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SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam Speaker, before moving the motion I would like to thank you for finally admitting the No-Confidence Motion and for taking this motion to its logical conclusion, that is debate and voting. I would also like to thank my leader Nara Chandrababu Naidu garu and my colleague Shri Kesineni Srinivas garu for giving me this opportunity to move this motion and to initiate the debate. I would also like to thank the Aam Admi Party, the AIMIM, the CPI, the CPI(M), the Congress Party, the Kerala Congress Party, the NCP, the RJD, the RSP, the SP and the Trinamool Congress and the other parties which have extended their support to us on this motion.

Madam, I was told that a first time MP has never been given the opportunity to initiate a debate on a No-Confidence Motion. So, I feel it a privilege and honour for a first time Member like me to initiate one of the most important debates in the history of the Sixteenth Lok Sabha of the Indian Parliament.

Madam, the latest Telugu blockbuster "*Bharat ane nenu*", which means '*I Bharat*' is a story about a young NRI who returns to India after his father, who was a CM dies suddenly. Bharat enters politics

reluctantly and becomes a young, dynamic and beloved CM. The recurring theme in this movie is about trust and Bharat recalls his mother's advice – a promise is a promise and if a man makes a promise and does not keep it, then he does not have the right to call himself a man. It was a blockbuster because the general mood of the people reflects well in this film. People are tired of empty assurances and unfulfilled commitments.

The saga of Andhra Pradesh during the Modi and Shah regime is just that -- a saga of empty promises and unfulfilled commitments by the Government of India to the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh, a new State with an old name and a population of five crores.

Madam Speaker, non-implementation of an act of Parliament is a national issue. Non-implementation of assurances given by none other than the then Prime Minister on the floor of the Parliament during the consideration of the AP Re-organisation Bill, without which this Bill would not have been passed, is also a national issue. So, it is not prudent to say that the issues of Andhra Pradesh are not national issues. They are certainly national issues and also emotional issues for the people of Andhra Pradesh and today is the Litmus Test

for the Parliament on how it ensures the implementation of these and other similar issues.

(1115/RU/IND)

Madam Speaker, when the President of BJP met the BJP Core Committee members including MPs, MLAs and MLCs from AP on 17th March at Delhi, he declared to wage a war on the Telugu Desam Party. It is not a war between the BJP and the TDP. It is a war between majority and morality. It is a war between the Modi regime and Andhra Pradesh and the five-crore people of Andhra Pradesh. It is a war against discrimination shown by the Modi regime towards Andhra Pradesh. It is a war to honour an Act of Parliament and an assurance made by a Prime Minister in Parliament. It is a war between the authoritarian Machiavellian attitude of the Modi regime and the rights of the States that make up the federal republic of India. It is a *Dharma Poratam or Dharma Yudh*.

I request the House not to construe my views and observations in the narrow sense but to look at them in a larger perspective of how the relationship should have been between the Centre and States under the federal structure.

Madam Speaker, this No Confidence Motion has been brought by the TDP for four reasons, namely, fairness, trust, priority and bias or rather, lack of fairness, lack of trust, lack of priority and lack of an unbiased approach towards Andhra Pradesh. Lack of fairness is about the unscientific and undemocratic bifurcation and its impact on the people of AP. Lack of trust is about where the Modi regime has used misleading, delaying, denying, deflecting, confusing, collusive and coercion tactics to betray the people of AP. Lack of priority is because AP is getting the least priority and lack of unbiased approach is because funds were given to AP are far less than what is being given to other projects across India.

In my speech which reflects the voice of five crore people of Andhra Pradesh, I will be focussing on these four aspects.

With your permission, I will be focussing on the special category status and the financial related issues of AP Reorganisation Act and my colleague, Shri Ram Mohan Naidu, when he will be giving his speech, will focus on infrastructure and institutions in detail. It has been four years since the Bill has been passed and two new States were formed. One is an old State with a new name and the other is a new State with an old name. Telangana is not a new State. Andhra

Pradesh is the new State. All the challenges and burdens to be faced by a new State are being faced by us. We are the ones who have to build the new capital, an industrial base and an educational base while Telangana has all of them already.

It has been four years since we have been put into that challenge but the uncertainty and difficulties date back to several decades. It intensified in the decade leading up to bifurcation and we continue to struggle even after four years of bifurcation with the same uncertainty. So, we need relief from this uncertainty. Instead of providing us relief, the Modi regime is creating more uncertainties and more challenges for us.

I am not going back in history but I will certainly go back to 2014 when AP was divided. We all know how ... (*Not recorded*), undemocratically, inequitably, arbitrarily, irrationally and by bulldozing the entire Parliament, the AP Reorganisation Bill was passed. This becomes clear if you look at the range of issues still languishing for resolution even four years later. ... (*Interruptions*) AP was divided in an undemocratic way. In an undemocratic way the Bill was passed in this Parliament. They know it very well as to how

it was done. The doors were closed and cameras were off. ...

(Interruptions)

HON. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record. You speak to me, Shri Galla. This is not proper. I am sorry.

(Interruptions) ... (Not recorded)

HON. SPEAKER: You can answer when your turn comes. Shri Galla, you go on.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, when AP was divided, AP was burdened with a huge revenue deficit of Rs. 16,000 crores....

