1. Speaker Sir, first and foremost, I would like to thank colleagues from my party, who have shown faith in me and chosen me as their leader.

2. Sir, the Annual Financial Statement for the year 2019-20 was laid before this August House by Late Shri Manohar Parrikar. I stand before you today to take further the task envisaged by Shri Parrikar to make Goa an ideal State, a modern State in the Union of
India. My priorities in this Budget are job creation and investments in health, education and agriculture.

**FISCAL PROFILE**

4. Sir, I now present a brief fiscal profile of the State. The State has adopted a prudent fiscal policy and kept the deficit and debt stock, related to the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at a sustainable level. The Gross fiscal deficit maintained for the current fiscal is 1.67 percent, which is well within the prescribed norm of three percent.

5. The GSDP estimates for the year 2019-20 (advanced) is estimated at Rs. 84,888.89 crores and Goa’s per capita income (advanced) at current prices is at 5.02 lakhs, which is highest in the Country. The growth rate is approximately 10 percent.

6. Twelve years after the implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT) in 2005, India rolled out the Goods & Services Tax (GST) on July 1, 2017. The GST is by far the largest tax reform in India paving the way for a single national market. The GST Cess (Compensation to State) Act, 2017 is a Compensation Cess that is levied on specific items & services for Compensation to the States for the loss of
revenue on implementation of GST. Thus, the State of Goa remains protected on revenue receipts for first 5 years of GST implementation with annual increase of 14 percent.

7. Sir, Revenue mobilization remains the key to attaining the budgeted targets, as the GST Stabilizes, and mining resumes, it should boost State’s revenue capacity and support the resumption of fiscal consolidation.

8. The debt repayment costs of debts taken 10 years back are occupying a growing proportion of committed expenditure. The State of Goa has been maintaining the Consolidated Sinking Fund (CSF) and the Guarantee Redemption Fund (GRF) With the Reserve Bank of India as buffers for repayment of State debt liabilities. As on 31st March, 2019, the Corpus of Consolidated sinking fund is 603.54 crores and Corpus of Guarantee Redemption Fund is 303.90 crores.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 2019-20

9. Speaker Sir, I am happy to present a revenue surplus Budget of Rs. 455.10 crores.

10. The total gross budgetary expenditure works out to Rs. 19548.69 crores, as against the budgetary estimate of Rs. 17123.28 crores for
the year 2018-19, representing an increase of 14.16 percent. Out of this total estimated expenditure, Rs. 13308.26 crores, is towards Revenue Account and Rs. 4987.45 crores is towards Capital Account. The revenue receipt for the current fiscal year are estimated at Rs. 16035.22 crores as against Rs. 13664.94 crores estimated for the year 2018-19; showing an increase of 17.35 percent. The State own tax revenue, including State share of Central Taxes is Rs. 9039.19 crores, as against Rs. 8257.19 crores, estimated last year.

11. Sir, I have not compromised on implementation of any welfare schemes or on the capital expenditure on infrastructure development, while making present budget provisions. On revenue accounts, I have restricted the provisions to the essential revenue expenditure.

**PLANNING ADMINISTRATION AND REVENUE SECTOR**

12. Speaker Sir, *bad administration, to be sure, can destroy good policy, but good administration can never save bad policy.* Therefore, for any State you require good policy as well as good administration to implement that policy. Sir, my Government will establish State Institution for Transforming Goa on the lines of NITI
Aayog, which will function as an autonomous body to assist, advise and guide the State Government in policy making and, in the formulation, implementation, monitoring sustainable development goals and evaluation of various development plans. It will also serve as a Knowledge Hub to the State in replicating Best Practices which are suited for the sustainable development of the State.

13. Sir, in order to bring major Government offices under one roof and out of city, I propose to construct an Administrative Complex at Patto, Panaji to accommodate all Government offices which are now scattered across Panaji city including Junta House.

