways and other roads. We aim to reconstruct all this stands along with new indicators and modernised washroom facilities.

71. We have decided to accord approval to the Rs.135.29 crore project involving Ro-Ro basic services at Mandva with expenditure of Rs.63.15 crore and construction of sea-wave break wall at the cost of Rs.72.14 crore. In the year 2016-17 Rs.30.51 crore and Rs.36 crore respectively is proposed for these projects.

**Basic infrastructure for judiciary** 72. We are implementing the scheme for constructing the court buildings at various places and residential quarters for various judicial officers. In the year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.491.10 crore is proposed which includes state share Rs 213.60 crore and receivable central share of Rs.277.50 crore.

**Public Distribution System** 73. The National Food Security Act-2013 enables 75% of rural population and 50% of urban population to receive food grains at subsidised rate. Every year the State Government spends nearly 400 crore on this scheme.

74. Under the Minimum Support Price Procurement Scheme, the government has approved the implementation of Food Decentralised Procurement Scheme in the state which will be launched in year 2016-17 for which an outlay of Rs.62.14 crore is proposed.

**Forest and  
Environment**

75. Various ongoing projects including the zoological park of international standard at Gorewada are in progress as per the approved planned estimate. In the year 2016-17 the budgetary provision made stands at Rs.40 crore.

76. We have 6 Tigers Reserve Project in our state. To avoid human wildlife conflict, there is a need to rehabilitate 110 villages currently situated alongside of these projects. Although we have already rehabilitated 45 villages, the phase wise rehabilitation of remaining 65 villages has been planned. In year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.60 crore is proposed.

77. To promote Nature Tourism i.e. "Nisarg Paryatan" the Government aims to provide various facilities in Reserved Zones and other forest areas in different parts of the state. In year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.47.25 crore is proposed.

78. An ambitious program called "Green Maharashtra" is being implemented to increase the forest area as well as tree cover in our state from current 20% to 33%. On the occasion of "Krushi Din" and "Van Mahotsav" (dated 1st July 2016) we are planning to undertake plantation of nearly 2 crore plants.

79. One of the prominent forest training centre at Chandrapur has been transformed into "Chandrapur Forest Administration Management and Development Academy". For the extension of this academy in budget 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.5 crore is proposed.

80. The mangrove forest is spread over nearly 226 sq.km. of our vast coastline. This area houses many sea lives and is rich in Bio diversity. The protection and conservation of this ecologically sensitive zone is highly important and therefore the Government has decided to establish a Mangrove Conservation Institution. Maharashtra will be the pioneer state to establish such an institution. This institution will be well equipped with project cost Rs.115 crores. It may be utilised for the purpose of mangrove conservation and to upgrade the lives of people residing along the coastline, rearing of crab, oyster, mussel may also be promoted. Generation of employment and allied business activities is possible through R & D in such areas. We will implement a special action plan for this purpose.

81. The holy river Chandrabhaga situated at the sacred pilgrimage of Pandharpur is the symbol of social justice and has a very special and pious stature in the heart of every devotee of Lord Vitthala. Considering the importance of this place and to purify its stream, the Government aims to implement a special project called "Namami Chandrabhaga Mission" with people's participation. Under this mission we will free this river from all the pollution and conserve its purity and sanctity. The target will be achieved upto year 2022. In year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.20 crore is proposed.

**Tourism  
and  
Culture**

82. We can generate large number of job opportunities for the youth of our state through tourism promotion. Considering the importance of tourism, recently the government has announced new Tourism Policy. For this purpose an outlay of Rs.285 crore has been allocated mainly to strengthen the basic amenities provided at tourist spots. Simultaneously, Information and Guidance Kiosks, refreshment and stalls, washrooms etc facilities will be provided at Raigad, Shivneri, Sindhudurg and other forts.

83. Recently Aurangabad has been declared as Tourism District in Maharashtra. Special attention will be given for the development of Mhaismal, Verul, Khultabad and Sulibhanjan tourism.

84. We have a vast coastline which is also major tourist attraction in Maharashtra. We are taking adequate steps to upgrade the safety measures to be provided to tourists visiting the sea beaches.

85. "Drama and Theatre" plays splendid role in the arts & culture of Maharashtra. The state government has always been active to protect and preserve this theatrical tradition and cultural heritage. The state drama festivals has always been a influential factor which has glorified the cultural and artistic image of our state and hence the prize money, TA/DA rewarded to the drama persons involved in this festival will be significantly raised through the necessary funds made available in this budget.

**Women  
and Child  
Welfare**

86. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 the scheme called "Majhi Kanya Bhagyashree Yojana" will be implemented in the state. We have decided to extend the benefits of this scheme to girl child belonging to BPL as well as APL families. In year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.25 crore is proposed.

