

Hon'ble Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I am pleased to address this august House on the occasion of the Budget Session, 2011 of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly. I welcome you to this Session and extend my warm greetings and best wishes to you all and to the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

1. I am happy to inform this august House that inspite of various constraints my Government has achieved all-round development in the State. With the sincere efforts of my Government, a change for the better has been noticed in the governance and all spheres of life of Arunachal Pradesh. My Government is committed to usher in an era of peace, prosperity and all-round development in Arunachal Pradesh. In the seventeen months of its governance this Government achieved perceptible development on all fronts.

Several mega-infrastructure development projects of an unprecedented magnitude like the construction of State Assembly Building, new Civil Secretariat and MLA Apartments at Chimpu are underway with funding from either the Central Government or State's own resources. Projects such as these will usher in a new era of development for the State. I am sure that the vision for the management of our financial resources that the Hon'ble Finance Minister will lay before the House in this session will be the guiding principle on which the development prospects of the State will be built in the year ahead of us.

2. My Government has always given highest priority to the maintenance of Law and Order in the State and the overall law and order situation in the State has remained normal and peaceful inspite of small provocations here and there. To strengthen the Arunachal Pradesh Police Force my Government has sanctioned various categories of posts and also agreed in principle to raise the 4th IRBN. The same will be raised shortly. Under active persuasion of my Government the Government of India has approved Annual Police Modernization Plan 2010-11 to the tune of ₹ 10.90 crores.

In order to protect the life and property in case of fire accidents my Government has created a separate Directorate of Fire Services. Under active persuasion of my Government the Government of India has agreed to allocate ₹

372.00 lakhs for modernization and upgradation of Fire Services in the State. However, the law and order situation in Tirap and Changlang Districts remains a cause of concern and my Government will take all steps to ensure that no harm is caused to any of our citizens. We have already requested for additional deployment of security forces in Tirap District and also asked the existing security forces to introduce confidence building measures amongst citizens. Building on the 51 surrenders last year, another 58 misguided young boys and girls surrendered in the district this year.

The first battalion of Arunachal Scouts has been raised successfully and my Government has taken up a case for sanction of 3 additional battalions. The Scouts will certainly act as force multipliers for regular Army units and this will pay us rich dividends in the year to come as far as effective management of International Border is concerned.

Several steps are being taken by the State Government for effective management of the Assam_Arunachal Pradesh Border. In order to maintain good and friendly relations with all our neighbouring States, my Government has taken several steps including sensitization of District Administration and District Police. A new Directorate of Border Affairs has been set up for effectively managing and monitoring the border problem.

A Regional Forensic Centre has also been proposed to be set up at Pasighat for which land also will be made available.

3. My Government attaches the highest priority to promotion of education among all. I am happy to inform this august House that the Government of India has approved establishment of a National Institute of Technology (NIT) and it has started functioning w.e.f. 18/8/2010 from its temporary site at Yupia. Besides this one new Government College has also started functioning at Seppa w.e.f. 16/8/2010. My Government is going to establish several other Model Colleges and Government Polytechnic Colleges in the State. My Government is amongst the first in the country to adopt the Right to Education Act. For streamlining the posting of teachers and addressing the issue of teacher absenteeism, New Education Policy 2010 has been introduced in the State.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) the national programme for universalization of Elementary Education, 1115 Primary Schools and 514 Upper Primary Schools have been opened. Besides these 36 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) and 20 National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level(NPEGEL) centers are also running in the State. Two centrally sponsored projects namely Sakshar Bharat Mission and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) have also been launched in the State.

4. In the Health & Family Welfare Sector, my Government has been working on improving the health status of all people, especially the poorest. Financial and human resources are being channelized to make health service more accessible and affordable to the rural poor. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) has been implemented in the State and the poor women in rural areas are availing the facilities provided under this scheme and 4234 women have benefited till the year 2010-11. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) eighty one basic Ambulances and four Critical Care Ambulances have been provided to various health centers in the State.

