Demands For Supplementary Grants, (2025-26)?Second Batch-Contd.

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THE MINISTER OF FINANCE; AND MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): Thank you very much, Sir. We have had discussions on the Supplementary Demands for Grants, and about 33 hon. Members have spoken on the subject.? (*Interruptions*)

With all humility, I would like to admit that most of the Members seem to have spoken largely on the General Budget, on which I have already given my reply earlier, but certainly a few Members have spoken on specific issues related to the Supplementary Demands for Grants. So, initially, I will speak a few words about what exactly is in the Supplementary Demands for Grants, and then respond to each one of the Members who have raised the issues.? (*Interruptions*)

Sir, as far as Supplementary Demands for Grants are concerned, first of all, let me explain that within a year, up to three Supplementary Demands for Grants have been placed on the Table of this House for decades.? (*Interruptions*) But, I would like to say, under Prime Minister Modi's guidance, we have brought it down to the bare minimum ? one or two and not beyond two. So, going not beyond two is a self-imposed kind of restriction, we do not have habit of bringing in more and more amendments and seeking Parliament's approval. We have made sure that we will minimise it to two.? (*Interruptions*) But, not doing even two or one would mean that we are inflexible. It would also mean that when States are asking for something or when Departments are asking for something, which is so essential for them to function, it will look very uncaring and irresponsive on the part of the Government to not consider it.? (*Interruptions*) Therefore, I think, Supplementary Demands for Grants, which are, as per the original Constitution-makers, a very useful instrument, we will have to use them wherever it is necessary. But, bringing that Supplementary Demands for Grants should not be looked at as if some wrong assessments have been made originally at the Budget Estimate time, and therefore we have brought this.? (*Interruptions*) So, it is done with a lot more open-mindedness and also flexibility, which can be offered to the departments, and in that order, this time, we have placed the Second Batch of Supplementary Demands for

Grants. ? (*Interruptions*)

Sir, I seek the approval of the Parliament for expenditure requirements related to 61 grants. ? (*Interruptions*) This involves gross expenditure of about Rs. 2.81 lakh crore through cash or technical or token supplementaries. The present proposal also includes an amount of Rs. 902 crore, that is being provided for recouping advances of an equivalent amount from the Contingency Fund of India. ? (Interruptions) So, Rs. 2.01 lakh crore is the cash supplementary, which is being taken under 18 grants, while Rs. 0.80 lakh crore is the technical supplementary that is being sought for 32 grants, and 59 token supplementary items are being sought from 43 grants. I would like to say upfront that 18, 32 and 43 may not add up to 61 as I originally said that 61 grants are being placed here. ? (Interruptions) It is because some of them repeat or overlap. So, the numbers may not add up. With respect, I would want Members to be taking this fact into cognisance. ? (Interruptions)

Now, first of all, I also would want to give that point as a reiteration. I wish to reiterate that with all this extra technical supplementary and cash supplementary that we are coming up with, I do not want any Member of Parliament to wonder if I will be able to reach the fiscal deficit number that I have set during placing of the Budget here. ? (Interruptions) The Budget for 2026-2027 certainly states what the Budget fiscal deficit for the year ending 31st March, 2026 is going to be, and the rest is going to be for the rest. So, we are not going to, in any way, not fulfil the word given in the Budget. ? (Interruptions) So, I wish to reiterate that the commitment given in this House, inclusive of the second Supplementary Demands for Grants, will remain within the fiscal deficit target that was presented in this Parliament on 1st February 2026. ? (Interruptions)

Sir, it is also important for us to recognise that we ha announced Rs. 57,381.84 crore for Economic Stabilisation Fund. ? (Interruptions) I would want to elaborate this a bit because Rs. 57,381 crore is a fairly big amount, and therefore, I want to explain as to why I have brought that in. The fiscal reforms, particularly the policy initiatives that have been undertaken post COVID-19, made sure that the economy recovered well. ? (Interruptions) We have strengthened the overall macroeconomic framework. Now, this has enabled us to absorb the economic shocks of various nature without deviating from the fiscal consolidation roadmap. ? (Interruptions) But I want to highlight the point that the proposed Economic Stabilisation Fund will provide fiscal headroom to allow India to respond to the global headwinds, such as the recent crisis, unanticipated supply chain disruptions,

unexpected shocks to sub-sectors in Indian economy and any other event that may have significant fiscal implications. ? (Interruptions) So, in anticipation of what cannot be anticipated, we are coming up with Economic Stabilisation Fund. ? (Interruptions)

