

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members may recall that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 had allotted eight hours for combined discussion for the Financial Business which includes General Discussions on Interim Union Budget and Interim Budget for Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and consideration and return of four Appropriation Bills and the Finance Bill, 2024. In today's List of Business, only the General Discussion on the Interim Budget is listed as the Bills are yet to be transmitted from the other House. In view of the combined time allotment by the BAC, I suggest that the House may devote four hours for general discussions listed today which will be taken up together. The remaining four hours may be allotted for the discussion on the Bills as and when listed. I hope the House agrees!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have to inform that the House will be bidding farewell to the retiring Members tomorrow i.e., 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Accordingly, Zero Hour and Question Hour will be dispensed with tomorrow to enable the retiring Members, leaders of parties and others to make their farewell speeches.

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#### \*THE INTERIM UNION BUDGET, 2024-25

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#### \*THE INTERIM BUDGET OF UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, 2024-25

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up the Interim Union Budget, 2024-25 and the Interim Budget of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, 2024-25, to be discussed together. I now call upon the Members whose names have been received for participation in the discussion. Shri Jawhar Sircar, not present. Shri M. Shanmugam, not present. Shri Sujeet Kumar.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, he has intimated that he would speak tomorrow on the Budget.

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\* Discussed together.