(Interruptions) An amount of Rs. 1.3 lakh crores of loan burden was put on AP. ... *(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: This is not proper.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): And Rs. 24,000 crores of the undivided loan was put on AP for which interest is still being paid by the Government of AP which shattered our FRBM limits.

(1120/KSP/VB)

Madam, power allocation was made on consumption basis. Andhra Pradesh is the loser. ... *(Interruptions)* Refund of tax liability was made on the basis of population, at 58 per cent for Andhra

Pradesh and at 42 per cent for Telangana. ... (*Interruptions*) Andhra Pradesh is the loser again. ... (*Interruptions*) So, we have very limited revenue generation sources. ... (*Interruptions*) Assets had been given on the basis of their location. ... (*Interruptions*) Andhra Pradesh lost Rs. 3,800 crore because of this. ... (*Interruptions*) Singareni Collieries, a Schedule IX company, was given to Telangana with 51 per cent equity. ... (*Interruptions*)

Madam, can you please get the House in order?

HON. SPEAKER: You please address me.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY (MAHABUBNAGAR): Madam, how can he speak such words? ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please do not do that. You will get time.

... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: I will see what he said. Please take your seat.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam how can one make a speech in this kind of atmosphere? ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Jitender Reddyji, this is not proper.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): If you have your personal agenda, show it somewhere. ... (*Interruptions*)

This is not your personal affair. This is a Debate on the No-Confidence Motion and it is for everyone. ... (*Interruptions*) You have to let us speak. You have to let us explain our position. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: No other statement will go on record, except Shri Jayadev Galla's speech.

...(*Interruptions*)... (*Not recorded*)

HON. SPEAKER: You will get time. I will give you sufficient time. Please take your seat.

... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: You will get sufficient time. I will see the record.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, power allocation was made on consumption basis. Andhra Pradesh is the loser. Refund of tax liability was made on the basis of population, at 58 per cent for Andhra Pradesh and at 42 per cent for Telangana. Andhra Pradesh is the loser. So, we have very limited revenue generation sources.

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(At this stage, Prof. A.S.R. Naik and some other hon. Members came and stood near the Table.)

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, Singareni Collieries, a Schedule IX company, was given to Telangana with 51 per cent equity. But similar dispensation towards subsidy to APHMEL, which is also a Schedule IX company, has not been given to Andhra Pradesh. Is it equal justice, Madam? ... (*Interruptions*)

Madam, pension liabilities from the combined State, divided on the basis of population, at 58 per cent and 42 per cent, has burdened Andhra Pradesh even further. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Jayadev Gallaji, please wait for a minute.

... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: I request all of you to please go back to your seats. You will get time, I assure you. You can reply at that time, but not like this. Please go back to your seats.

... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: I will see whether he has said anything wrong. So, please go back to your seats. आप अपने झगड़े यहाँ न लाएँ। ऐसा नहीं होता है।

(...व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : जब आपके बोलने की बारी आएगी, तो आपको बोलने का समय मिलेगा।

(...व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : ऐसा क्यों होता है? पहले आप अपने लोगों को वापस ले जाएँ।

(...व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : अगर ये लोग वेल में रहेंगे, तो आप भी नहीं बोल सकेंगे। यह क्या है? Let them go back to their seats.

(...व्यवधान)

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(At this stage, Prof. A.S.R. Naik and some other hon. Members went back to their seats.)

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY (MAHABUBNAGAR): Madam Speaker, we cannot tolerate this. He cannot use that word at all. ...

(Interruptions) The word, ... *(Not recorded)* has to be removed from the record. ... *(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: Okay.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Hence Madam, I have no hesitation to say that it was not just the Congress alone, but even the BJP, which had supported the Bill without insisting on the UPA Government to make the Bill scientific and equitable, is equally guilty. Both the national parties have crippled Andhra Pradesh.

Madam Speaker, it has been mentioned that even after bifurcation Andhra Pradesh is still better off than some States in the country. This is the reason given to us by the Government on why we are not eligible for certain support like Special Category Status. However, when we compare ourselves, we have to compare with our neighbours. If we live in a home, our families will tend to compare themselves and their standard of living with their neighbours and their neighbourhood. If they have the worst house on the block and least income on the block, they are not going to be happy that they are better off than families who live on the other side of town.

Andhra Pradesh is a Southern State. It was one of four Southern States and now is one of five. The undivided Andhra Pradesh was competing on all parameters with other Southern neighbours. Most of the wealth generated by the State was generated from the economic engine of the Capital City of erstwhile

Andhra Pradesh, that is, Hyderabad. The wealth that was generated in Hyderabad was generated by people from all over the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh, who came to Hyderabad to settle in their Capital, and to seek their fortunes.

