

## REPORT CARD TO THE PEOPLE OF KARNATAKA

Budget Session of Parliament 07<sup>th</sup> July 2014 To 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
From

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Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

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BUDGET SESSION : 2014 JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> TO AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>



MY ATTENDANCE  
IN PARLIAMENT

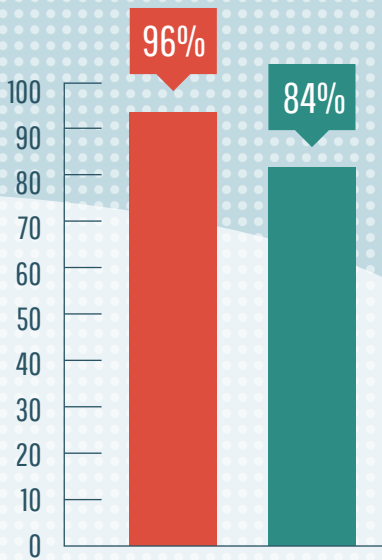
96%



NATIONAL  
AVERAGE

84%

27 DAYS OF SESSION, I WAS PRESENT FOR 26 DAYS



## PARLIAMENT QUESTIONS



42

BY ME



NATIONAL  
AVERAGE

21

20

GOVERNANCE

47.6%

7

NATIONAL SECURITY & ARMED FORCES

16.7%

7

KARNATAKA/BANGALORE

16.7%

6

ECONOMY

14.3%

2

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

4.7%

## SPEECHES DELIVERED



9



6

DEBATES/DISCUSSIONS

4

ZERO HOUR MENTIONS

1

CALLING ATTENTIONS

1

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

1

SPECIAL MENTIONS

2

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BUDGET SESSION

### CHAMPIONING THE CAUSES OF BANGALORE AND KARNATAKA



#### ENSURING A NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR VISL AND ITS EMPLOYEES

2014, July 23

The ailing Vishveshwaraya Iron and Steel Plant in Karnataka is set to receive a fresh lease of life, as the Government of India has allotted 140 Ha iron ore mining area in the NEB range of Bellary District for its use. Based on a question raised in the Rajya Sabha on details of iron ore reserves available to VISL and protecting the interests of VISL employees, the Minister stated that these reserves had been allotted through a re-survey. The Minister also assured the interests of VISL employees would be taken care of, in case of formation of a Joint Venture company.



#### ENSURING THE PRESERVATION OF CLASSICAL KANNADA

2014, July 14

To ensure the preservation of Karnataka's rich literary heritage, followed up on the issue of the Government of Karnataka's proposal to shift the Centre of Excellency for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) from Mysore to Bangalore.

The Minister assured that the Government of Karnataka has already identified 3.00 acres of land in the Bangalore University Campus and that the Government is willing to make this land available free of cost. Assurance was also given that the research and documentation of six near-extinct mother tongues/languages of Karnataka namely, **Asalaru, Siddi, Iruliga, Malaikudiya, Maratta & Tokri Koli** has been conducted in partnership with Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) Mysore.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BUDGET SESSION

### WOMEN AND CHILD SAFETY



#### AMENDING THE POCSO ACT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN

2014, July 23

Deeply disturbed by the increasing atrocities against children in Bangalore and across the country, was the First Member of Parliament to raise the issue of the brutal sexual assault of children in Parliament.

During a Zero Hour Mention, raised the issue of rising instances of horrific crimes against children & stressed the need for Government, police and the judiciary to adopt a zero tolerance approach to paedophiles and crimes against children. Also stressed on the need for amendments to Protection Of Children Against Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act) to ensure responsibility of schools towards child safety. Our concerted efforts was widely appreciated by media, NGOs and citizens alike for taking up on behalf of such a sensitive issue ignored by other MPs so far.



#### DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

2014, July 31

During a discussion in Parliament on functioning of Women & Child Development Ministry, urged for a combined effort of legislation, enforcement & advocacy in order to address the rising crimes against children in the country. In the speech, stressed on the fact that Fast Track Courts were not set up despite mandated under POCSO Act, hence Law & Child Safety should be the priority for the next five years for the Ministry of Women & Child Development. Also suggested to the Ministry to develop bifurcated, exclusive plans each on women's and child welfare and safety while also urged that the sensitization and advocacy efforts in society be scaled up in order to address the issue of Child Safety.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BUDGET SESSION