5. High priority is accorded by my Government to the optimum exploitation of the available water resources in the State for power generation to provide electricity as well as employment opportunities. The State of Arunachal Pradesh has the highest hydro power potential in the country and this potential has been assessed to be of the order of 57000 MW. My Government has adopted effective policies for development of its hydro potential, viz Small Hydro Power Policy 2007 and the State Hydro Power Policy 2008 which have paved the way for development of both small and large hydro power projects on PPP mode through State & Central Sector PSUS as well as Independent Power Producers. Under the dynamic leadership and futuristic vision of our present Chief Minister, the process of development of the hydro power projects received much needed boost aligned with the objective of capacity addition of Hydro Power and infrastructure development for Arunachal Pradesh. The Kameng Hydro Electric Project (600 MW) of the NEEPCO Ltd. has been targeted to be commissioned by December 2012 (1st unit of 250 MW) and fully commissioned by May 2013. Another project, namely Pare HEP(110 MW) of the NEEPCO Ltd. is targeted to be completed by August 2013. The NHPC has given its targeted commissioning

schedule for the Subansiri Lower HEP (2000 MW) as December 2013. By the end of 12th Plan, the State is likely to add about 12081.90 MW capacity under its Hydro Power Sector. On completion of the schemes the State is expected to have adequate power for its own consumption and by the end of 12th Plan the revenue figure is projected at ₹ 1905 crores annually. By 2022-23, when majority of the allotted projects are commissioned, the annual revenue accrual to the State is likely to be of the order of ₹ 10,000 crores annually. The Border Villages Illumination Programme under Prime Minister's Package is being implemented with the aim of electrifying remote border villages. So far, more than 1300 villages have been electrified under this programme. APEDA has also played a very appreciable role by electrifying more than 5800 households in 523 villages through solar home lighting systems.

My Government has initiated very ambitious reforms programme in the power sector for providing an efficient power delivery system in the State which has brought substantial changes in the institutional structure in the power sector. The Department of Power has been entrusted with the responsibility of transmission, distribution and trading of power in the State. The department is carrying out the rural electrification programme in the State under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) for providing power to all villages and it is likely to be completed shortly. So far, more than 900 villages have been covered under the programme. Further, an ambitious program of developing a Trans-Arunachal Power Grid is under conceptual stage and a detailed project report has been submitted to the Planning Commission. The Khupi-Tawang portion of this grid has already been sanctioned by the DoNER Ministry.

6. Agriculture and Horticulture are the backbone of the State's economy and play a key role in the socio-economic development of the State. Significant strides have been made in Agriculture production during the year 2010-2011. The total production of food crops actually available for consumption came to nearly 65.48% of total food requirement of the State during 2009-2010. Commercialization of Agriculture is the top priority of the Government and all-out efforts are being made in this direction. In order to increase own resources of the farmers, my Government continues to promote mechanization of agriculture by providing subsidy for the purchase of such machinery. A new scheme entitled 'Double Cropping' with the support of NEC has been started in the State and is being implemented in the districts of Changlang, Lower & Upper Subansiri on

pilot basis. The Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) approved by the Government of India are functioning at Tawang, Dirang, Pampoli, Yachuli, Maro, Korak, Balek and Deomali and the proposal for Jairampur is under active consideration of ICAR.

Our State has achieved certain milestones in production of different horticulture crops. The department has done particularly well in respect of productivity and production of Kiwi fruit. I am happy to inform this august House that Arunachal Pradesh is now the highest producer of Kiwi fruit in the Country. Today the total production of horticulture crops in the State stands at 1,19,808 Metric tonnes with a total cultivated area of 88,392 Ha. For improving and streamlining marketing of our horticulture produce, the Horticulture Marketing Board has been set up under the Department of Horticulture by my Government.

7. I am glad to inform you that the Department of Tax & Excise has earned revenue of ₹ 103,94,13,741 (Rupees One hundred and three crores ninety four lakhs thirteen thousands and seven hundred forty one) from VAT and ₹ 18,87,15,790 (Rupees Eighteen crores eighty seven lakhs fifteen thousands seven hundred and ninety) from Excise Duty during the year 2010-2011 (upto November 2010).