(1125/SRG/PC)

Now, after the asymmetrical bifurcation, Telangana with less population has been given more resources and AP with more population has been given less resources. ... (*Interruptions*), this has created a situation where the Government of AP and the people of AP do not have the resources to ensure that the quality of life is maintained for its citizens.... (*Interruptions*). We have to compare ourselves with our neighbours and therefore, when we look at its impact on the economy, we have to look at it with this lens. ... (*Interruptions*)

Madam, let me just compare a few things for you. When it comes to agriculture, after bifurcation, AP has been reduced to an agrarian State.... (*Interruptions*). 31.77 per cent of its revenue comes from agriculture, compared to 15.3 per cent in Telangana, 11.39 per cent in Tamil Nadu and 11.68 per cent in Karnataka.... (*Interruptions*). When it comes to industry, after the bifurcation, AP

reduced its industrial contribution to less than 20 per cent of our GSDP when compared to Telangana's 22 per cent, Tamil Nadu's 31 per cent and Karnataka's 24 per cent.... (*Interruptions*). The All India figure is much higher than AP, which stand at 29 per cent. ... (*Interruptions*). When it comes to services, AP lags even farther behind. It has just 46 per cent of revenue from services, compared to 63 per cent in Telangana, 57 per cent in Tamil Nadu and 65 per cent in Karnataka. The national average is also ahead of AP at 54 per cent.... (*Interruptions*). This clearly shows that AP is also languishing in services in spite of having a rich talent base. It is due to lack of industrial base; the services sector has also been impacted.

Madam, when it comes to institutions, about 90 per cent of institutions, after bifurcation, have gone to Telangana. AP has been left in the lurch. There is not even a single national institute of repute left in the residual State of Andhra Pradesh. Of course, now, the Government of India has proposed some institutions, but they are also being developed at a snail's pace. The impact of bifurcation is such that despite growing at the fastest pace among the southern States and in the country, the gap between Andhra Pradesh and

other southern States in terms of per capita income is clearly visible and if the same treatment is meted out, it will only widen, based on reports.

Madam, when it comes to per capita income, even though the growth rate of AP is much higher than any other Southern State, it is much less. Let me take you to 2014-15 when the growth rate of AP was 13.07 per cent, but the per capita income was the lowest and it stood at Rs. 93,699 per person. Same is the case in 2015-16 and 2016-17. In 2016-17, the growth rate was 13.14 per cent, whereas the per capita income was Rs. 1.22 lakh when compared to Karnataka's Rs. 1.57 lakh, Telangana's Rs. 1.55 lakh - more than 20 per cent lower than our neighbours.

Madam, the then PM Shri Manmohan Singh ji had given six assurances on the 20th of February, 2014 on the floor of Rajya Sabha. They are – special category status for five years, industrial incentives on the lines of other 11 States, assistance to backward districts on the lines of Bundelkhand and KBK districts, amendment for Polavaram to bring seven Mandals back to AP, distribution of assets and liabilities to be completed satisfactorily and revenue deficit between the appointed day and acceptance of the 14th

Finance Commission's recommendations, to be compensated in 2014-15 for a 10 month period from June 2014 to March, 2015.

Madam, I want to focus a little bit on special category status because it is a burning issue in our State. Madam, let me first submit the major demand of the people of AP. It is about getting the special category status. I am neither tinkering, nor twisting nor tweaking the facts. My facts are unadorned and I am ready for any challenge that contests the facts that I am going to present. So, before coming to these facts, let me with your permission start my journey from the day AP was bifurcated. Madam, the Congress Party in 2014 sliced Telugu *Talli* into two pieces in a crude, irrational and unscientific way. ... (*Interruptions*). Shri Narendra Modi while campaigning in AP has rightly said ... (*Interruptions*)

(1130/KKD/MM)

What it this, Madam? ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: You please continue.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, Shri Narendra Modiji, while campaigning in Andhra Pradesh had rightly said, and I quote: "Congress had killed the mother and saved the child. Had I been

there, I would have saved the mother too.” The people of Andhra Pradesh fell flat for this statement. We were so thrilled when we heard this, and we were determined in our hearts and soul that come what may, we will be with Mr. Modi. We have waited. People of Andhra Pradesh have waited for four long years that Mr. Modi will save the mother. Instead of saving Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Modi, through the Finance Minister, through his Press Conference on 7th March, 2018, announced that no SCS would be given to Andhra Pradesh. The Finance Minister said that if the demand for SCS of Andhra Pradesh is acceded, other States such as Bihar and Odisha will also demand it.

Madam, it is a baseless, frivolous and trivial argument; and I have no hesitation to say that the Finance Minister should know the fundamental difference between the two.

Let me remind this august House that the Union Cabinet conferred SCS on Andhra Pradesh in its meeting on 1st March, 2014 subsequent to the assurance made by the then Prime Minister mentioned earlier. Other States have not been given an assurance by a Prime Minister on the floor of either House of Parliament and or

has a Cabinet decision been made in this regard. This is a very dangerous precedent, Madam.

Mr. Prime Minister, do you have any respect for commitments made by your predecessors? Indeed, should you even have a choice? What value does the word of a Prime Minister given on the floor of the House have? Can we believe that if you give an assurance, it will be fulfilled in the future even if you are not around? How can we function as a nation if the word of our Prime Minister given in Parliament is not respected and fulfilled?

Madam, it is not that the BJP was opposed to the Special Category Status when it was in the Opposition. In fact, the BJP, in its 2014 Manifesto for Assembly Elections in Andhra Pradesh, assured that it would give an additional five years of status, that is, 10 years instead of five years that was proposed by the then Prime Minister.