87. It is the need of the time to modernize the Anganwadis which are foundation for education in rural areas. The government has a policy to convert them into Adarsh Anganwadis. The Adarsh Anganwadis will provide opportunity of pre-school education in a pleasant environment. It has been decided to convert 10000 Ananganwadis into Adarsh Anganwadis during the year 2016-17 and an outlay of Rs.100 crore is proposed for the same.

88. The Anganwadi workers, Mini Anganwadi workers and the helpers in different anganwadi in Maharashtra will be covered under the “Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Scheme” and “Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Vima Yojana”. Through this scheme they will be provided life insurance cover up to Rs.2 lakh and accidental cover up to Rs.2 lakh. State government will pay the insurance premium under the scheme.

**Tribal  
Development,  
Social  
Justice and  
Minority  
Development**

89. Under TSP, budgetary provision of Rs.290 crore is kept for the children admitted to the schools of repute, Rs.300 crore for roads development, Rs.370 crore for construction of Government Ashramshalas and Rs.112.65 crore for supplementary nutrition scheme called “Bharatratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam will be provided. Now the coverage of this scheme has been expanded to include the supply of one time nutritional diet to all pregnant ladies, lactating mothers and children of age group 3 to 6. Outlay of Rs.25 crore is proposed for Eklavya Sports and Entrepreneurship Academy at Palghar. For the preservation and conservation of world famous Warli Art, Rs.60 crores is provided from Centre-State grants to create a special “ Warli-Hut “. On the occasion of Gudipadva this year, new online portal called “Praman” will be launched to digitize the working of caste certificate verification committees.

90. The State Government has accorded approval to hike the grant/subsidy given under Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Anudan Yojana and Shrawan Bal Seva Rajyanivrutti Vetan Yojana from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. The beneficiary includes the homeless, widows, divorcee, deserted women, childless etc. A monthly assistance of Rs. 1000 will be extended to beneficiary with two kids, Rs. 850 to beneficiaries with one child and Rs. 700 to issueless person. The government is accepting a financial burden of Rs. 332 crores for this scheme.

91. Outlay of Rs. 405 crores has been allocated for the welfare of minority communities in the state. Through this fund various schemes like scholarship, training of minority youth and creation of basic amenities in minority residential areas will be undertaken.

92. In rural areas nearly 1 lakh 55 thousand 936 SC families either live in Kaccha Houses or they are homeless. In order to improve the living standard of these people and to provide permanent shelter to these families, Shelter/dwelling units will be constructed on site of their present Kaccha House or they will be provided new plots for the same. The Government will work to provide permanent shelters so that no family will remain homeless by the year 2019. In the year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.320 crore is provided for this Gharkul Yojana

93. A Financial assistance up to Rs.2 lakh will be provided for construction of wells to the SC farmers under the newly launched scheme named as Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Krushi Swawlamban Yojana to make them economically self-dependent. In addition, installation of electric water pumps on irrigation wells or solar water pump will also be done. This will boost the crop productivity on their fields.

94. On the occasion of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the year 2015-16 is celebrated as the year for "Equality and Social Justice". Various programs will be organized for celebrating this auspicious occasion. An outlay of Rs. 170 crores is proposed for the year 2016-17.

95. An outlay of Rs.220 crores has been provided for carrying out construction work of government hostels for OBC students.

**Good Governance** 96. 156 online services have been made available under the Maharashtra Public Services Rights Act, 2015 with effect from 26th January, 2016 by the Directorate of Information Technology through a portal “Aaple Sarkar”. The Government is determined to provide the rest of the notified public services on this portal in the coming financial year 2016-17. The Government has planned to modernize and strengthen the Maharashtra State Wide Area Network (MSWAN) so as to connect the State Data Centre and various Government field offices. For this project, I propose an outlay of Rs.10 crore.

97. The process of policy formulation, its analysis adopting scientific methodologies and research & the policy evaluation in itself is a continuous and perpetual process. The Advanced countries in the world have specialized institutions for performing this task. The Government aims to create such an institution of international standard for research and development in Public policies and Administration, through Yashada, Pune the apex training institute of the State government also with assistance from institutions of international repute and standing. This will strengthen our public policy formulation and its evaluation system.

98. Financial assistance is provided to the Government registered media persons suffering from incurable diseases or posthumously to their families under “Shankarrao Chavan Suvarn Mahotsavi Patrakar Kalyan Nidhi” scheme. Considering the increase in number of Government registered media persons and inclusion of their family under this scheme, the corpus under this scheme is being increased from Rs.5 crore to 10 crore.

**Memorials** 99. Not only the people of Maharashtra but all our countrymen have deep respect and pride for our source of inspiration, the great Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Therefore, his memorials are being constructed at various

places visited by him outside the State too. It is proposed to extend financial assistance and emotional support for construction of such memorials outside the State. In the year 2016-17 an outlay of Rs.5 crore is proposed.