8. My Government attaches high importance to promotion of Industrial growth in the State. The Government has granted 99% VAT exemption to eligible Industrial Units in accordance with the State Industrial Policy 2008 vide Arunachal Pradesh Industrial Tax Incentives order 2010. Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), 308 cases have been approved and recommended to banks for loan assistance. During the year 2010-11 the Department has registered 14 Industrial Units with a total capital investment of ₹ 668.13 lakhs and generated employment to 256 youths under the North East Industrial & Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP) 2007. Under active persuasion of my Government the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises(MSME) Government of India has sanctioned establishment of one Entrepreneurship Development Institute which is being set up at Jote Village of Papum Pare and on the directive of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) has agreed to establish its branch in Arunachal Pradesh. The Public sector undertakings are conducting campus recruitment of trainees in the ITIs of Arunachal Pradesh.

9. The main objective of the Handloom & Handicraft department is to sustain the rich handloom and handicrafts traditions of the State and to generate self employment for up-liftment of economy of urban as well as rural artisans. The department is strengthening the Crafts centres by introduction of high productivity shuttle looms to replace old conventional looms in the State and also providing adequate training facilities. Under a centrally sponsored scheme, 15 Handlooms clusters have been established in various districts for enhancement of income generation of local weavers by introduction of improved looms & providing good working conditions to local artisans. Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana scheme has been introduced in the State under which assistance is being provided to beneficiaries for development of sericulture activities.

10. My Government has initiated several steps to improve the animal husbandry sector in the State. Live stock, poultry and fish production have a tremendous potential of improving the socio-economic condition of the people, especially those living in rural areas. My Government is making dedicated efforts to develop these sectors. My Government has provided sufficient fund towards Fodder and livestock Development projects. Livestock insurance scheme is also being implemented in Lohit and Dibang Valley Districts to provide protection mechanism to the farmers maintaining high yielding cattle against any eventual loss of their animals. Under the active persuasion of my Government the Government of India has also sanctioned an amount of ₹ 749.00 lakhs for Integrated Dairy Development Project(IDDP)- Phase-II for implementation of Dairy Development activities in East Siang, West Siang and Papum Pare Districts and ₹ 69.20 lakhs for implementation of Rural Back-yard Poultry Development scheme to cover 3000 women beneficiaries of Below Poverty Line families. This year onwards, we will be undertaking a special sub-program under BADP for promotion and preservation of Mithun, Yak and Sheep livestock.

The Fisheries Department has undertaken various schemes for the upliftment of rural economy through pisciculture development. In the middle belt, through paddy-cum-fish culture, particularly in the Apatani plateau, the local farmers have done remarkably well in undertaking several related activities as an alternative livelihood. Fish drying & smoking units have been established in a few districts for scientific fish processing by the CIFT. The Directorate of Cold Water

Fisheries Research Centre (DCFRC) , Bhimtal which is an ICAR unit on coldwater fisheries has trained the farmers on management of coldwater fisheries, especially trout fish. We have also earmarked sufficient funds for development of trout fisheries in the SPA and Annual Plan for 2010-11.

11. My Government is committed to make available, essential commodities to the people at a uniform and reasonable price through a net work of 1591 Fair Price Shops, 46 Petrol outlets, 34 Kerosene oil outlets and 23 LPG outlets in the State. The Public Distribution System is being strengthened and significant achievements have been made by the Food & Civil Supplies Department under various schemes. Under Targeted Public Distribution System Scheme (TPDS), 60,771 BPL families were provided benefit. One more FCI base depot has been recently opened at Roing in addition to the 7 existing base depots. My Government has provided required land to Food Corporation of India for construction of FCI godowns- one each at Seppa, Tezu, Anini, Pasighat, Roing, Ziro and Bomdila. Opening of three District Offices of the Food Corporation of India is under active consideration of Government of India. For construction of FCI godowns, an amount of ₹ 6.00 crores has been earmarked under SPA for 2010-11.

12. My Government has taken several landmark steps for streamlining the Public Distribution System (PDS) for smooth ration supply to the remote and inaccessible areas. At present one CPO centre (Taksing) including one Thingbu circle (Non-CPO center) is fed by Head Load carriage system w.e.f. March 2010 and the remaining seventeen CPO centers are fed by air dropping. My Government has also submitted a proposal for air-dropping of PDS commodities at all remote unconnected locations to the Ministry of Food, Government of India and the same is at an advanced stage of sanction.