### GOVERNANCE REFORMS

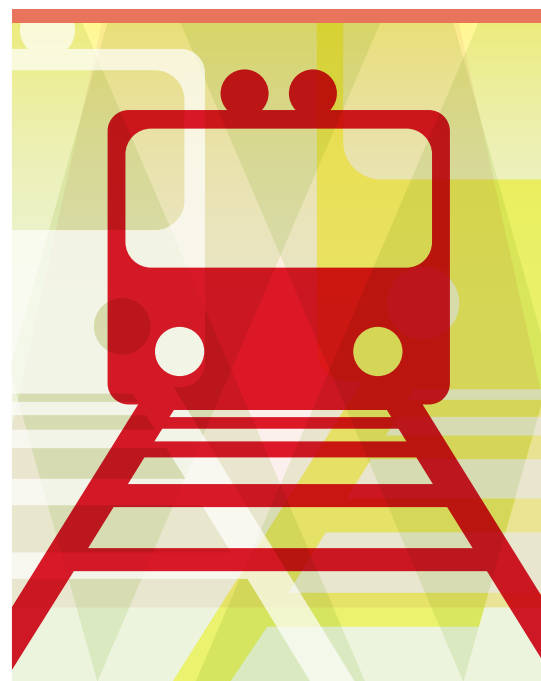


#### BOTTLENECKS IN PROGRESS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

2014, Aug 07

Raised serious concerns over the delay in implementation of various projects in the country that have resulted in cost over-runs to the tune of one lakh crore.

Through Zero Hour Mention, stressed that over 42% of projects have been delayed, which highlights a problem in our system of governance? Have also pressed for the government to take immediate action and ensure faster implementation of long pending projects, by including the introduction of efficient institutionalized processes, addressing systemic bottlenecks and building capability across industries. Media widely appreciated raising the pertinent question.



#### SUGGESTIONS TO MODERNIZE AND TRANSFORM THE INDIAN RAILWAYS: DISCUSSION ON THE RAIL BUDGET

2014, July 22

In a discussion on the Railway Budget, while stressing on the need to modernize and restore the vitality of the Indian Railways through structural reform, suggested splitting the Railways into three entities- Passenger, Freight and Rail Network Infrastructure, to ensure more focussed action and increased investments, drawing parallels from the aviation sector. Also suggested a Fiscal Responsibility charter that prevents future Ministers and bureaucrats from making arbitrary decisions and prohibits announcement of any new project until its financial viability and financing is secured. To spearhead the IT initiatives, suggested that the Railways should also appoint a Chief Technology Officer.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BUDGET SESSION

### NATIONAL SECURITY AND WELFARE OF OUR ARMED FORCES



#### SETTING UP OF THE VETERANS COMMISSION

2014, July 08

Raised the issue of the need for a Armed Forces Veterans Commission to deal with the long pending concerns and demands of India's armed forces veterans with a question to the Defence Minister. In reply, the Defence Minister assured that a Veterans Commission would be set up. In response, wrote to the Minister with suggestions to make the Veterans Commission more effective- suggesting that the Commission should be a statutory body comprising of veterans of repute, accorded the powers to deal with and resolve all issues of the ex-servicemen community.



#### SETTING UP SEPARATE TRIBUNALS FOR PARAMILITARY FORCES

2014, Aug 13

Questioned the Government on the lack of adequate grievance redressal mechanisms available to the paramilitary forces in the country and sought the Government's view on setting up special paramilitary tribunals in line with administrative tribunals.

The Minister in his reply, assured that owing to the large number of litigations, the Home Ministry has taken up a proposal to ensure the Central Administrative Tribunal could now hear cases concerning the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), which were up until now, not under its purview.



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BUDGET SESSION

## ECONOMY



### REBUILDING THE ECONOMY: DISCUSSION ON THE UNION BUDGET

2014 July 08, 22, 24

During the discussion on the Union Budget Rajeev highlighted two critical issues that can help rebuild the Indian Economy – the need for public investments & the role of private capital/ Entrepreneurship. In his speech, Rajeev drew the attention of the Finance Minister to the mismanagement of PSEs & urged the Government to develop a new paradigm for how PSEs are managed & how public money invested in these them. He also highlighted the sharp rise in NPAs of PSU banks, wherein 10 industrial groups account for about 98% of NPAs of India’s banking system, and urged that re-capitalization of these banks must be accompanied with significant restructuring and reorganizing of these banks

# FEEDBACK AND RESPONSES

Thank you very much for your sincere efforts to the welfare of Veterans.

**SURESH BABU**

Great sir we are proud of you. We need a great politician like you from Bangalore to address or greivences

**KRISHNA PRASAD JP**

Good job. Thank you sir. As an MP you have done your duty.

**K R NAIR**

Sir you have done a great and appreciate job.

**SAMARENDRA BISWAL**

RC sir, I feel u r the one man army struggling to WIN! The battle to transform INDIA! It will happen. V the youth r with u!

**APARNA PAVATE**

Sir really admire u for putting up relevant questions which r real challenge towards the betterment of our country.

**SUNNY BAGGA**

Thank You, Shree Rajeev Chandrasekharji, for doing so much for the Armed Forces and the Veterans. I as a Veteran request you, to help out in nudging the OROP forward, as it seems to have got stuck somewhere in between the MOD and the CGDA. I am sure you will be able to help in ensuring that the OROP finally gets implemented and soon, by using your good offices with the PM and the RM. You were in the forefront of getting the parliamentary committee to recommend the OROP....Will be very grateful..Sir...

**SUNDER RAJAN**

We appreciate the fact that you have used your good office in doing the needful of the school rape.