14. Speaker Sir, Geo-referencing is the need of the new digital age. Therefore, keeping this in view I intend to implement Geo-referencing of all land records, which will be partly financed by Government of India. In order to cater the demand of local public and to make available all the land records at the doorstep, I propose to open new Taluka Level Offices at Dharbandora and Sanguem Talukas. I also intend to set up ultra modern record room one in each District and Taluka Level Offices for preservation, conservation and maintenance of land records with central financial assistance.
SOCIAL SECTOR

15. Speaker Sir, my Government believes in social commitment and responsibility and therefore we have formulated innovative schemes like Dayanand Social Security, Laadli Laxmi and Griha Aadhar Scheme. Today, as a result these schemes we see a pleasant smile on the face of our old age person, a sense of dignity on the face of housewife, boosted self-confidence in girl child which has certainly increased happiness index of Goa. However, at the same time it is responsibility of the Government to ensure that these schemes are not misused and benefit only genuine and needy people.

16. Speaker Sir, in order to upgrade Government infrastructure at Pre-Primary level, I propose to construct 100 model Anganwadis in the entire State of Goa to provide the best infrastructure to children of age group upto 6 years, who are attending the Anganwadis. The work has started in 15 Anganwadi Centres through GSIDC.
INDUSTRIES, EMPLOYMENT, TOURISM AND ALLIED SECTORS

17. Speaker Sir, for next 3 years my Government will give utmost thrust on creation of employment and job opportunities to Goan youth along with generating sizeable revenue for the State.

18. Sir, under ease of doing business, I have already implemented Single Window System under Investment Promotion Board. Now, I propose to digitize entire process of this single window system by digitising entire back end process of all the line departments.

19. Speaker, Sir, I also propose my Government will take all the steps to preserve as well as to revive Goan handicrafts thereby integrating our traditional artisanship with modern art by providing specialised training to Goan artisans on modern art, product development, design, packaging and marketing etc. Taluka Level melavas/workshops and handicraft fairs will be conducted to support and encourage rural artisans.

20. Sir, the future of the world lies in the information Technology and the services and applications based on it. Vision for information Technology (IT) aims at harnessing the contemporary and future trends in IT for the benefit of citizens, businessman and the
entrepreneurs. The objectives to achieve are threefold i.e. to make the life of the citizens easy through better delivery of services and better planning of policy; to inculcate the future of entrepreneurship among youth and to generate employment.

21. On the policy front, Goa Start Up Policy 2017 has already been notified and implemented by the State Government. The coming year will see the likely benefits of the policy accruing to the industry and the citizens alike. The Government is also in process of launching a revised IT Policy to encourage the existing IT industry to scale up and the new companies to come and establish a base in Goa.

22. Speaker Sir, the State in recent years is a host to various cultural and intellectual events like Serendipity Festival, Lokotsav, D. D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas, recently held Nobel Series and Annual IFFI. Besides, we have our own indigenous cultural festivals be it ‘Sao Joao’ or ‘Shigmotsav’. These festivals attract the kind of tourists and visitors of different segments who are genuinely interested in heritage, cultural and intellectual aspects, besides enjoying their holiday. Keeping this in mind, I propose an Annual Events Calendar for the State, which will be well marketed,
highlighting the various cultural and religious festivities, besides other events being hosted in the State.

23. Speaker Sir, there is increase in footfalls of tourists both domestic and international and therefore there is an urgent need to provide appropriate infrastructure in terms of wayside facilities, to visiting tourists, so that our roadsides and open spaces are maintained clean and the unique aesthetics of our villages and surroundings are preserved. I propose, outsourcing such centres, where adequate users of change room facility, toilets, dining etc. are provided for. The revenue and operational model will be suitably prepared.

**EDUCATION SECTOR**

24. Speaker Sir, the foundation of education in terms of quantity has already been laid in Goa. Sir, now time has come to improve academic quality of our education to match with world’s best academic system and my Government will take all steps to improve academic quality from primary to University level.

25. Sir, I intend to strengthen Goa Board with streamlining of examination and evaluation system and providing high quality academic expertise to various studies of various subjects of Goa
Board. The freedom struggle of Goa has already been incorporated in the school curriculum.

26. Speaker Sir, in order to maintain hygiene and avoid absenteeism of girl child from the school. My Government has involved NGO’s to provide sanitary napkins to all the Government High Schools, Government Higher Secondaries on normal price along with dispenser and incinerator for disposal facility which can be directly availed by the Girl Student.