Mr. Prime Minister, in Guntur, in Nellore, in Tirupati, in front of Lord Balaji, you promised to give SCS for 10 years and you also emphasised and appealed to the people of Andhra Pradesh to decide whether they need a Seemandhra or a scam Andhra; that is, do they want to vote for a clean and honest person like Chandrababu

Naidu or do they want to have a scam Andhra by voting for the Opposition rival party?... (*Interruptions*)

Mr. Prime Minister, you also said: "I am a person, who will not eat or allow others to eat." "मैं चुन-चुन कर उनसे हिसाब लूंगा"... (*Interruptions*) But to the utter disappointment of the people, you are protecting people like ... (*Not recorded*) an A1 and A2 accused in Andhra Pradesh and many others. The country is aware how many cases on the family members of ... (*Not recorded*) were dismissed, and tickets were given in the recent Karnataka Assembly Elections. This reflects how serious you are on corruption and on corrupt people... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: No names will go on record.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): You raised the expectations of supporting and developing Andhra Pradesh only to share with them. Why should we have confidence and trust in you? Now, you are singing a different tune, which people of Andhra Pradesh are keenly observing; and I have no doubt, they would give a befitting reply in the coming elections. I even go to the extent of saying that the BJP will be decimated in Andhra Pradesh the way Congress was if the people of Andhra Pradesh are deceived and cheated.

Mr. Prime Minister, it is not the threat. This is a *shraap*. These are the words coming out of anguish, pain and frustration from the people of Andhra Pradesh. And, how has a Prime Minister, on whom we had immense faith, deceived and betrayed the people of Andhra Pradesh in such a blatant and rude manner? ... (*Interruptions*)

The third point I wish to make is relating to Article 4 of the Constitution. It says that when any State is bifurcated under Article 3 – Andhra Pradesh is divided under this Article – then, supplemental, incidental and consequential measures can be taken by Parliament ... (*Interruptions*)

(1135/RP/BKS)

Even the Supreme Court in Pradip Chowdhury and Mullaperiar cases repeatedly said this. So, the point I am trying to drive at is that the very bifurcation of the State is predicated upon the assurance of 'Special Category Status'. Therefore, the SCS is supplemental, incidental and consequential to bifurcation. And to say that the 14th Finance Commission has not recommended is a conceptual blunder of the Union Government. So, when it is clearly said in Article 4 that Parliament can do it, the 14th Finance Commission or its

recommendations cannot prevent Parliament from doing it even if they had said so.

Madam, the Finance Minister and almost the entire Cabinet have been categorical that the 14th Finance Commission recommended not to confer SCS on any State. Let me disband, dismantle and dismiss this argument at one go.

Two members of the 14th Finance Commission have refuted the argument of the Finance Minister lock, stock and barrel. Shri Govinda Rao and Shri Abhijit Sen gave it in writing that the Commission did not recommend this. Even the Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission Shri Y.V. Reddy *garu* is on record saying that the Commission did not recommend this. Due to paucity of time, let me quote what Shri Govinda Rao, member of the 14th Finance Commission has said on SCS. He said and I quote:

“The additional terms of reference merely stated that the Commission should take into account the resources available to the successor of reorganised States in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh (Reorganisation) Act and the Ministry of Home Affairs notification. That did not require the Commission to deal with the question of

according Special Category Status and it did not, therefore, make any recommendation in that regard. Therefore, the statement in the notification on the special package that "...following the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, the class of SCS ceases to exist" is misleading."

Madam, let me give one more example of how the Government of India has manoeuvred through this and denied SCS to Andhra Pradesh. As I said, ministers and officials in the Government are taking shelter under the 14th Finance Commission to deny SCS to Andhra Pradesh. I would like to assert here that the prospective recommendations of various commissions, even if there are any to that effect, cannot be made applicable retrospectively to the past commitments, assurances and decisions. The 14th Finance Commission recommendations are prospective. How can you implement them retrospectively? Here, in this case, it is the decision of the Union Cabinet and it is not an ordinary decision.

In this context, I would like to recapitulate that the Union Government had created a Sub-Group of CMs to address the issue of continuation of Special Category Status to the North-East and to the hilly states which are enjoying the same in the past. Based on the recommendations of the said Sub-Group, NITI Aayog had issued an Office Memorandum on 17th August, 2016, whereby it was decided to continue Special Category Status benefits to those States that were in that category earlier. Subsequently, it has extended the financial and other benefits to them as well. So, they are getting everything that Special Category Status States used to get without the name. So, when we have been demanding for Special Category Status, your argument Mr. Finance Minister is that the Planning Commission was dismantled and NITI Aayog has no mandate to give SCS to any State. If that is so, how, on the basis of Office Memorandum dated 17th August, 2016, have you extended SCS benefits to all 11 states that fall under Special Category Status? Is it not discrimination and injustice to Andhra Pradesh? Did you not mislead us about the 14th Finance Commission's recommendations? Did you also not

state that it will be unconstitutional to go against these alleged recommendations?

Madam, I have one more irrefutable and undeniable truth and proof to present before this august House. I hope that this will open the eyes of the Finance Minister and the Prime Minister. It was on 15th March, 2018, the Minister of Planning, Shri Rao Inderjit Singh, in reply to an Unstarred Question number 2360, in Rajya Sabha, said and I quote, Madam:

“The 14th Finance Commission, in its recommendations, has not made any specific reference not to confer Special Category Status to any State.”

