

The government must tighten its belt¹

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Abstract:

The government should really live a "tight life", to maintain a good mental outlook, do industrious and thrifty, effectively divide the central and local government financial power, power functions. The government must grasp the current national situation, make full use of government funds and resources, and ensure the interests of the broadest possible majority of the people. It must always be diligent and frugal, resolutely put an end to extravagance and waste, and use every step of government spending in key areas to ensure that the people live a "good life."

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At present, the epidemic crisis has a serious impact on world economic development. As China vigorously develops internal circulation, if the people want to live a "better life", the government must live a "tighter life". The government must develop in an efficient and clean manner, always put the interests of the people first, and put an end to superficial projects, such as "image projects" and "performance projects". To build a clean, efficient and pragmatic government, we should always focus on the concerns of the people, optimize fiscal spending, focus on infrastructure construction, and make full use of funds.

1. Be fully aware of the current situation

The government is tightening its belt, and we must first fully understand the actual situation at the present stage. As we all know, this year is the last year for completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects and securing a decisive victory in the fight against poverty. In addition, the impact of the epidemic has made it more difficult to carry out all the work. Therefore, under this special situation, the government should pay attention to effectively reduce the loss caused by the epidemic under the leadership of the CPC Central Committee, strengthen the understanding of different tasks, accurately grasp the current situation, and optimize the intensive resources. At the same time, the government should also pay attention to the application of practical measures, not only to "tighten the belt" as a slogan, but should put forward practical measures, with the help of more effective action measures to strengthen the constraints on the work of the government. As for general expenditures, we should pay attention to reducing them to prevent extravagance and waste. At the same time, we must resolutely oppose all bureaucratism and situationalism and effectively avoid ineffective and inefficient expenditures. On this basis, we should enhance accuracy and practicality. Government officials must ensure that spending in key areas is effectively ensured and that the money is used where it is truly needed. For special circumstances, for the construction of infrastructure, development of the people's livelihood, need to strengthen the investment work, to effectively improve, the quality of financial funds use of fiscal expenditure structure optimization effectively, the money used in important place, make the day better, strengthen the resources application accuracy, thus further promoting economic development.

2. Ensuring a sound style of work in government

First, for the government staff, we should always pay attention to thrift and implement it effectively. Diligence and frugality have always been a virtue and a fine tradition that every Communist must adhere to for a long time to come. Throughout history, the prosperity and development of a country is bound to need frugality, and the

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demise of a country is mostly inseparable from luxury. Therefore, for the party and the government, we should always regard thrift as a "family heirloom", implement thrift in practice, and play a leading role. National leaders have always practiced the virtue of thrift. Comrade Mao Zedong exemplified himself by practicing the concept of frugality in every matter. For example, in the early days of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Comrade Mao Zedong made two sets of clothes and a pair of round head and yellow leather shoes in order to conform to the etiquette, and he wore them until his death. Therefore, for the Party and the government, always adhering to the virtue of thrift can effectively consolidate the hearts of the people and strengthen the connection between the people and the government[2].

Second, we must resolutely oppose extravagance and waste. In the past few years, under the leadership of Comrade Xi Jinping, great achievements have been made in combating extravagance and hedonism. But on the other hand, in the context of the continuous improvement of material standards, the situation of extravagance and waste has a tendency to rise again. Put an end to the waste of public funds, extravagant waste of phenomenon, still need longer management time. There are also large numbers of people in need in this country, and the situation of serious waste is deplorable. Therefore, for the government, it is still necessary to resolutely oppose extravagance and waste. For the relevant leading cadres, it is necessary to set a good example, further deepen the implementation of the reception system for civil servants, promote the implementation of conservation measures, and resolutely oppose the waste of public funds. Pleasure and extravagance will eventually lead to chaos. Therefore, for government personnel, they should always avoid enjoyment, live a tight life, always implement the requirements of the central government and avoid formalism. We must take serious measures to deal with the existing errors.

Third, we need to put money into key areas of people's livelihood. The government is tightening its belt. We need to spend money on key areas that are important to people's lives, and focus on issues related to relations between the people and issues that we want to solve. In the course of government operations, we need to further optimize financial payment institutions, make fiscal expenditures more public and inclusive, strengthen the innovation-driven development strategy, provide a certain impetus to the development of small and micro businesses, and promote the further development of the real economy. With regard to the funds saved by the government's "tightening the belt", we can appropriately prioritize people's livelihood, poverty-stricken areas and poverty-stricken areas, strengthen the research work at the grass-roots level, pay attention to the problems that people care about and attach importance to, and really use the money to the people, so as to promote the good image of the government.