The Department of Supply & Transport is arranging dispatching of ration items to remote and inaccessible CPO locations adjacent to international borders of the State through air sorties. In order to streamline the Public Distribution System (PDS) my Government has introduced computerization of PDS (ePDS) in Tirap District. This system will become a model platform for future improvement and initiatives in working of PDS in the State and will be rolled-out in all the Districts of the State.

13. District Administration is the pillar of strength of the State Government. It is the medium through which the State Government reaches out to its citizens living in far-flung areas. However, it is a fact that adequate resources are not available with the District Administration – even for urgent purposes like maintenance of infrastructure. While my Government has certainly increased the flow of funds to the Districts, further strengthening needs to be done. This year, we will be providing funds to the tune of ₹ 8.00 lakhs to each DC, ₹ 3.00 lakhs to each independent ADC, ₹ 2.00 lakhs to each SDO HQ and ₹ 1.00 lakh to each EAC and CO HQ for maintenance of residential and non-residential buildings out of TFC grants. We shall also be providing funds to certain Departments of the State Government for the purpose of infrastructure maintenance under these grants.

14. The Department of Trade & Commerce is giving high impetus to the promotion and development of tea cultivation in the State. To provide a boost to the Tea-production activities, recently 30 selected tea farmers from our State have undergone one month training on Scientific and Organic tea cultivation at Tocklai Experimental and Research Station at Jorhat. We will also be supporting the activities of small tea-growers of the State by providing them financial support for their activities, in the overall interest of higher tea-production in the State. Emphasis is being given to open border trade with Myanmar through Nampong (Pangsau Pass) in Changlang District and with Bhutan through Dongshengmang/Bleeting in Tawang District in the first phase.

15. The Rural Development Department of my Government is implementing various poverty alleviation programmes in rural areas by providing assistance to the families below the poverty line. Rural Poverty alleviation programmes through rural infrastructural developments schemes sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India are implemented through Rural Development Department. Implementation of various poverty alleviation programmes in the State is expected to bring down poverty levels and generate better and healthy living standards in the society . To uplift the rural economy, the Department of Rural Development has taken up some important schemes like Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and Integrated Wasteland Management

Programme (IWMP). Under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) Government has provided assistance for construction of 19,561 new houses and upgradation of 7879 existing houses upto December 2010. For the first time in the history of the State, matching State share has been provided against the releases for these Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

16. My Government has made all-out efforts to strengthen the Panchayati Raj institutions. An amount of ₹ 14.47 crores has been sanctioned under Backward Region Grants Fund (BRGF) for development activities in Upper Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh. SATCOM-e-learning training and infrastructure project is being started under the sponsorship of Ministry of Panchayati Raj at a cost of ₹ 2.22 crores as Central share.

17. The Rural Works Department is taking up various schemes for creation of rural infrastructure and rural road connectivity is one of the key programmes of the Department. Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, a flagship programme of Government of India, 414 habitations have so far been connected by constructing 2752.41 Kms of rural roads. An amount of ₹ 54.53 crores have been provided for reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by flood and natural calamities and this project is expected to be completed by March 2011. Under active persuasion of my Government, the Ministry of DoNER has approved an outlay of ₹ 26.00 crores for construction of 83 Wire Rope Foot Suspension Bridge(WRFSB) in different remote locations of the state to provide better connectivity for pedestrians as well as border guarding forces. Vijaynagar which is one of the remotest Circle Headquarters in the Changlang District and is surrounded by Myanmar on all sides needs urgent road connectivity. My Government is taking steps to construct a road from Miao to Vijaynagar which will be implemented by RWD department under Bharat Nirmaan Program. In the meanwhile however, we have taken steps to construct a jeepable track out of our own State resources and as on date, PWD has already completed work on more than 130 km of this 157 km stretch.