(1140/RCP/GG)

So, hon. Finance Minister, kindly stop misleading the people by twisting facts because it would not work anymore. All the proof is in front of you. You cannot fool all the people all the time.

HON. SPEAKER: How much time do you need now?

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, I still need a lot more time. I need another half-an-hour.

HON. SPEAKER: No half-an-hour; in five minutes, you have to conclude.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, in the history of No-Confidence Motion, nobody has initiated a discussion for less than one hour. You please see the records. I looked at the records. Not once, has a No-Confidence Motion been initiated in less than one hour. Please do not discriminate us here also. We are tired of this type of discrimination.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: मैं हिस्ट्री नहीं देखती हूँ, आप वर्तमान में बात करो। अपनी बात पूरी करो।

...(व्यवधान)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, I have given seven facts and justifications as to why SCS should be conferred on Andhra Pradesh. They are:

1. Assurance by none other than the Prime Ministerial candidate, Modi *ji* during 2014 election campaign.
2. Ours is not a demand; ours is to implement the Cabinet decision.
3. BJP Manifesto said that it will give SCS for 10 years.

4. Article 4 of the Constitution clearly and categorically says that if a State is bifurcated under Article 3 then supplemental, incidental and consequential measures can be taken by Parliament.
5. Written views of Members of the 14th Finance Commission and also views of the Chairman of 14th Finance Commission on the Special Category Status (SCS).
6. NITI Aayog has issued Office Memorandum on 17th August, 2016, wherein it was decided to continue SCS to 11 States.
7. The Minister of Planning clearly said that the 14th Finance Commission has never recommended not to confer SCS on any State.

Even the CMs of Bihar and Puducherry have supported granting SCS to Andhra Pradesh. So, with folded hands, I appeal to the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister to please, at least, now, realize and announce Special Category Status to AP.

Madam Speaker, BJP, YSRCP, Congress and now Jana Sena Party in Andhra Pradesh are saying that our CM has taken a 'U' turn and asking for SCS again instead of package.

Let me please go back to 2016. We were demanding for SCS till September, 2016. In September, 2016, the hon. Finance Minister made a statement that Special Package would be given which will be equal, in all respects, to that of Special Category Status. Since then we have been waiting for Special Package. But, even after presenting his final and full Budget, FM did not give even a single penny under Special Package.

When Government of Andhra Pradesh officials came to Delhi to discuss with the Ministry, did the Ministry not say that the Government of India is not agreeable for 90:10 on Externally Aided Projects, Mr. Finance Minister? Instead, they were told that Central-assistance will be provided by way of repayment of loan for EAP projects in the ratio of 70:30, that too, only till 2020, to the extent of Rs. 15,000 crores. And, this too by putting the FRBM under State head and stressing out our borrowing capacity. See, how many conditions you have put on EAP. At a press conference on 7th March, the Finance Minister came with 90:10 formula since he was cornered with facts and figures. I am giving only one example due to paucity of time. If this is how you deal with Andhra Pradesh, do you really

think that people of AP would pardon you, would have confidence in you and would give you votes?

You deceived us into accepting the Special Package by using 14th Finance Commission as an excuse. You did not even bother to give it legislative backing. To add insult to injury, we have not received a single paisa promised in the package.

Since nothing has been done so far on the Special Package, we are demanding to implement the Cabinet decision on Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh. So, I wish to clarify the critics of our Chief Minister and TDP that we are treading the right path. It is only you who are changing the goal posts for nefarious political gains.

The hon. Finance Minister said that industrial incentives given to other SCSs will no longer exist post-GST implementation, which is completely a misleading statement. Even then, we insisted that whatever industrial incentives that these States get post-GST implementation should be given to AP as well on the lines of the assurance given by the then Prime Minister. But, what AP is given is 15 per cent additional depreciation on new plant and machinery,

and 15 per cent additional investment allowance. But, they are given only to backward areas, not to the entire State.

(1145/SMN/CS)

Secondly, it is not exclusively for seven districts of Andhra Pradesh. It is for all the 150 backward districts in the country and they are saying that it is a special incentive for us. What is special in this for Andhra Pradesh when 150 backward districts across the country are getting the same benefit? There is nothing special. Even after post GST implementation, the SCS States continue to get industrial incentives in line with what they were getting earlier. As per the notification issued in July, 2017, in pursuance of the budgetary support of Rs. 27,000 crore to the existing 4324 units in SCS till sunset period of March, 2027.

Again on 21st March, 2018, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry approved the North East Industrial Development Scheme with the financial outlay of Rs. 3,000 crore to North East States upto March, 2020. The incentives that are given are for capital investment, to access credit, interest incentive, GST reimbursement, IT reimbursement, transport, employment and other incentives. But when we are asking to extend the same to us, the Finance Minister

is silent. He is not saying anything about it. Here again, we have been misled and therefore, this promise remains unfulfilled.

Madam Speaker, Section 46(3) of the AP Reorganisation Act talks about special development package for backward districts of Andhra Pradesh. This emanates from the assurances given by the Prime Minister but this assurance has been diluted in the Act. The assurance was to provide package on the lines of KBK districts in Odisha and Bundelkhand in MP and UP. If you look at all the economic and human development indicators, it reveals all the seven backward districts in Andhra Pradesh are closer to SCS States rather than to other Southern States. But the Modi regime has given just Rs. 1050 crore for seven districts for three years period. It is not in line with what has been given to KBK and Bundelkhand under special package. KBK was given Rs. 5,500 crore and Bundelkhand was given Rs. 7200 crore each to UP and MP. If you calculate per capita allocation, it is mindboggling to tell you.