Sir, it is an irony that even when I am talking about how the Government is preparing ourselves to face any unexpected events, inclusive of supply chain disruption, inclusive of LPG, they are not willing to hear the reply. ? (Interruptions) They want to have their own agenda. [redacted] ? ([redacted])

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? (*Interruptions*)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: No, please go back to your seats.

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[redacted] I am glad to say that the current fertiliser stocks for April, 2026 stand at 163 lakh metric tonnes compared to 128.54 lakh metric tonnes. [redacted] 26 per cent higher [redacted] This has been possible only because of the foresightedness of the Government.

In addition, the additional allocation which has been given in the second batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for fertilizers, is to ensure that we have a good Rabi season. ? (*Interruptions*) [redacted] ? ([redacted]) [redacted] ? ([redacted]) [redacted] 2026, [redacted], 2027 [redacted] ? ([redacted])

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I have already mentioned about health services for the ex-servicemen. Even that payment is being made now. Regarding this, I will take a minute to elaborate on what is actually being done to the ECHS. ? (*Interruptions*) [redacted], [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

HON. CHAIRPERSON: You know that you should not go towards the Treasury Benches.

? (*Interruptions*)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Please come this side. No, this is not done.

? (*Interruptions*)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: No, you cannot disrupt.

? (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN: Sir, I am astonished. ? (*Interruptions*) There is a Member standing in the ?well? saying, and he is coming around now, that, ?it is not released?. ? (*Interruptions*) How will I release it without the Parliament passing it? ? (*Interruptions*) Here is a gentleman in the ?well?. ? (*Interruptions*) I am asking you all to pass this so that Rs. 15,000 crore goes for the ex-Servicemen welfare, and here is an hon. Member saying that it is not released. ? (*Interruptions*) Can I release it without the Parliament passing it? ? (*Interruptions*)

Shri N. K. Premachandran ji and other Members have been asking me, ?why you want a Supplementary Demands for Grants? ? (*Interruptions*)

Please tell your hon. Member that I cannot release the ECHS money without you passing it, and you are standing in the ?well?. ? (*Interruptions*) You do not want to pass it, and your own Member is asking, ?why it is not released??. ? (*Interruptions*)

I will go to the next set of issues. ? (*Interruptions*) Shri N. K. Premachandran ji again added up quite a few numbers which are all from the Budget. ? (*Interruptions*) I am not saying that he is wrong. ? (*Interruptions*) He said, ?Rs. 4.13 lakh crore has been there, and you are bringing in Supplementary Demand. How is it??. ? (*Interruptions*) I want to say that out of the total Supplementary Demand, the first and the second both added together, Rs. 4.13 lakh crore, Rs. 1.71 lakh crore is a technical Supplementary, which is within this Section. ? (*Interruptions*)

The hon. Member, Shri N. K. Premachandran ji is aware that technical Supplementary requirements are met mainly by utilising the savings in one Section of the Grant into another Section using additional receipts, recoveries within the same Grant. ? (*Interruptions*) So, I have to do both and then arrive at the number. ? (*Interruptions*)

What is important here is the way in which Shri N. K. Premachandran ji has asked this question. ? (*Interruptions*) It can lead to a lot of people misunderstanding that originally in the BE I gave an amount, but through the Supplementary Demand I am bringing in some amount which is going to be over and above the BE. ? (*Interruptions*) Let me answer Shri N. K. Premachandran ji. ? (*Interruptions*) Whatever is brought in the Supplementary Demands for Grants does not go beyond the BE. ? (*Interruptions*) What I have asked for BE in this House on 1st February, 2025 is what is now being complied with even though through two Supplementary Demands. ? (*Interruptions*) So, that number does not exceed, and I want him to appreciate that fact. ? (*Interruptions*) The RE being lower than the BE of 2025-2026. ? (*Interruptions*) There is no increase in expenditure beyond the BE of 2025-2026 to this Second Supplementary. ? (*Interruptions*)

