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# BUDGET SPEECH 2022

Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I rise to present the budget for the year 2022-23.

2. It is a great privilege and honour for me to present the first budget of this Government. I, on behalf of our Government, express our deepest gratitude to the people of the State for the mandate given to us in the recently concluded Assembly Election. We are humbled by the love and support given to us by the people of the State.

3. I assure the people of the State that the trust they have shown in us will not be wasted. Our Government will work tirelessly and selflessly for the people of the State to achieve an inclusive, peaceful and prosperous Manipur. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister has been an endless source of inspiration to us. His dedication and selfless service to the nation is what we aspire to, as our Government continues its journey in the service of Manipur.

4. Speaker Sir, as you know, there has been little time to prepare the budget as this new Government took oath on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022. We are, therefore, presenting only a Vote on account for the Budget Estimates 2022-23 to enable the Government to discharge its responsibilities and meet all essential expenditure during the first four months of the financial year 2022-23. We propose to present a full budget at a later date. This full budget will reflect the priorities of our Government and will show the people of the State our intention to fulfill the commitment we have made to them.

## Section I

### State of the Economy

5. Mr. Speaker Sir, at the outset, I wish to place before this August House important aspects of the state of the economy.

6. Sir, the last two financial years of the previous BJP-led Government was faced with the massive challenge in the form of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Pandemic had affected nations across the world, including the economies of almost all first world countries. Manipur was not immune to from the impacts of the Pandemic. However, with the support of the people and a strong and dedicated Government, we won the battle against the Pandemic. In spite of the challenges faced in terms of resources, the previous Government could fulfill all its commitments, including funding the needs of the Health sector to meet COVID-19 challenges, payment of salaries and pensions, developmental funding etc. I believe that this was one of the biggest achievements which we won the trust of the people of the State.

7. Although challenges still remain due to the impact of the Pandemic and other international events, we cannot ignore the fact that there is a clear recovery. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for 2021-22 is estimated at **Rs. 37,760 crores** at current prices. In the next financial year 2022-23, we estimate GSDP at the current prices to reach the level of **Rs. 42,301 crores**. We are confident that the growth of the economy will continue and we will take all necessary steps, in coordination with the Government of India, to ensure that economic growth is not affected.

8. Sir, it has been repeatedly mentioned that Manipur depends heavily on the Central Government for its financial resources. I express my

deepest gratitude to the Government of India, under the able leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, for the continuous support given to the State in this regard. But it is my sincerest belief that we have the capability to generate more resources than the current trend. The previous BJP-led Government had taken various steps in this regard. We will be taking them forward and also introduce additional steps to increase our own revenue collection. I request the support of all the members of this august house and the people of the State as we take this important endeavour.

9. We will be addressing such major issues when we present the full budget.

### **Priorities of the New Government**

10. Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity to mention some of the priorities of our Government.

11. Sir, entrepreneurship and start-ups are essential to the economic growth of the State. These are important for wealth creation and employment generation. We will be enhancing support to start-ups while at the same time creating the right environment for such entrepreneurship and start-ups to thrive.

12. The COVID-19 pandemic had a profound impact on the employment scenario. It showed us that it is necessary not only to have skilled personnel but to also increase the employment opportunities within the State. We will be focusing on this area during our present term.

13. Speaker Sir, the COVID-19 Pandemic highlighted the need to have a robust public healthcare system. We had made huge investments in the healthcare sector in our previous term, which helped us to effectively manage the Pandemic. We plan to start the first session of the

Churachandpur Medical College within this calendar year, which had been delayed due to the pandemic. We also plan to invest more in the healthcare sector to improve the quality of services.

14. The skill requirements of the labour market is changing rapidly and our talented youth need to constantly upgrade their skills and also learn new ones. We have taken up various initiatives in this area in our previous term and we are taking it one step further, to consolidate the gains and provide a focused push. We will be establishing a 'Manipur Skill Development Institute' and later a 'Manipur Skill Development University'.

15. In the previous term of our Government, we developed eco-tourism sites, as well as planned for major projects in this sector. We will be taking these forward, as tourism, especially eco-tourism has the greatest potential for providing employment and driving economic growth.

16. We have been focusing on connectivity in our previous Government. We are taking this forward and to the next level. With the support of the Central Government multiple projects are being taken up.. The railway line is targeted to reach Imphal by 2023. This will be a huge boon to the State. In the road sector the Imphal Ring Road, Imphal Elevated Highway, Imphal – Tamenglong – Halflong road, 4-laning of Imphal – Mao National Highway etc. are some of the main projects. Helicopter services will also be starting shortly from additional sites in the State. One project that has the potential to change the landscape of Imphal City is the project of bringing concrete road and pavements to the roads within the city. We are planning to take this up as an externally aided project.

17. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister, with the vision to provide piped drinking water to every household in this country had launched the Jal Jeevan

Mission. This mission along with the New Development Bank funded 'Manipur Water Supply Project' will fulfill this vision and we are targeting to achieve 100% coverage by the end of 2022.

18. We had launched the 'School Fagathansi Mission' in our previous term. This mission has brought about a major positive changes in the public education system. We will continue this mission in this term as well. We will also be focusing on improving the quality of our education by focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), improving the critical thinking of our students, introducing 'coding' from a young age etc. This will ensure that our students are ready for this 'Information Technology' age.