Madam, under the Bundelkhand package, the per head allocation of Rs. 4,115 was made whereas for Andhra Pradesh, the per head allocation is just Rs. 428. It is one-tenth of what was given to the other regions. So, what the Government of India has given to

Andhra Pradesh is a pittance. Why are we being given just one-tenth of what was given in Bundelkhand on a per capita basis?

Secondly, BJP is crying foul that we have not spent even this small amount of money. We have spent Rs. 946 crore out of Rs. 1050 crore which is 92 per cent of the allocation and not 12 per cent as claimed by them. We have the UCs to prove that Madam and will be happy to exhibit all of those.

Thirdly, the Finance Minister proposed additional Rs. 350 crore for the special package for these backward districts. RBI released it and transferred it to the State account on 9th February, 2018 but somehow, the PMO has stopped giving clearance to it on 15th February, 2018. So, the funds have gone back to the Reserve Bank of India.

Now, the Government of India has given defence industrial corridor worth Rs. 20,000 crore for Bundelkhand. But in the case of releasing a paltry sum of Rs. 350 crore to our backward districts, the file is languishing in the PMO for six months. Why is this biased and partisan attitude, Mr. Prime Minister? Is this the way you want to help backward districts in Andhra Pradesh? It is a shame. Therefore, this promise also remains unfulfilled.

Madam, we are even deprived in distribution of assets. If you look Sections 50, 51 and 56, there is a huge discrepancy in right to recover tax arrears and sharing of liability or refund of tax arrears. This has resulted in Rs. 3,820 crore loss to Andhra Pradesh. There is a great delay in apportionment of institutions under Section 68 of the Act and the Andhra Pradesh Bhawan is yet to be divided between the two States. ... (*Interruptions*)

(1150/MMN-RV)

Madam, there is a dispute with regard to the quantum of amount between the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Government of India. The revenue deficit for 10 months, that is, from 2nd June, 2014 to 31st March, 2015, as per the Government of AP, is Rs.16,078 crore. The Government of India released Rs.3,979 crore. Unilaterally taking 'standardised expenditure', the Government of India qualified it at Rs.4,117 crore making the balance to be paid as Rs.138 crore only. But the bone of contention is this. The CAG put the figure at Rs.16,078 crore and approved it also. The Ministry of Finance made its own valuation and somehow put the figures at Rs.7,500 crore without any justification. The PMO reduced it further to Rs.4,117 crore again without any explanation. So, now the FM

says he can only give Rs.138 crore pending for us whereas we are waiting for more than Rs.12,000 crore to settle this account. How is it justified?

Secondly, as I said earlier, the Government of India has increased devolution of funds from 32 per cent to 42 per cent. But you also have to remember there are Cesses such as the Krishi Kalyan Cess, the Swachh Cess, the Higher Education Cess and other Cesses. If you look at how much the Government of India collected through the above Cesses and other surcharges under direct and indirect taxes in 2016-17, it is quite mindboggling. Madam, Rs.2.35 lakh crore has been collected under Cesses. But there is no share for States in these Cesses. So, effectively, it is not 42 per cent but it is somewhere closely to 36 per cent or 37 per cent of funds were actually going to the States.

Madam, the BJP is saying that Rs.22,113 crore has been given to AP alone as revenue deficit. It is wrong. The Fourteenth Finance Commission has also recommended revenue deficit of Rs.4,519 crore to Kerala and Rs.11,716 crore to West Bengal. They are all statutory allocations. But the tragedy is that even after five years of Award period of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, AP is the only

State which will remain revenue deficit, except for the 11 Special Category States. So, it is very clear where we belong financially. So, the BJP wanted to equate AP with the North-Eastern States, not willing to bring it on par with the Southern States. How is it justified? Please tell us how this is justified.

Madam, the Government of India says that Rs.8,800 crore worth of EAP projects were approved for Andhra Pradesh. But the Government of India has not issued any guidelines. When the guidelines are not issued, nothing can be spent. So, the Government of AP is paying the interest of Rs.5 crore on approved loans since the guidelines have not been framed. The Government of AP has asked for routing them through the NABARD. But again, you are putting FRBM limits on to AP.

Finally, the Finance Ministry agreed that they could not issue guidelines for EAP projects. So, we have asked for NABARD. Then, they set up an SPV. Is there any history in the country where SPV has been set up for EAPs? We are not aware; we cannot find any such reference to route funds through SPV, and FRBM also will be borne by the State, which further burdens our financial capability. So, it is totally a delay tactic by the Finance Minister.... (*Interruptions*)

I am sorry, Madam. Facts and figures are very hard to remember. We definitely do need to use papers. On Rs.13,742 crore given to Andhra Pradesh, the hon. Finance Minister and the President of AP BJP Unit, have been trumpeting through Press Conferences that they have given Rs.13,472 crore to Andhra Pradesh. They have also said that they have never given such a huge amount to any other States. Let me explain in a minute what they have given and under which head they have given it.