18. In absolute terms, Arunachal Pradesh has the second largest forest cover in the country. The Forest Department has given top priority towards implementation of development programmes to ensure promotion and protection of the rich biodiversity as well as regeneration of the degraded forests to

enhance the green cover. I am happy to inform this you that the efforts of my Government to maintain more than 82% of high quality forest cover have been rewarded by the Thirteenth Finance Commission (TFC) through increased allocation under Forest Grants. There is an increased thrust towards implementation of plantation and regeneration activities in unclassified State Forests areas under the community control by involving the people through Joint Forest Management Committees constituted at Village level. Arunachal Pradesh is endowed with rich bamboo resources. Besides other schemes the department of Environment & Forests has also set up a Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to regenerate and restock the non-forest areas as compensatory afforestation with a total outlay of ₹ 22.50 crores during the year 2010-2011. The proposal for raising a Forest Protection Force, in particular for protecting and managing the forest belt along the Assam_Arunachal Pradesh boundary is at an advanced stage.

19. Providing safe and potable drinking water to all the habitations is one of the first moral obligations of my State Government. Major water supply projects are being executed by PHE department in various parts of the State. A number of Irrigation projects have been taken up by Water Resources Department. Inclusive of ground water potential, the Department has created a cumulative irrigation potential of 1.88 lakh hectares till date. With the announcement of Bharat Nirman Programme, the department is contemplating to achieve further potential creation of 0.30 lakh hectares during XIth Plan. Flood Management programmes under Central Sponsored Schemes and NEC schemes amounting to ₹ 67.81 crores are under implementation at various places in the State and would be completed within 2010-2011. Under Total Sanitation Campaign 26154 Individual household toilets, 4674 school toilets and 32 sanitary complexes have been built by the department.

20. With dedicated efforts, the Department of Land Management has earned revenue of more than ₹ 112.00 crores during the last 5 (five) years from 2005 to 2010. The Government has allocated ₹ 300.00 lakhs for survey of Administrative Centres/ Village land/ Agriculture/Horticulture/ Jhum lands in the State during the current financial year 2010-2011 under State Plan. My Government is also targeting to conduct Cadastral Survey Operation of the remaining District Headquarters in a phase-wise manner.

21. The Department of IT, Science & Technology has been functioning as the nodal agency and playing a catalytic role in promoting Science & Technology in the State. I am happy to inform this august house that child scientists from Arunachal Pradesh have been selected amongst the best 30 out of the 582 projects presented at the 18th National Children's Science Congress, 2010 held at VELS University, Chennai during December 27 to 31, 2010. In association with Biotech Consortium India Limited, New Delhi an Entrepreneurship Development Programme in Biotechnology was organized for perspective entrepreneurs of State sponsored by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. Besides others, a new project for development of Low-cost Technologies and its application for improving, enhancing shelf-life and durability of Bamboo and Toko leaves, the traditional Housing Construction Materials of Arunachal Pradesh has been submitted and presented to DST and is under active consideration of Government of India for sanctioning. In order to take up two projects viz (i) "Geomorphological and Lineament mapping on 1:50,000 scale and (ii) "Thematic mapping on 1:10,000 scale in Arunachal Pradesh the State Remote Sensing Application Centre (SRSAC) has recently signed MoU with Department of Space, Government of India.

22. I am sure that promoting tourism as an industry will help in providing employment opportunities to our educated youth. With active persuasion of my Government, the Government of India has accorded sanction for seven more tourism projects during the current financial year 2010-2011. I am happy to share with you that the arrival of domestic and foreign tourists in the State has significantly increased and as on November 2010, 1,24,679 domestic tourist and 2,732 foreign tourist visited our beautiful hilly State this year. Apart from celebration of identified festivals, the Tourism department Celebrated Nyokum and Dree festival under Central Financial assistance. The Government of India has accorded sanction for celebration of Reh festival at Roing during the current financial year 2010-2011. My Government has successfully celebrated Yomgo River Festival and Namdapha Eco Cultural Festival. Pasighat Centenary Celebrations is another crowning achievement of the Department during this year. The Department will also continue its efforts to train more local youth for self employment. In the coming year we will be promoting Public-Private partnership projects in the Tourism sector.

23. The Department of Relief, Rehabilitation & Disaster Management deals with the matters relating to providing relief assistance to the victims of Natural Calamities in Arunachal Pradesh. Sensitization cum orientation programmes were organized by the department at State, district, block and village level. For the first time in the State a State Level Rally of Ex-Service men was successfully conducted at Indira Gandhi Park, Itanagar on 4th December 2010.

