Respected Sir/Madam,

Hon'ble Members are informed that Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE), Lok Sabha Secretariat is organising a Lecture Series for Members of Parliament on Union Budget and Sectors of the Economy Covered in the Budget. The first Lecture Session on 1st February 2022 has been organised. The remaining schedule of the Lecture Sessions are as below:

Date – 3rd February 2022, Time – 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Topic: (i) Cooperative Sector: Growth and Challenges; (ii) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Resource Persons: (a) Shri Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Former NABARD Chairman, and (b) Shri Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman & Managing Director of SIDBI

Date - 4th February 2022, Time - 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Topic: (i) Appropriation and Finance Bill: Highlights & Implications; (ii) General Provisions of Union Budget:Direct Taxes

Resource Persons: (a) Dr. Yamini Aiyar, President and CEO, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, and (b) Shri Avinash Gupta, Chairman, NIRC of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

Date - 7th February 2022, Time - 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Topic: Agriculture Sector - New Initiatives

Resource Persons: (a) Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, Niti Aayog, and (b) Shri Surinder Sud, Consulting Editor, Business Standard

Date - 8th February 2022, Time - 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Topic: (i) Union Budget 2022: Expenditure and Implications; (ii) Health Sector: Expenditure and Future Challenges

Resource Persons: (a) Shri Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Senior Journalist, Business Standard, and (b) Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

Date - 11th February 2022, Time - 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Topic: Infrastructure Sector: Planning and Budgetary Allocation

Resource Persons: (a) Shri Atanu Chakraborty, Former Secretary, Ministry of Finance, and (b) Dr. Sekhar Bonu, Director-General, DMEO, Niti Aayog

Date – 15th February 2022, Time - 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Topic: Start-up Ecosystem: Ease of doing Business, Challenges and Way Forward

Resource Persons: (a) Shri Ashish Aggarwal, Vice President, & Head of Policy, NASSCOM; and Shri Achyuta Ghosh, Head of Research, NASSCOM, and (b) Shri Deep Kalra, CEO, Make My Trip

You are requested to arrange for informing the Hon'ble Members of your State Legislature to attend the programme which is being webcast live on https://webcast.gov.in/parliament/ on all the days.

Profound Regards,

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