(1155/VR/MY)

Madam, they are saying that they have given Rs.13,472 crore. But, actually out of Rs.16,000 crore revenue deficit, they have given Rs.3900 crore. For Polavaram, the project cost is Rs.58,000 crore but they have given Rs.6764 crore. They have given Rs.576 crore for 11 institutions whereas the required amount is Rs.11,672 crore. For the new capital, we need Rs.43,000 crore but we have been given only Rs.1550 crore. We should get Rs.23,000 crore for the backward districts, if you look at Bundelkhand package, but you have given us just Rs.1050 crore. So, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is asking for Rs.1.54 lakh crore, whereas you have given just Rs.13,472 crore.

Hon. Madam, the Government is saying that it is fulfilling all the promises. Giving just two to three per cent of the required funds, is that fulfilment? I ask you, Madam, is it fulfilment? Two to three per cent of the requirement is not a fulfilment. It is a shame to state that they are all being fulfilled.

Now, let me state under which Head and Section you have given us the money. Madam, the revenue deficit has been given to us as mandated under Section 46(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. Money has been given for Polavaram as mandated under Section 90 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. Money has been given for institutions under Section 93 and Schedule 13 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. Money has been given for new capital as directed under Section 94(3) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. Money has been given for backward districts as directed under Section 46(3) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act.

Madam Speaker, they are saying that they have given Rs.13,472 crore. I agree. But they have given it under compulsion as mandated by the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. So, to say that they have given this money to Andhra Pradesh without mandate is a

ridiculous comment. They have given because they are mandated to give, but it is riddled with deceit and, woefully short of being adequate. It certainly builds no confidence and no trust.

Section 94(3) says that financial support for creation of essential facilities in the new capital of Andhra Pradesh would be provided by the Government of India. The estimates were made. Madam, Rs.43,000 crore is required over a period of five years to construct essential infrastructure in Amaravati. But, the Government of India has given just Rs.1500 crore and now screaming, instead of releasing more money, that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has not submitted Utilization Certificates (UCs) in spite of submitting the same. Madam, out of Rs.1500 crore given by the Government of India, we have submitted UCs for more than that. We have spent Rs.1583 crore.

Madam, Rs.3500 crore is the cost for Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel statue in Gujarat. Similarly, Rs.3000 crore is the cost for Chatrapati Shivaji statue in Maharashtra. But you have given us Rs.1500 crore to build an entire capital. I am not saying that you should not give that money. It is fine, whether sources are from the Government or

somewhere else. But the fact is that statues are getting more funding than the entire capital city of Andhra Pradesh.

Madam, the Prime Minister is constructing Dholera city in Gujarat. It is 80 km away from Ahmedabad. Dholera would be twice the size of Delhi, which took 1000 years to grow to what it is now. Dholera proposed to be six times bigger than Shanghai. Is it wrong for the enterprising people of Andhra Pradesh to dream of having a world class capital?

Secondly, the Prime Minister is on record saying that if voted to power, he would build us a capital bigger and better than Delhi itself. Madam, he said that in front of Lord Balaji. He himself advised our Chief Minister to visit Asthana, the capital of Kazakhstan. Is it not true, Mr. Prime Minister? Madam, I wish to bring to your notice and to the notice of the House that an amount of 68 billion dollars has been spent in building the capital of Kazakhstan, Asthana. How can Amaravati be built with Rs.1500 crore?

Thirdly, the Government of Andhra Pradesh pooled 33,000 acre of land through pooling method, which is one of its kind in India, the value of which is more than Rs.50,000 crore. More than 30,000 farmers have given up their land and they are counting on our

Government and the Government of India to take care of their investment that they have made by giving us their land and protecting their lives and protecting their future.

(1200/SAN/CP)

These 30,000 farmers are at risk not only here but in all the projects where land has been taken. They are all suffering because of lack of funding. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Now, your half-an-hour is also completed. You have to complete within five minutes. I am sorry.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, we did not start until 1115 hours. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: I have given you enough time.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): We did not start at 11 o'clock. It is only 12 o'clock now. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please listen to me. You asked me to give you half-an-hour more. I have already given it to you. Now, you wrap up.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, please give me ten minutes.

Thirdly, for Navi Mumbai, they are giving 48,000 acres to ease the pressure on Mumbai. Now, the Opposition Parties are criticising as to why we should have 33,000 acres, but the moot point is: What are you doing to those farmers who sacrificed their land for the Capital.

Madam, Amravati has been given Rs. 2,500 crore, but out of this, Rs. 1,000 crore were given to Vijayawada and Guntur for underground drainage systems. When the underground drainage system in my city of Guntur, which is a small town, itself costs Rs. 1,000 crore, can we build a world-class Capital for Rs. 1,500 crore? It is ridiculous!

Madam, for drainage 32 per cent work has been completed and UCs have been submitted for 32 per cent of the work for the UGD. These are all the copies of the UCs. We will be happy to submit them to whoever wants to take a look at them. It is a four-year work. In one-and-a-half years, we have completed 32 per cent work. We have submitted UCs for works to the tune of Rs. 330 crore for UGD in Guntur. The BJP is saying that only eight per cent has been spent. It is wrong. This can be checked with the Public Finance Management online software in the Finance Ministry. It is there for all to see.

