

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:290

ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001

UNION TERRITORY STATUS TO LADDAKH

SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR;YEMPARALA VENKATESWARA RAO

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Laddakhis have demanded for Union Territory status to Laddakh during the recent visit of Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission;

(b) if so, facts in this regard;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government propose to give Union Territory status to the regions of some more States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO )

(a)&(b): During his visit to Ladakh and Kargil on May 30-31, 2001, Shri K.C. Pant, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission met representatives of various Ladakhi organisations including Ladakh Buddhist Association, who demanded Union Territory status for Ladakh.

(c)to(e): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.