What are the items on which I am spending? ? (*Interruptions*) Fertilizer subsidy is Rs. 19,000 crore, which was in the First SDG; compensation to the Oil Marketing Companies of Rs. 9,500 crore, again First Supplementary; NHA including Manipur package, which is about Rs. 2,600 crore, again in the First Supplementary; and Ladakh is Rs. 2,500 crore, in the First SDG. ? (*Interruptions*)

MEA got Rs.1,200 crore, again from the first Supplementary Demands for Grants. Higher Education got Rs.1,300 crore, again from the first Supplementary Demand for Grants. Now in the second Supplementary Demand for Grants, Defence spectrum got Rs.36,000 crore; Economic Stabilization Fund got Rs.50,000 crore; food subsidy got Rs.23,000 crore; and Finance Commission grants got about Rs.20,000 crore. None of this put together exceeds the BE amount. So, I am not bringing in new burden other than what was mentioned in the Bill.

Sir, there are other Members who spoke about the global crisis, fertilizer prices, and urea production going down. I want to highlight the fact the urea import is one thing. In our own country, we produce urea. We are ramping up the capacity. We are increasing the capacity of urea even for those plants within the domestic manufacturing. Urea production domestically has increased from 225 lakh metric tonnes in 2014-15 to 306.67 lakh metric tonnes during 2024-25 in 33 units. To boost the domestic urea production, Prime Minister Modi has brought in six new units of fertilizer production which have been set up under the New Investment Policy 2012. Each of these units has an installed capacity of 12.70 lakh metric tonnes per annum. These units have together added urea production capacity to 76.20 lakh metric tonnes. In addition, the New Urea Policy which was announced in 2015 has also led to additional production of urea by 20 to 25 lakh

metric tonnes as compared to the production in 2014-15 annually. Two new plants in Odisha and Assam are under execution which will lead to an increased capacity of 25.40 lakh metric tonnes per annum the moment they are commissioned. Not only are we giving higher price and importing more urea, we are also increasing the capacity for domestic production with existing units and setting up new units also for production.

There were issues about Jal Jeevan Mission and its implementation. In the Budget Estimate 2025-26, we had given Rs.67,000 crore for the Jal Jeevan Mission. In the Budget Estimate of 2025-26 ending March 31st this year, Rs.67,000 crore has been given and spent whereas from 1st April onwards, we are giving Rs.67,670 crore for Jal Jeevan Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission will run till December, 2028. The new allocation of Rs.67,670 crore will be given for States to complete the Jal Jeevan Mission running till 2028. This is a very important number which I want the hon. Members to listen to, and if the Opposition is willing to hear it, the Jal Jeevan Mission, from the time it started and when it ends in 2028, would have received a total of Rs.8.69 lakh crore in which the Central Government?s participation will be Rs.3.59 lakh crore.

Sir, I am not able to see the Hon. Member, Shri Ram Shiromani Verma. He is probably here....(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■...(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■, ■■ ■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■ ...(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■ ■...(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■?...(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■ ...(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■...(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■■■■ 2012 ■■ ■■■■■ 2017 ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■, ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■ ■ ...(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■ ■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■ ■...(■■■■■■■■■■) ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■ ...(■■■■■■■■■■)

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Sir, under Jal Jeevan Mission, in Banswara, 1.47 lakh rural households now have tap water connections, which is ten times more than in 2019. ? (*Interruptions*) [redacted] 2019 [redacted], 10 [redacted] ? ([redacted]) 1.47 [redacted]? ([redacted]) [redacted]? ([redacted]) Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 2.19 lakh houses have been provided. [redacted] 95.4 [redacted]? ([redacted]) Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, more than three lakh household toilets have been built; 847 sanitary complexes have been built. [redacted] 95 [redacted]? ([redacted]) Under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana ??Saubhagya Scheme?, 52,390 households in Banswara district have been electrified. [redacted]? ([redacted])

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HON. CHAIRPERSON: You do not want to go back and take your seat?

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HON. CHAIRPERSON: Please go back to your seat. LPG issue has been answered adequately by hon. Finance Minister. I do not know why you do not listen to important messages. Why do you not want to listen? It was adequately answered.

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