Even for backward districts, out of Rs. 1,050 crore, we have spent so far Rs. 946 crore and submitted UCs. Moreover, AP is listed as the third best State in the country for submitting UCs. We have spent 92 per cent funds. The BJP says that only 12 per cent funds have been spent so far. It is wrong. Raising the bogey of UCs and suspecting and unnecessarily tarnishing the image of our Chief Minister is not acceptable.

Recently, Rs. 350 crore have been recommended afresh by the Finance Ministry and the RBI released it on February 9, 2018, but the PMO stopped giving clearance on 15th February. So, the funds have gone back to the RBI.

As I said earlier, through the AP Reorganisation Bill, both the national parties have played havoc with its provisions and its wording. This was the strategy of the Congress to leave room in the wording to legally back out of the commitments at a later date and the BJP, instead of opposing this, supported these words when the Bill was passed. Now, the BJP is using these flexibilities to claim that they are doing everything legally required – I am sure that this term will come up again and again in their speeches – as in the case of

Railway Zone, steel plant and Metro, which will never see the light of day.

The Act uses the ambiguous terms interspersed with words like examine, feasibility, provisional estimate, deliberately to have an escape route without binding them to fulfil the commitments and assurances of the Act. We demand that the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act should be fulfilled in letter and spirit, without taking shelter under these ambiguous words. The point I am trying to drive at is that whatever has been given, it has been given as mandated by the AP Reorganisation Act or as per the award of the 14th Finance Commission, which has also been given to other States. So, there is nothing special or exclusively given for AP.

In the discussion on last Budget, I made a comment that specifically for AP, we received Rs. 1,800 crore, which is less than the collections of the Bahubali cinema that is famous in India. So, it is not charity; it is mandatory. You have not shown any magnanimity or showered your blessings on us in the form of additional allocations. It is the mandate given to you by the Act and the Commission. Any Government at the Centre has to do it and you have not given us a single penny as a part of any of the assurances

given by the then Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, on the floor of Rajya Sabha. This is what the people of AP are demanding.

While we are asking to implement the assurances, the FM and ... (*Not recorded*) former Head of AP BJP, are telling what they have given under AP Reorganisation Act.

HON. SPEAKER: Nobody's name will be taken like this. I am sorry.

No, that will not go on record.

(1205/RBN/NK)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): When we are asking about assurances, they are talking about AP Reorganisation Act. When we talk about meagre allocations given under various provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act, they say that thousands of crores were proposed under various projects. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Now, you have to conclude.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): If we ask one thing, they reply another thing. This hit and run won't work anymore. We are not asking them to deposit Rs. 15 lakh in the bank account of every citizen in Andhra Pradesh. We are demanding only our rights.

I am skipping infrastructure points. They will be taken up by Shri Ram Mohan Reddy. Let me take up the escalation process. The TDP waited for four long years and five Budgets of the Central Government. No justice has been done to the State of Andhra Pradesh. We have been requesting, forcefully requesting, demanding, protesting and finally threatening and walking out of the Government and the NDA. Our two Ministers resigned from the Cabinet.

In order to bring our issues to the attention of Parliament, which decided the fate of Andhra Pradesh in 2014 by bifurcating the State unscientifically and in an undemocratic manner, as a last resort we decided to disrupt Parliament, which is a part of democratic process.

... (*Interruptions*) I am not saying anything undemocratic. ...

(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Galla, now conclude.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): It was done in most undemocratic manner. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Rakesh Singh.

... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Galla, complete your speech. I have taken the name of Shri Rakesh Singh.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): These decisions were not taken in a hurry. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Jayadev Galla, conclude now by thanking the Chair.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): The 14th Finance Commission is taken as a shield for not giving SCS. The GST is taken as a shield for not giving industrial incentives. Paltry funding will take 20 to 30 years for completing the institutions. The Modi regime has been saying that they are still evaluating the railway zone, studying feasibility of the Integrated Steel Plant at Kadapa, apart from other issues.

While we were protesting against the Government to deliver their promises, the BJP has been delaying, misleading, and colluding with our rival parties in Andhra Pradesh and it has encouraged them to attack the TDP. While the TDP MPs are on the watch list, the

YSRCP MPs are on the guest list of the ... *(Not recorded)*...

(Interruptions)

HON. SPEAKER: You have completed. I have taken the name of Shri Rakesh Singh.

... *(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Galla, you will speak only one sentence and conclude. Only say 'thank you chair and I am concluding'.

... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, give me just one minute. ... *(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: No, conclude within half a minute.

... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam, 'from the State of AP', we have become the 'residuary State of AP'. We are not asking to turn the clock back. We are only asking you to do justice to Andhra Pradesh.

In conclusion, I would like to say that it is quite relevant and necessary to quote what Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel said: He said: "It will be a folly to ignore realities; facts take their revenge if they are not faced squarely and well."

This quote exactly suits Andhra Pradesh. And I am sure the Prime Minister, the President of the BJP and the Finance Minister will realise that it will be folly to ignore realities because facts and truth will take their revenge.

Hence, I demand from the Prime Minister to at least give a hand-holding to structurally defective State of Andhra Pradesh by conferring Special Category Status. ... (*Interruptions*)

(ends)

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Galla ji.

Shri Jithender Reddy, I will look at the records.

... (*Interruptions*)