24. The Legal Metrology & Consumer Affairs Department is the nodal organization for Protection of Consumer Rights. In order to monitor consumer protection activities in the districts, District Consumer Protection Councils have been set up in each district. 87% of the cases have so far been disposed off by the District Consumer Courts and approximately 92% by the State Level Consumer Court.

25. My Government is seized of the problem of ailing State Cooperative Apex Bank and has initiated prompt action for its revival. The efforts are now bearing fruits. The State Cooperative Apex Bank has introduced Cooperative Credit activities in collaboration with 33 LAMPS for the benefit of the farmers. Apart from this, various promotional schemes are in operation. The Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) has been successfully completed on 31/10/2010 with an investment of ₹ 1596.25 lakhs. State Government has provided its full state share as a part of Vaidyanathan Committee recommendations for revival of co-operative sector in the State.

26. In Arunachal Pradesh the State Transport Services started functioning from the year 1975 with the prime motto of providing safe, regular and economical bus services to the common people of Arunachal Pradesh by connecting the remotest motorable administrative centers and other far-flung areas. The department has achieved revenue earning of ₹ 12.72 crores during the year 2009-2010. To facilitate the movement of the people outside the State, my Government has provided transport services from Itanagar connecting the Capital City of Meghalaya. The Directorate of Transport is also one of the revenue earning departments of the State. The department is earning a revenue of approx ₹ 16,11,72,000 annually .

The work on first ever railway line in the State from Harmuti to Naharlagun is going on in full swing and the dream of our people of seeing their first train and first railway station in the State will be realized by March 2012.

27. My Government has always given priority to the welfare of weaker sections of the society, and ensuring protection, care and growth of children and mothers and welfare of disabled and senior citizens. The Department of Social Welfare & Child Development is providing Old Age Pension @ ₹ 200 per month to old and infirm persons below poverty line between 60-65 years of age. Under Rehabilitation of Disabled scheme, the department has provided financial assistance as ex-gratia relief to persons with disabilities to the extent of ₹ 10,000 for rehabilitation. This year onwards, we have also kept specific fund provision for providing pension or special assistance to persons suffering from disabilities, in particular those of eyes and limbs.

To give protection and rights to Juvenile delinquents, the State Government has constructed one Juvenile Home at Pasighat. Under Supplementary Nutrition Programme cooked food is served to the children in the 0-6 years age group and pregnant and lactating mothers for upgradation of their nutrition levels. Under the Integrated Child Development Scheme, there are 93 ICDS projects with 6028 Anganwadi Centres operational in the State. For the welfare and protection of children, the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India launched a new programme namely Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) in the State.

28. My Government is sincere in implementation of various labour laws applicable to the State. The Arunachal Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has undertaken awareness programmes as well as special drives for enrollment and registration of building and other construction workers as beneficiaries with a view to extend welfare facilities as envisaged by the Act. With the active persuasion of my Government, the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India has provided necessary assistance for establishment of a coaching-cum-guidance centre for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and it has started functioning at Naharlagun. In spite of financial constraints, my Government has enhanced the wages of contingency workers from 0-5 years of service ₹ 3500 per month for unskilled and ₹ 3800 per month

for skilled. From 6-10 years of service ₹ 4000 for unskilled and ₹ 4300 per month. From 11-15 years of service ₹ 5000 per month for unskilled and ₹ 5300 per month for skilled. Above 15 years of service ₹ 6000 per month for unskilled and ₹ 6300 per month for skilled. My Government has also introduced reservation in Group D posts to the extent of 25% for contingency workers who have completed more than twenty years of service. Our State is also amongst the first in the country and the first in the North-East to extend the benefit of 6th Pay Commission recommendations to all its employees with full arrears.