**RAVI KHANOLKAR**

Sir I fully respect the great job you are doing

**NAGARAJAN J UDUPA**

I really appreciate the efforts you are making to make this country a better and safer place. Please make the concerned people also attentinve to the sexual assaults against women and not just children. I would say not just attentive but the criminals shd be given such a punishment that nobody would dare to think about such kind of heinous acts.

**PREETI KHADILKAR**

On behalf of all the citizens of Chitradurga, I'm saluting & respect sir

**MUKUND RAJ M N**

Good to have you there RC...

**RK MISRA**

Yes sir..u have asked very relevant question. and another problem is the way of response. Oftenly we observed that the person who is responsible for this job is not well trained. And another one is time gap between action taken.

**ABHISHEK PRAKASH**

## EXCERPTS FROM SPEECHES

01

### Discussion On The Working of The Ministry of Women and Child Development

2014, August 13

I would like to suggest a bifurcation within the Ministry, of Child Safety and Women's safety and welfare. ..While the case may not exist for a separate Child Welfare Ministry, it is clearly not the case that children's' safety and women's safety are linked. They are two very different issues - Child abuse and assault occur at homes and schools, and women's safety issues are in the external world. There are over 400 million children in India, which constitutes approximately 30% of the population. Children have specialized social, psychological and health needs - and these cannot be subsumed into a mandate for a group of people - women - who have equally complex needs. The focus on these two separate issues needs to be driven by either departments or institutions like National Commission for Women (NCW) and NCPCR that have to date not covered themselves with glory.

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### Discussion On The Working of The Ministry of Women and Child Development

2014, August 13

“ Sir, as a nation, we have let down our children on this issue of safety and are continuing to let them down. Let the Hon'ble Minister change this permanently by making Child safety the focus of the Ministry for next five years - to tackle this shameful scourge head-on, with a combined effort of legislation, enforcement and advocacy. “

02

03

### Short Duration Discussion on the Amendment of the POCSO Act

2014, August 13

“ Children are the most vulnerable members of our society. It is the duty and obligation of society to care and nurture them. Sexual offences and crimes against children are the worst and most horrific forms of cruelty, especially when perpetrated by adults, because it violates basic trust and humanity. Crimes committed at school are even worse because it violates the trust that the parents and children repose on the school and teachers “



## EXCERPTS FROM SPEECHES

04

### Zero Hour Mention on Bottlenecks in Progress of Various Projects Across Country

2014, August 7

“ ... Government revealed that the number of projects delayed as of February 2012 was 233 out of 555, or nearly 42 per cent of the total projects. This highlights a major problem of governance within our system. In my home State of Karnataka alone, Sir, there are railway projects that have had cost overruns of almost 900 per cent, and are in no sight of being commissioned any time soon. The problem extends beyond the railway sector. Nearly 60 per cent of the projects in the petroleum sector, for instance, are delayed. “

05

### Speech during the debate on the Union Budget

2014, July 24

“ The Banking sector in India, has begun to resemble something from Alice in Wonderland with the banks in particular looking like Piggy Banks for the rich and powerful. The sharp rise in NPAs and fall in their profitability has not been challenged or questioned enough. The NPAs have gone up alarmingly in the last 2-3 years and there is a direct loss in value of public equity of these Banks. The move to capitalize the PSBs with Rs.2.4 lakh crores is a significant investment of public money. This capitalization must be accompanied with significant restructuring and reorganizing of these banks and how they are managed, especially in areas of risk and credit assessment. “



06

### Speech during the debate on the Union Budget

“ The phenomenon of big businessmen glibly escaping the responsibility of repaying personally guaranteed loans while banks pounce on small and middle income families and SMEs defaulting on home, car, 2-wheeler, farming education loans and other loans - exposes the double standards in Public Sector Banking. This is neither tenable nor acceptable, and constitutes a moral hazard of the worst kind, made even worse when some of these businessmen are in Parliament. The Public Sector Banking system needs reforms. “



### Discussion on Price Rise and Inflation

“ The problems for this trend of price rise are the structural issues with our economy that have been created over these 4-5 years. The economy has become stuck in a low growth and high inflation mode for several years now causing many connected problems. Most of the reasons for this situation can be attributed to the out-of-control profligacy that has been unmatched in its size and scope. “

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HON'BLE M.P. SIR,

With due regards and greeting, We salute you for raising and taken up the plights of the parents of the PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHCOLS around the country.

As is evident from the name of our TRUST, we are deeply involved and dedicate to the humanities. We are usually raise up the matter of human right's violance with the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, and we are feeling pleasure to inform you that in around 10 cases enquiries have been set up by the N.H.R.C. which were lodged by our trust to the N.H.R.C.

Our Trust is with you in pious fight which you have just started.

We have come to know about your fight through your Interview published in local Hindi Newspaper, namely AMAR UJALA, MEERUT DATED 26/07/2014 on page 10, we are enclosing herewith photocopy of yours' interview.

We appreciate your efforts and extent you our moral support and blessing.

May God success you in your efforts and help you and Bless you.

With kind regards.

Encl: As above.

YOURS' FAITHFULLY,

  
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