

People's Budget Initiative

NATIONAL CONVENTION ON UNION BUDGET 2015-16

8th and 9th of January 2015

Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre (IIC), Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Agenda

8th January 2015 (Thursday)			
9.00 am - 9.20 am	Registration		
9.20 am - 9.30 am	Welcome and Introduction Subrat Das (Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, Delhi)		
9.30 am - 10.45 am	Budgetary Policies, Institutions and Processes: Continuity and Change Abhijit Sen (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi) Anuradha Balaram (Kerala State Planning Board) Chaired by: Vinod Vyasulu (Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Karnataka)		
10.45 am -11.00 am	<i>Tea</i>		
	Breakout Sessions on Expectations from the Union Budget 2015-16		
11.00 am - 12.00 pm	Education A. K. Singh (Right to Education Forum, Jharkhand) Siba Shankar Mohanty (Doon University, Dehradun) Chaired by: Praveen Jha (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)	Drinking Water and Sanitation Hilda Grace (Centre for Rural Studies and Development, Andhra Pradesh) Mamata Dash (WaterAid India) Chaired by: Joe Madiath (Gram Vikas, Odisha)	Climate Change Aditi Kapoor (Alternative Futures, Delhi) Arjuna Srinidhi (Centre for Science and Environment, Delhi) Chaired by: D. Raghunandan (Delhi Science Forum)
12.00 pm - 1.00 pm	Health Abhay Shukla (SATHI, Maharashtra) Pallavi K. Mali (Sanket, Madhya Pradesh) Chaired by: Ravi Duggal (International Budget Partnership)	Agriculture and Food Security Bhabani P. Mohapatra (Centre for Youth and Social Development, Odisha) Sachin Jain (Vikas Samvad, Madhya Pradesh) Chaired by: A. Ravindra (Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture Network)	Urban Poor Roshni Nuggehalli (YUVA, Maharashtra) Soumya Saxena (National Centre for Advocacy Studies, Maharashtra) Chaired by: John Samuel (Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance, Kerala)

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1.00 pm - 2.00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>		
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm	<p>Rural Development Joy Elamon (Intercooperation India) Nesar Ahmad (Budget Analysis Rajasthan Centre, Rajasthan) Chaired by: Yogesh Kumar (Samarthan, Madhya Pradesh)</p>	<p>Muslims Harsh Mander (Centre for Equity Studies, Delhi) Mazher Hussain (Confederation of Voluntary Associations, Telengana) Chaired by: Razia Patel (Indian Institute of Education, Pune)</p>	<p>Persons with Disabilities Kasturi Mohapatra (State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Odisha) Meenakshi Balasubramanian (EQUALS, Tamil Nadu) Chaired by: Pratap K. Rath (Open Learning Systems, Odisha)</p>
3.00 pm - 4.00 pm	<p>Adivasis Mahender Jethmalani (Pathey, Gujarat) Smita Gupta (Adivasi Adhikar Rashtriya Manch) Chaired by: Ramesh Sharma (Ekta Parishad)</p>	<p>Dalits John Kumar (Social Watch – Tamil Nadu) Saumya Shrivastava (Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, Delhi) Chaired by: Beena Pallical (National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights)</p>	<p>Unorganised Workers Amitabh Mishra (Grameen Development Services, Uttar Pradesh) Nilachala Acharya (Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, Delhi) Chaired by: Umi Daniel (Aide-et-Action)</p>
4.00 pm - 4.15 pm	<i>Tea</i>		
4.15 pm - 5.15 pm	<p>Women Dharmistha Chauhan (North East Network) Monisha Behal (North East Network) Chaired by: Ritu Dewan (Indian Association of Women's Studies and Centre for Development Research and Action, Maharashtra)</p>	<p>Children Kumar Shailabh (HAQ: Centre for Child Rights, Delhi) R. Venkat Reddy (MV Foundation, Telengana) Chaired by: Razia Ismail (India Alliance for Child Rights)</p>	<p>Budget Transparency Ravi Duggal (International Budget Partnership) Subrat Das (Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, Delhi) Chaired by: Madhukar (Senior Journalist, Jharkhand)</p>

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9th January 2015 (Friday)	
9.00 am - 11.00 am	<p>Plenary Session on Expectations from the Union Budget 2015-16 <i>(Reporting back from the Breakout Sessions on the previous day)</i></p> <p>Moderated by: Subrat Das (Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, Delhi)</p>
11.00 am - 11.15 am	Tea
11.15 am - 12.45 pm	<p>What's Working Well in Public Provisioning, Where and Why? Asadullah (Educational Consultants India Limited, Delhi) Joe Madiath (Gram Vikas, Odisha) Reetika Khera (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi) Ravi Duggal (International Budget Partnership)</p> <p>Chaired by: Tejinder Sandhu (UNICEF India)</p>
12.45 pm - 1.45 pm	Lunch
1.45 pm - 3.15 pm	<p>Taxation Policies: Who funds our government? K. S. Chalapati Rao (Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, Delhi) Ritu Dewan (Indian Association of Women's Studies and Centre for Development Research and Action, Maharashtra) Vinod Vyasulu (Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Karnataka)</p> <p>Chaired by: Praveen Jha (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)</p>
3.15 pm - 4.30 pm	<p>Black Money: Looking beyond the obvious G. C. Srivastava (Formerly with Central Board of Direct Taxes, Govt. of India) Pooja Rangaprasad (Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, Delhi) Rajeev Malhotra (Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University)</p> <p>Chaired by: D. Narasimha Reddy (Institute for Human Development, Delhi)</p>
4.30 pm - 5.15 pm	<p>Translating the Asks into Action: Open Discussion</p> <p>Moderated by: Amitabh Behar (National Foundation for India, Delhi)</p>