19. The talent of our sportspersons and the laurels they bring to the State, is something that I am always proud of. We will be focusing on setting up state-of-the-art training facilities for our sportspersons and also providing necessary support to help them achieve their dream of competing in and winning medals in national and international events.

20. Maintaining proper land records and an effective land revenue system is an important criteria in promoting investment. We also need to unlock the economic potential of our 'land resource'. This Government will be looking into this area, as effective reforms and actions in this area is critical for the economic development of the State.

21. This Government believes that while development is important for the State, it is equally important to provide support to those who need it the most. We had introduced a number of welfare measures for the people of the State in our previous term and these welfare schemes were a major success. Some of these schemes included the Chief Ministergi Hakshelgi

Tengbang, Chief Ministergi Shotharabashinggi Tenbang, Chief Ministergi Artistesinggi Tenbang, Chief Minister's Widow pension scheme, COVID affected livelihood support scheme etc. We will continue to provide support for these schemes and also enhance the support to certain initiatives. Some of these include enhancing the health insurance under CMHT to Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year from the present support of Rs. 2 lakhs, enhancement of the monthly pension to senior citizens from Rs. 200 to Rs. 1000 etc.

22. 'Ease-of-living' is a priority of this Government. By providing services and facilities to the public, such as smooth traffic, open spaces, recreational facilities etc. we aim to improve the lives of the citizens of this State.

23. Provision of quality public services is an important responsibility of any Government. We aim to improve services provided to the people by the Government and its agencies, by additional budgetary support as well as leveraging Information Technology.

24. Speaker Sir, it is my utmost belief that public leaders and public servants must set the example for the people of the State. This Government will be focusing on reducing wastage of public money and rationalization of expenditure, so that available resources are spent on development of the State and the prosperity of its people.

25. We will be focusing on all-round and inclusive development, ensuring that development reaches each and every part of the State and every section of society. This will require a coordinated strategy and result-oriented action, of not only the Government machinery but also civil



society and the public in general. We request the support of all the people of Manipur in this regard.

26. There may be sections of society who hesitate in extending support to our developmental efforts. However, this Government believes in dialogue to sort out any differences., We will engage these sections of our society and try to convince them on the merits our developmental efforts.

Speaker Sir, I would now like to highlight important points regarding the Revised Estimates 2021-22 and the Budget Estimates 2022-23.

## Section II

### Revised Estimate 2021-21 & Budget Estimate 2021-22

#### Revised Estimates 2020-21

27. In the Budget Estimate for 2021-22, total expenditure estimated was **Rs. 28824 crores**. The total expenditure during RE 2021-22 has been revised to **Rs. 32548 crores**.

28. Revenue receipts and capital receipts were estimated at **Rs. 21520 crores** and **Rs. 4503 crores** respectively in Budget estimates 2021-22. This has now been revised to **Rs. 21197 crores** and **Rs. 8928 crores** in RE 2021-22 respectively. The Capital outlay has been increased significantly from the budget estimates of **Rs. 5526 crores** to **Rs. 7797 crores** in the revised estimates. All overall receipts and expenditure figures are inclusive of Ways and Means Advances and Repayments.

29. Taking into account all receipts and expenditures, the current year is expected to have a budgetary deficit of **Rs. 2422 crores** in RE 2021-22 as against the deficit of **Rs. 2800 crores** in BE 2021-22. The fiscal

deficit for 2021-22 (RE) is projected at **Rs. 3761 crores**, which is **9.96 %** of GSDP.

### **Budget Estimate 2022-23**

30. Sir, let me turn to the Budget Estimates for the year 2022-23. As I had mentioned earlier, we are presenting a Vote on Account for 2022-23 due to the paucity of time for preparing a detailed budget which will reflect the programmes and policies of this new Government. Therefore, this budget is tentative in nature and its content and size may undergo major changes when the full budget is presented.

31. The total receipts are estimated at **Rs. 32,801 crores**. The revenue receipts are estimated at **Rs. 23849 crores** and capital receipts at **Rs. 8952 crores**. Total estimates of State's own tax and non-tax receipts in the BE 2022-23 are **Rs. 2400 crores** and **Rs. 400 crores** respectively. Receipt from the State's share in Central Taxes & Duties is estimated at **Rs. 5847 crores**.

32. For the year 2022-23, I am proposing a total expenditure of **Rs. 34284 crores** out of the Consolidated Fund of the State. Sir, total Revenue Expenditure is estimated at **Rs. 17819 crores**. Capital outlay is estimated at **Rs. 8930 crores**.

33. Sir, at the end, let me sum up by highlighting the likely fiscal position during the next year. Fiscal deficit is estimated at **Rs. 2701 crores**. This is **6.38 %** of the GSDP. During 2022-23, the total outstanding debt as a % of GSDP is projected at **37.21 %** against revised estimates figure of 2021-22 at 38.46 %.

### **Concluding remarks**

34. Sir, the presentation of the budget must also change with the changing times. From this year we will start presenting the budget as an 'e-budget' whereby all budget documents will be made available in an electronic format. This is in keeping with the present trend across the country and will result in time and cost savings.

35. With this, Mr. Speaker Sir, I present the Revised Estimates for 2021-22 and the Budget Estimates (Vote on Account) for 2022-23, with the hope that the same will receive the approval of this august house.