27. Deployment of 72 trained counsellors and 16 supervisors under Goa Education Development Corporation thereby covering 264 secondary and Hr. Sec. Schools, revision of the State CWSN scheme, streamlining teachers training of Primary to Higher Secondary by SCERT, deployment of Master Trainers at Block level for training primary and upper primary teachers through Block Resource Centers (GSSA) are some of the initiatives to enhance quality of education.

28. Sir, this is the era of providing skilled based education to the students which will develop inbuilt skill in the students and make them more and more employable. Therefore, I propose to extend various skilled based program even to the aided schools under National Skill
Development framework after successfully implementing this in Government Schools.

29. Sir, in order to develop scientific temper among students I propose to encourage the teachers, by supporting them for making innovative teaching learning aids, demonstrations and experiments in Science on innovative concepts, organise Science symposium, Conference, Educational tours/trips, well equipped laboratories with spirit of scientific environment, making use of scientific literature, preparation of Science and Maths books, journals etc. The recently inaugurated “Incubation Centre” at Goa Science Centre- Miramar is another iconic step in this direction.

30. Speaker Sir, in order to create adequate and appropriate infrastructure in education sector, I have created educational development fund which is being managed by Goa Educational Development Corporation. The High Power Committee is monitoring the fund and grants administrative approval and financial sanction for infrastructure projects as well as for purchase of equipments based on the request proposals received from the Departments of Education, Higher Education and Technical Education. All three Departments will contribute towards this fund
from the budget provisions made for this purpose in respective Departments.

31. Sir, my Government will also implement various programmes at college and university level which will encourage the students to take up campus start-ups in their early age. Sir, I am concerned about the quality of technical education of the present day. In order to bring qualitative improvement in technical education, as a first step I propose to revamp the entire curriculum and bring it on par with the best in the Country. Goa University and Board of Technical Education will be entrusted with this task.

32. थोर समाजसुधारक महात्मा ज्योतिबाबु फुले म्हणून गेल्यात कि, “विद्येबिना मती गेली, मतीबिना नीती गेली, नीतीबिना गती गेली, गतीबिना विन्न गेले, इतके अनर्थ एका अविद्येने केले”. आमचे सरकार, शिक्षण क्षेत्राच्या समावेशात चड प्राधान्यक्रम दियत आयला आणि हांच हा क्षेत्राच्या विकासाचे आणीकूल भर दिला.

**CLEAN GOA-GREEN GOA**

33. Speaker Sir, our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightfully given thrust on cleanliness and hygiene through the “Swachcha Bharat Mission”. Taking this mission forward, I intend to make Goa an Open Defecation Free (ODF) State.
34. Government will provide toilets to each and every house without toilet facility with a nominal 5% contribution in case of SC/ST communities, 10% contribution from OBC communities and 20% contribution from the General Community.

35. Speaker Sir, the commitment of this Government towards systematic and scientific solution to the issue of Waste Management has been re-affirmed by creation of the Department of Waste Management. This new department of the Govt. of Goa will address all issues pertaining to management of e-waste, hazardous waste, bio-medical waste, construction waste as well as plastic waste.

36. Development of the “plastic waste to diesel” facility at Pernem is another step in the direction of tackling the menace.

37. Government is committed to tackling the waste management issue head-on. The issue is being tackled at multiple levels and local bodies are being assisted in all ways possible through the Goa Waste Management Corporation. Solid Waste Management facility at Saligao is processing an average of 113 tons of waste per day since commencement of its operations. I propose to upgrade the Saligao Plan from the existing capacity to 250 tons. I also propose to take up
a new Solid Waste Management facility at Cacora with 100 Ton capacity.

38. Sir, it has to be understood that along with technological improvements in collection, transportation and scientific disposal of waste, we need to work in parallel to achieve a mindset and attitudinal change in our citizens. This can be achieved only through a well directed and focused social awareness campaign and communication strategy throughout the State. Till date through the Goa Waste Management Corporation, the Government has developed a training and teaching aid booklet on Waste Management which we propose to incorporate in the school curriculum in Goa.