29. My Government is aware of the potential of the youth who are the future of the State and the Nation. My Government is channelizing the energy and power of youth in the field of games, sports and cultural activities for development of the State and for a better tomorrow. I am proud to note that our State team bagged 35 medals including 5 Gold medals in the XXIV NE Games held at Shillong from 20th to 23rd April, 2010 and 11 medals at the National Games at Ranchi, Jharkhand. Besides winning medals in Youth Commonwealth Weightlifting, Master Yukar Sibi also participated in the recently held 6th National Youth Weightlifting Championship at Yamuna-Nagar (Haryana) and won 3 Gold Medals. Miss Tine Mena, Mrs. Ansu Jamsenpa, Shri Nima Lama and Dr. Romeio Meetei the leading Mountaineers of the State have been selected for Pre-Everest expedition in Nepal Peak at Sikkim.

In order to promote sports and games at grass-root levels, we have allotted funds for conducts of sports and games tournaments at District HQ, ADC HQ, and EAC and Circle Level and we will continue to do so in the coming years as well. I am also happy to inform you that to encourage our budding sportspersons, a special awards scheme has been introduced by the State Government to felicitate and provide cash awards to those who perform well at National or International Levels. For the first time in Arunachal Pradesh My Government has conducted Night Cricket tournament at Jairampur to encourage sports in the State.

30. The separation of Judiciary from Executive has been long felt and a beginning has been made with the establishment of two Divisions of District & Session Courts at Yupia and Tezu. Creation and establishment of two more subordinate Courts each of Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (Senior

Division) and Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (Junior Division) is under active consideration.

31. A number of schemes have been taken up by Urban Development Department for strengthening the urban infrastructure. Under Valmiki Ambedkar Malin Basti Awas Yojana the Urban Development Department has constructed 1293 dwelling units in 11 towns in the State at a cost of ₹ 290.925 lakhs to provide shelter to the urban poor living below poverty line. Special urban development projects worth ₹ 234.05 crores have been sanctioned under JNNURM scheme for the mission city of Itanagar. The Government of India has sanctioned ₹ 205.13 lakhs under JNNURM scheme for construction of model roads in Capital complex. Six Safai Karmacharis building projects for the various towns of the State have also been sanctioned.

Under JNNURM scheme 23 hi-tech low floor busses have been procured which are plying since 23rd January 2010. With the active persuasion of my Government the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India has sanctioned 50 projects amounting to ₹ 209.75 crores for balanced basic Urban Infrastructure development in 18 towns of the State.

32. My Government has taken utmost care to make the best use of the service of various media tools for dissemination of information on plans, programmes and policies of the State Government. In order to improve the quality of the news and dissemination of information the department has provided sophisticated IT equipment to all districts. My Government is giving due attention to modernization and upgradation of the process of printing with new facilities and latest technology. Proposal of setting up of Soochna Bhawan has been submitted to the Ministry of DoNER and the same has been retained by the Ministry for further sanction.

33. I am happy to state that our State is bestowed with sufficient deposits of minerals and natural resources. The department of Geology & Mines has started exploration of the economically viable minerals like coal, dolomite, limestone. The Department has emerged as one of the highest revenue earning Departments in the State with a total collection of royalty to the tune of ₹ 298.694 crores as on date. This year, we have also provided the entire amount of more

than ₹ 7.00 crores required as NPV payment for extending quarrying at Namchik coal mine in Changlang District to enhance its output.

34. The Directorate of Research explored and discovered many new important Archaeological sites in the State. The Department is also taking steps to bring some newly identified Historical/ Archaeological monuments under State Protection in accordance with Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Preservation Act, 1990. The Department of Libraries, after a considerable period this year, has supplied library related equipment and books to each of the District Libraries and also taken steps to set up new libraries and upgrade existing ones.

35. The Department of Art & Culture is working to promote and preserve the unique culture and heritage of the people of the State. Financial assistance is being provided by my Government to promote and preserve traditional art and culture. Emi Relo Dance troupe of Galo community from West Siang District and Monpa troupe from Bomdila, West Kameng participated in the “Octave Festival of North East 2010” at Amritsar and Dehradun and two couples from Nyishi and Galo tribes took part in Traditional Costume Show and Folk Fusion Music. Cultural troupes from Tawang/ East Kameng/ West Siang and Changlang consisting of 102 members participated in the inaugural function of Commonwealth Games 2010 at New Delhi.