3. Promoting high-quality economic development

Effectively making up the gap between local fiscal revenues and expenditures and promoting high-quality economic development are conducive to promoting sustainable local fiscal development. For local governments and the central government, we need to make concerted efforts to promote high-quality economic development. Based on the new development vision, we need to focus on supply-side structural reform, give better play to the role of the government itself, improve the development model in due time, and optimize the economic structure. As far as the central government is concerned, it is necessary to improve the market-based allocation and property rights system effectively. The basis of the market economy is the protection of property rights, and the improvement of property rights protection can effectively stimulate the vitality of the market and promote the high-quality development of the social economy. On this basis, attention should be paid to effectively creating a level playing field business environment. We will strengthen reforms to delegate power, delegate powers, and improve services, effectively energize the market, and reduce the interference of local governments in enterprises. We should effectively break the monopoly status quo, promote the development of a more relaxed market environment, and promote the better development of small and medium-sized enterprises[3]. Improving

the market supervision system is also one of the important measures. For different risks in economic operation, the central government should pay attention to the effective establishment of a market supervision system to effectively prevent the problems that may arise. In addition, the central government should pay attention to promoting a new pattern of all-round opening-up, promoting the construction of an open economic system at a higher level, and enabling different forms of economy to fully play their role, boost the national economic development, and truly enable the people to live a "good life".

For the local government, the first thing to do is to strengthen the ability of the regional consumer market. Local governments need to effectively lead and activate the market, upgrade consumption and effectively foster new types of consumption. At the same time, we should promote the development of regional models of scientific and technological innovation. Local governments should pay attention to effectively mobilize enterprises' enthusiasm for scientific and technological innovation and effectively solve the problems existing in enterprises' scientific and technological innovation. On this basis, the local government should pay attention to the application of the form of investment. In the past, foreign businessmen paid more attention to the low factor cost of China's manufacturing industry, but at the present stage, foreign businessmen pay more attention to the regional business environment, so the factor cost can no longer become an advantage. Therefore, local governments should pay attention to the improvement of the business environment and effectively explore the policy system of higher level opening-up. On this basis, the government should make full use of fiscal funds in light of the actual situation in different aspects, so as to promote the full use of resources and ensure the interests of the broadest masses of the people.

4. Improving and adjusting the fiscal relationship between the central and local governments

To improve and adjust the fiscal relationship between the central government and local governments, we need to clarify the powers and responsibilities of the central government and local governments, better coordinate financial resources, and make the relationship between the central government and local governments better coordinated and balanced. For the fiscal relationship between the central government and the local government, the main problem is the asymmetry of financial power and administrative power between the two. When the local government assumes the administrative power, it lacks the corresponding financial power, while the central government has excessive financial power and lacks the corresponding administrative power. Therefore, in order to promote the sustainable development of local finance, it is necessary to pay attention to the system construction of different levels of government's financial resources, authority and other aspects. The central government and local governments should clarify their respective administrative powers and corresponding financial powers, so as to further optimize the use of funds and effectively improve the unreasonable side sales in the fiscal relationship. As for the reform plan on the division of responsibilities that has already been introduced, we need to effectively control the powers of different areas. It will effectively clarify the boundaries of different powers, enhance the standardization, and effectively enhance the enthusiasm of local governments and the central government. At the same time, attention should be paid to clarifying appropriate financial rights on the basis of administrative rights. As mentioned above, local governments bear a large amount of administrative power, but relatively lack of financial power. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen the input of local governments' financial power, effectively solve the problem of local governments' financial power being ignored, and effectively demarcate the boundary between government financial power and administrative power. In the future development trend, it is necessary to strengthen the overall and systematic development of the reform, optimize the responsibility division scheme, and optimize the local finance[4]. The government should also strengthen the management of government funds, further optimize the efficiency and quality of the use of funds in different areas, and further optimize and improve the structure of government expenditures. If markets

can solve the problem, there is no need for public finances. But if markets cannot do the right thing, public finances will need to be tapped.

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