HEALTH SECTOR

39. Sir, “आरोग्यां धन-संपदा” हि उत्की आमका सगळ्यांक खबर आसा. म्हणुनुच आरोग्य क्षेत्राच्या समग्र विकासाखातीर आमी कायर्त आसात. My Government has already laid the foundation stone and work has already started for Super-Speciality Block at Goa Medical College for treatments in cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, plastic surgery, gastroenterology, neurosurgery, neurology, endocrinology, etc. with an investment of around Rs. 350 crores which would be one of the largest Super-Speciality Block in the Country.
40. Speaker Sir, I also propose to establish tertiary care Cancer Centre with an investment of around Rs. 45 crores at Goa Medical College and services of highly specialised medical oncologist and surgical oncologist will be engaged.

41. We have completed Construction of Cottage Hospital at Chicalim, Construction of Hospital and Hostel at Mandur, Extension of RMO hostel for GMC and Restoration of Old Asilo Hospital at Mapusa. During the year focus will be to complete District Hospital at Margao (will be completed by 30/09/2019), Construction of New Premises for CHC Tuem, Health Center at Cansaulim and Health center at Cacora. Construction of 100 bedded hospital for IPHB has been taken up during this year. I am happy to inform that around 20 infrastructure projects have been completed during last year and another 15 major projects are in advanced stage and will be completed during this year.

42. Development of Dialysis Centre at Community Health Centre in Valpoi, creation of AYUSH wing in the ambit of Directorate of Health Services, initiating the process for setting up 2 nos. District Ayush Hospitals, improved outreach of 108 Ambulance and Hearse van services are the series of initiatives aimed at improving the healthcare facilities in the state.
43. Sir, I also propose to strengthen Deen Dayal Swasthta Seva Yojana. I have already empanelled more hospitals under the scheme.

TRANSPORT SECTOR

44. Construction of a modern spacious and well equipped ‘Transport Bhavan’ is a need of the hour to cater the needs of the State. Therefore, I propose to construct full-fledged ‘Transport Bhavan’ in the State.

45. Speaker Sir, I propose to undertake up-gradation of bus terminus at Panaji, Mapusa, Bicholim and Margao with ultra-modern state of the art facilities on PPP mode in phased manner.

46. I propose to take up modernization of nine existing jetties under Sagarmala Programme of Government of India. These Jetties are Aldona, Ribandar, Old Goa and Pilgao in river Mandovi, Banastarim in Kumbharjua Canal and Rassaim, Durbhat, Shiroda and Savordem in River Zuari. The total cost of the Project is Rs. 73 crores.

AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED SECTOR

47. Speaker Sir, we refer to our motherland as “मुलगलाम सुफलाम मलवज शीतलाम, सस्य श्यामलाम मातरम, बंदे मातरम्” and I reiterate my commitment towards Goa’s agricultural ethos and identity.
48. Agriculture has remained a back-bone of any developing society. I propose to focus on organic farming. Sir, the vegetables grown organically are in tremendous demand.

49. I also propose to encourage organic farming in paddy, cashew and coconut. Under the Central Scheme PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, 2934 farmers have been identified as beneficiaries in the State of Goa and the first two instalments of Rs. 2000/- each have been released.

50. Cashew has been our premier cash-crop and I seek to emphasise on the need to give more support for its enhanced production. My government will engage with the ICAR-Goa to help cashew cultivators to improve the quantity and quality of their produce.

51. Our ancient settlers developed a unique system of Paddy Cultivation by reclaiming the marshy saline areas which we call as khazans. This is a marvel of traditional wisdom. There is an urgent need to conserve these khazan. A few demo units will be developed as ideal khazan systems in Bicholim, Bardez, Tiswadi and Salcete area, to revive traditional khazan system so as to make a successful model.

52. Speaker Sir, milk production in Goa is increasing day by day due to sustainable efforts of my Government. In order to strengthen the Primary Dairy Societies and enable farmers to get remunerative price for the milk, 56 Primary Dairy Societies have been supplied with
Automatic Milk Collection Units costing Rs.1.37 lakhs each free of cost in Sattari and Ponda Taluka. The remaining Societies in rest of the Talukas will be covered during the current financial year.

**INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR**

53. Speaker Sir, the development of infrastructure is essence of any happy, healthy and sustainable economic climate of our State. I am proud to inform the House that the major arms of New Mandovi Bridge (Atal Sethu) were completed and opened for vehicular traffic by our Ex. Chief Minister(Late), Shri. Manohar Parrikar. This has eased the traffic congestion experienced by traffic moving from North Goa to South Goa as well as decongested the entry of vehicular traffic into Panaji. Ponda arm and Panaji arm will be completed soon after monsoon.

54. Speaker Sir, my Government has also given a thrust towards creating proper working environment in its departments. In this financial year, I propose to complete new buildings as under:

a) Forest Department

b) Commercial tax Department

c) Construction of New Building for Goa Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education,
d) Renovation of Building of Directorate of Higher Education

e) Construction of Administrative Building for Captain of Ports (Terminal Building).

Government will also take up construction of

a) Administrative Complex for accommodation of Government Offices at Bicholim.

b) Upgradation of the existing Fire Station in Panaji

c) Construction of New Administration and Training Block for Fire Station, Panaji

d) Construction of Modern Fire Stations at Valpoi and Bicholim.

55. Speaker Sir, My Government is constantly monitoring the execution of various National Highway projects sanctioned and fully funded by the Union Government and expected to be completed by 2019 which includes

a) Khandepar Bridge costing Rs. 297.00 Crores,

b) 4 laning of Dhavli Bye-pass costing Rs. 61.38 Crores,

c) Missing link of NH 4A costing Rs 184.05 Crores,

d) Margao Western Bypass costing to Rs 298.33 Crores,

e) Canacona Bypass with Talpona & Galjibag Bridges costing Rs 280.16 Crores.
56. Speaker Sir, My Government is also monitoring the construction of new Zuari Bridge and approaches costing Rs.1402.00 Crores which is presently under execution in full swing for completion by December 2020 which will boost the economy of the State.

57. Similarly, the Projects of 4 laning of NH-4 A and NH-17 are approved in principle under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP- Phase III) by the Union Government. Two Packages on NH-17 (Patrdevi to Karaswada and Karaswada to Bambolim) with total cost of Rs.1487 Crores are under execution and to be completed by December 2020.

58. Speaker Sir, as approved in principle by the Union Government under Bharat Mala project for a length of 200 K.Ms costing Rs.2500.00 Crores and 100.5 K.Ms of State Roads added recently to National Highway network, the Detailed Project Report are now under preparation and will be soon submitted to avail central funds.

JAL-SHAKTI

59. Speaker Sir, with the Vision of my Government to ensure round-the-clock water supply to every consumer in the State with an aim to provide 100 LPCD for Rural areas and 150 LPCD for Urban areas.
60. Speaker Sir, all the Villages are covered with piped water supply schemes and with the launch of Jal Shakti Abhiyan by the newly created Ministry of Jal Shakti, the approach will be now to cover all the households with piped water connections with individual metered connections.

61. Speaker Sir, the Water Supply Projects totally 90 MLD costing Rs.370 Crores which were announced by our Hon’ble Ex-Chief Minister are ready for execution and have been prioritized by my Government which includes

a) 15 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Porvorim,

b) 15 MLD Chandel Water Treatment Plant,

c) 5 MLD Canacona Water Treatment Plant,

d) 30 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Tuem,

e) 20 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Guirim and

f) 5 MLD Water Treatment at Netravali.

62. Speaker Sir,

a) 10 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Maisal costing Rs.52.00 Crores is partly commissioned; balance work will be commissioned in the next few months, and
b) 27 MLD Water Treatment Plant to improve the water supply position to Panaji City costing Rs.72.00 Crores is nearing completion.

c) Speaker Sir, 25 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Ganjem costing Rs.111 Crores will also be taken up for execution as the project was held up due to land issues.

d) Speaker Sir, My Government has also taken up additional Water Supply Treatment Plants totalling 55 MLD costing Rs 60 Crores which includes

i) 30 MLD Assonora Water Treatment Plant,

ii) 10 MLD Podocem Water Treatment Plant,

iii) 10 MLD Sal Water Treatment Plant, 5 MLD Anjuna Water Treatment Plant.