100. The great Lokamanya Tilak inspired and charged our countrymen by "Swatantrya Mantra". Therefore, he is also referred to as 'Father of the Indian Unrest.' In order to awaken the feelings of patriotism in Indians, Tilak promoted public celebration of Ganesh festival known as Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav. He had shaken the British Empire with his world famous revolutionary slogan- "Swaraj (Self Rule) Is My Birth Right and I Shall Have It". 100 years are getting completed since Tilak gave this call. On this occasion we plan to create public awareness about the political and social work of our great leader and his enormous contribution to Indian National Movement, through 41328 registered Ganesh Mandal and for this purpose a provision of Rs.5crore is proposed. Additional fund will be made available, if need be.

101. Our country has produced many renowned scholars in the past. Among them special to mention is the name of the great mathematician Bhaskarachary II. His works represent a significant contribution to mathematical and astronomical knowledge. He stayed at Patan, Chalisgaon erstwhile Vijjvalwid located in Sahyadri Mountain Ranges. The government aims to establish an international standard 'Bhaskaracharya Ganit Nagari' in his memory and honour.

102. Late. Shri R. R. Patil (lovingly referred to as 'Aaba'), who was known as an outstanding leader of integrity and whose life journey extended right from Zilla Parishad to the post of Deputy Chief Minister of the State. He had himself accepted the charge of Palak Mantri of the Naxalite affected Gadchiroli District

when he was the Home Minister of the State. An auditorium will be constructed in Sangli district in the memory of such a leader who had always struck a balance between politics and propriety in public life. Rs.5 crore will be made available for the purpose.

103. A financial assistance will be provided to build Patrakar Bhavan in Sindhudurg district, at the birthplace of Journalist Balshastri Jambhekar who was also known as Founder of Marathi Journalism.

**Marathi  
Bhasha  
Conservation** 104. Under programme of “Digitization of Rare Marathi Texts” 95 books and 253 editions of various periodicals have been digitally uploaded on our website ‘rmvs.maharashtra.gov.in’.

**Macro-  
Economic  
Review  
and State  
Income** 105. Last year, Central Statistical Organisation, New Delhi has revised the base year from 2004-09 to 2011-12 for the purpose of National accounting. The definition of terminologies used for the purpose, too, have been revised. Hence forth, the sector wise estimate will be referred to as “Gross Value Added at Basic Prices” and Gross Domestic Product will be referred to as “Gross Domestic Product at Market Prices”. Accordingly, the State has adopted this new methodology to prepare its estimates for State Incomes. On account of good governance and the progressive economic policies which we have adopted and implemented, the growth rate for GSDP which had stagnated at 5.8% in year 2014-15, has been accelerated to satisfactory level 8% in year 2015-16, in spite of the negative growth rate of agriculture sector. If we were blessed with good monsoon, we would have surely achieved a double digit growth rate.

106. Nominal Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) at current prices for the year 2014-15 is estimated at Rs. 15 lakh 72 thousand and 37 crore. Estimated per Capita State Income for 2014-15 is estimated at Rs.1,34,081/- as against estimated per Capita National Income of Rs.86,879/-.

**State Annual Plan 2016-17** 107. The size of Annual Plan 2016-17 is proposed to be of Rs.56,997 crore. An Outlay of Rs.6 thousand 725 crore 64 lakh is proposed for the Schedules Caste Sub Plan in proportion to the population of Schedules Caste (11.8%) and Rs.5 Thousand 357 Crore 71 Lakh are proposed for Tribal Sub Plan in proportion (9.4%) to its population. The outlay proposed for District Plan Schemes is Rs.7 thousand 562 crore 2 lakh.

**Financial Position of the State** 108. While presenting the last budget in the month of March 2015, revenue receipt of Rs.1 lakh 98 thousand 230 crore was expected, which is revised in RE at Rs.1 lakh 98 thousand 320 crore in view of the trends in revenue receipt. The estimated revenue expenditure was Rs.2 lakh 1 thousand 988 crore in the beginning of the year which is now revised to Rs.2 lakh 7 thousand 611 crore. As a result the revenue deficit which was estimated to be Rs.3757 crores has been revised to Rs.9289 crores. This increase in revenue deficit may be attributed mainly to the relief packages announced for drought affected farmers.

In budget 2016-17 the revenue receipt is estimated at Rs.2 lakh 20 thousand 810 crores and the revenue expenditure is estimated to Rs.2 lakh 24 thousand 454 crores. As a result, the revenue deficit is estimated to be Rs.3644 crores . I will try to minimise this deficit by reducing avoidable expenditure and by effective revenues recoveries.

I assure the people of the state through this august house that we will do our best to achieve the objectives that we have set for the development of the state.

Now I turn to Part II of the Budget.