9th Pravashi Bharatiya Divas 2011 was observed with effect from 7th to 9th January 2011 at New Delhi and a cultural troupe consisting of 20 members from West Kameng participated with other departmental officers. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh also put up exhibition stalls during the celebrations.

36. Improving Air connectivity in the State is another prime issue that my Government has taken up with Government of India. With the active persuasion of my Government, the Airports Authority of India has prepared the DPR for ₹ 812.00 crores for the Greenfield Airport at Itanagar. There has been some delay in the actual sanction of funds for this project but my Government is keenly following up the proposal with the Central Government. The Airports Authority of India has started developmental activities for Tezu airport and the entire land has already been handed over to them. Action is being taken by Airports Authority of India for operationalization of existing non-operational airstrips at Daporijo and a

few other locations. Advanced Landing Grounds at Mechuka, Tuting, Walong and Vijayanagar have already been handed over to Ministry of Defence for upgradation. Setting up of an Aviation Fuel Station at Tawang helipad is under process.

37. The Department of Tirap and Changlang Affairs is looking after overall socio-economic development of Tirap and Changlang Districts. The Department has undertaken around four thousand development projects so far for these two districts. My Government has provided funds to the tune of ₹ 25.00 crores to the Department of Tirap and Changlang Affairs (DoTC) during the year 2010-2011. All these projects have been brought under the ambit of third party monitoring. The Department of Karmik and Adhyatmik has also started putting in efforts for preservation of our ancient heritage and culture and taken up projects for preservation of Bodhi script in the first phase. We will continue to ensure full financial support to all these endeavors.

38. The Department of Economics and Statistics is the nodal Department for the conduct of census operations and implementation of Unique ID project. We are likely to start the issuance of first UID numbers in the State by May 2011 through the Pilot Project being taken up in Tawang and Papumpare Districts. The 2nd round of population enumeration under Census operations has successfully finished on 28th February 2011.

39. My Government has taken up several important initiatives for the development of the Roads Infrastructure in the State and many of these steps have been taken up through the Public Works Department. Under Trans-Arunachal Highway Project, works for a road length of 632.50 Km have been allotted to the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department is also implementing the four-laning of NH 52 A. The stretch from Itanagar to Hologgi (20.40 Km) under SARDP-NE has been sanctioned. In the current financial year my Government has allotted ₹ 15.20 crores to PWD for Rural Infrastructure Development. The State PWD has undertaken various schemes in Roads & Bridge sector under the Special Plan Assistance. Under NLCPR one Steel Suspension Bridge over river Subansiri at Siyom has been sanctioned and targeted to be completed by March, 2013 at an expenditure of ₹ 861.60 lakhs. Two more Steel Suspension Bridge/ Bailey Suspension Bridges over river

Kamala at Pha (122.00 Mtrs) near Gangte in Kurung Kumey District and over river Subansiri near Nacho (122.00 Mtrs) have been sanctioned under RIDF (NABARD) for ₹ 1514.60 lakhs and ₹ 1082.17 lakhs respectively. Under Plan Schemes of NEC, construction of road from Tamen to Dolungmukh (107.00 Km) in Lower Subansiri District has been sanctioned for ₹ 139.60 crores. Similarly, after a lot of effort, we have been able to secure sanction of Changlang-Margherita road under CRF for an amount of almost ₹ 100.00 crores.

40. The achievements of the State Government have been recognized at Central Government level also and the State has recently been bestowed with the IBN-7 Diamond Award for being the best performing State in the small States category. The award was conferred by His Excellency the Vice-President of India at New Delhi on 24th February 2011. It is a testimony to the collective efforts put in by all of you in taking the State to these heights of development. However, this award is just a stepping stone to the many more laurels that we will receive in future.

41. Hon'ble Members, like last year, I would remind you that whatever decision you take should be with an ultimate aim of ensuring that the fruits of development reach the poorest and the most down-trodden sections of the society. I conclude with sincere hope that the deliberations in this august house would help my Government to make all efforts to fulfill the aspirations of the people of this State. You have been given this mandate by the people to do so, and I am positive that in the discharge of this duty, you will make everyone proud.

I once again wish you all a constructive and fruitful Session ahead of you and the ensuing deliberations, success.

Jai Arunachal
Jai Hind.