63. Speaker Sir, the ongoing prestigious JICA project for “Augmentation of Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities” is nearing completion and My Government will ensure that the entire JICA project will be completed and commissioned by December 2020.

64. Speaker Sir, My Government will ensure that all the above projects will be completed before 2025 which will enable us to move forward and moving ahead to achieve the Water Summit of 24 x 7 Water
Supply to all in the entire State of Goa with no discrimination to Rural and Urban areas.

65. Speaker Sir, My Government will also take up “Replacement of aged old water supply pipelines of various diameters in the entire State of Goa” and I shall approach the Ministry of Jal Shakti to seek central assistance for this project and preparation of Detailed Project Report will be taken up.

66. Speaker Sir, I propose to reintroduce “One Time Settlement Scheme” for payment of water bills by the defaulted Domestic Consumers and Connections obtained for construction purpose and have defaulted the payment during this year.

67. Speaker Sir, to strengthen the water supply infrastructure in order to provide regular supply of raw water for drinking and other purpose, I propose to implement new projects of pumping of raw water from Chapora River at Sal to Chandel for supply of continuous raw water to Water Treatment Plants at Chandel and Tuem and pumping of raw water from Amthane dam to LBMC of Tillari Project for continuous raw water for treatment plants at Assonora as well as envisaged Water Treatment Plants at Guirim and Porvorim.
68. Speaker Sir, due to the scanty rainfall during the months of September last year, the ground water levels and river flows dwindled. Due to the declined/depleted flows in the River Khandepar, even the Water Treatment Plant faced a shortage of raw water, which was replenished by Water Resources Department by pumping from the Mining pits. In the State, about 100 MLD of raw water was pumped by WRD into the Khandepar River for almost 1 ½ months. Even about 600 MLD of raw water was pumped from the mining pits for irrigation and drinking uses at various places like Codli, Velguem, Surla, Pale, Santona, etc.

69. Speaker Sir, conservation of water is one of the important priorities of my Government. Around 291 post rain water harvesting structures i.e. bandharas have been constructed, through which the ground water has been recharged. I would like to give stress on construction of more bandharas though Water Resource Development Programme of Water Resources Department.

**SEWERAGE WORKS**

70. Speaker Sir, at present sewerage coverage in State of Goa is only 16% and with aim to provide better sewerage coverage in the State,
master plan for sewerage for entire Goa State is prepared amounting to Rs. 4735 crores. The works will be taken up in phased manner. Only three major towns in the State are having proper sewerage system i.e. Panaji, Margao & Vasco. The sewerage charges are collected in Panaji, Margao & Vasco in the consumer’s water supply bill i.e. 25% of water consumption. The same sewerage charges are to be implemented all over Goa on completion of sewerage systems in various Urban & Rural areas.

71. Speaker Sir, at present 20 MLD sewage treatment plants at Margao & Vasco are completed and commissioned along with sewer networks. 1MLD plant with network is completed and commissioned in Durbhat Village in Ponda Taluka.

72. Speaker Sir, sewerage scheme amounting to Rs. 300 crores at Navelim is in completion stages and STP is commissioned. Sewerage scheme amounting to Rs. 95 crores for Colva (South Coastal Belt, Phase-1), Rs. 300 crores for Porvorim and Rs. 535 crores for Ponda are in progress. Also, rehabilitation of North Trunk Main in Fatorda, Margao, amounting to Rs. 87.41 crores is in progress.
73. Speaker Sir, 80% sewer network in Navelim, Colva, Ponda & Porvorim are laid. STP for Navelim is commissioned, 7.5 MLD STP for Colva is in completion stages & construction of 15 MLD STP for Ponda is in Progress. The location of STP for Porvorim is yet to be finalized and work to be started.

74. Speaker Sir, Detailed Project Reports (DPR’s) amounting to Rs. 2336.00 crores for Curchorem Town, Cortalim, Dabolim, South Coastal Belt Phase-II, Candolim, Saligao, Old Goa, Marcela, Bicholim, Valpoi, Pernem etc. are prepared and will be taken up in phased manner.

