

**SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (RAILWAYS), 1975-76**

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI):** I beg to present a statement showing Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of Budget (Railways) for 1975-76.

12.05 hrs.

**TAMIL NADU BUDGET, 1976-77**

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM):** I beg to present a statement of estimated receipts and expenditure of the State of Tamil Nadu for the year 1976-77.

**MR. SPEAKER:** It is a long statement, you can lay it on the Table of the House.

**SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:** I will read only a few paragraphs with your permission.

The House is aware of the context in which Presidential rule was imposed in Tamil Nadu on 31st January, 1976. In the short time available since then, we have made an intensive review of the needs of the State and the priorities of development. Although Tamil Nadu had occupied an eminent position in the all-India picture in the First, Second and Third Plan periods, there has been a slackening in developmental outlays as well as a deviation from priorities in the last few years. In this context, the primary task is to ensure that there is a significant step up in the Plan outlay for 1976-77 so that Tamil Nadu can be helped to rejoin the mainstream of national development. In increasing the Plan outlay, we have to ensure that additional emphasis is given to the core sectors such as agriculture, irrigation, power, industry and transport. Adequate provisions will also be necessary for social services. The increase in Plan outlay

will have to be based on the availability and mobilisation of genuine resources. These are the main objectives which this Budget seeks to promote.

In earlier discussions with the previous Government, an outlay of Rs. 177 crores had been approved for the State's Plan in 1976-77. In the intensive review which I had referred to earlier we felt that it was both necessary and feasible to increase the outlay to Rs. 201 crores with a more disciplined and careful husbanding of resources. The increase of Rs. 24 crores will be mainly in Agriculture and Irrigation (Rs. 6.77 crores), Power (Rs. 5 crores), Industry (Rs. 1.05 crores), Drinking Water Supply (Rs. 2.14 crores), Slum clearance (Rs. 1.14 crores) and Welfare of Harijans and Backward Classes (Rs. 1.44 crores). The Plan outlay of Rs. 201 crores will represent a significant increase of 40 per cent over the approved Plan outlay of Rs. 143 crores for the current year. Rs. 111 crores in the Plan outlay or 56 per cent will be on schemes connected with the 20-point programme. The Power sector will once again be given pride of place in the Annual Plan with the outlay on Power being increased to Rs. 70.12 crores in 1976-77 as against Rs. 41 crores in the current year.

It is a matter of personal satisfaction to me that the State's Plan is crossing the Rs. 200 crore mark when I am presenting the Tamil Nadu Budget after an interval of 14 years...

**AN HON. MEMBER:** That too at Delhi and not at Madras.

**SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:** That is due to their misfeasance.

I have every confidence that Tamil Nadu which has lagged behind can once again be brought forward to the forefront in achieving the national objectives of the 20-point economic programme. If I may say so, with