**ELECTRICITY**

75. Speaker Sir, to create proper infrastructure for power sector, I propose to undertake erection of 220/33KV Gas Insulated Sub-Station at Tuem along with 220KV double circuit line from 400/220 KV Colvale S/S to Tuem, and 50 MVA, 220/33 KV power transformer at 220KV Ponda Sub-Station at a total cost of Rs. 133 Crores. The work has been tendered and will be awarded shortly.

76. I also would like to put emphasis on the increasing power demand of the coastal belt areas in North Goa by taking up the work of
erection of 220/33 KV Gas Insulated Sub-Station at Saligao along with erection of 220 KV D/C line from 400/220 KV Colvale Sub-Station to Saligao at a cost of Rs. 140 crores. The work has been tendered and will be awarded shortly.

77. To further accelerate industrial activity in and around the Verna Industrial Estate and also ensure reliability of power supply in South Goa, I undertake to take up the work of erection of 220/110/33 KV Gas Insulated Sub-Station at Verna along with the erection of 220 KV D/C line from Kadamba-Verna-Cuncolim. This will ensure availability of alternate supply from the Southern as well as the Western region in case of breakdowns in either of the Regional Grids. The work has been tendered and presently under evaluation.

78. It will be ensured that the erection of 33/11 KV Gas Insulated Sub-station at EDC, Patto which is in progress will be speeded up and completed during the year. The erection of 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Sal, and at Karaswada will also be speeded up for early completion to ensure reliability of power supply in the vicinities.

79. Further, we would also make it a point to avail of the Central funding for taking up the work of erection of 33/11 KV Gas Insulated Sub-Stations (GIS) at Altinho-Panaji, Calangute and at Navelim.
80. The conversion of the overhead line network to underground cabling is one of the priority area, however it requires huge investment for the same. I, therefore propose to take up the underground cabling works in towns and other areas depending upon priority, from the “Electricity Duty Fund” in a phased manner. The aerial bunched cabling of the 11 KV network costing around Rs. 145 crores is already in progress under the fund and is almost completed.

81. Under the Tribal Sub Plan, the new work for conversion of overhead 11 KV Netravali feeder to underground cabling at a cost of Rs. 40 crores had been tendered and the work has been awarded. This will ensure development in and around the Tribal inhabited village.

82. Another priority area for my Government is the promotion of the clean energy. Already, Solar roof tops have been installed at 14 Sub-Station locations of the Electricity Department in Goa.

83. I also intend to initiate the work for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Distribution Management System for reliable operation of the network.
OTHER SECTORS

84. Sir, I have noticed that many of the Government schemes and programmes do not reach to the common people and ultimately to the end users. Therefore, I propose to revive the “नवें पवथ” Magazine published by Department of Information and Publicity to make it a regular monthly magazine which will reflect all Government policies, programmes, schemes, notifications, Government job opportunities etc. For this professional from press and media will be engaged.

85. Speaker Sir, the mining operations in Goa have stopped after the judgement of Hon’ble Supreme Court since March 2018. My Government is exploring all the possibilities to resume mining in Goa. In my recent meeting with the Group of Ministers (Minister of Mining, Finance, Trade, Agriculture & Petroleum) under the Chairmanship of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, there has been a discussion on various options and way out to resume mining in Goa. The Mining Ministry of Government of India has been asked to examine all the judicial and Legislative options to resume mining in Goa.
86. I am extremely hopeful that with the assistance and guidance from the group of Ministers we would be able to resume mining soon. Meanwhile, to continue with the mining and related trade, my Government will auction the available mineral dump and extracted ore, in the interim period.

87. Speaker Sir, I wish to conclude with the words of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji “हार नहीं मानुँगा, रार नहीं ठानुँगा, काल के कपाल पे लिखता-मिटाता हुं, मैं गीत नया गाता हुं!” I stand committed that I will not compromise the interests of my state. Also I am optimistic that, my colleagues in this August House and the people of Goa at large, will support me in all my endeavours as the Chief Minister of Goa.

Jai Hind, Jai Gomantak.