

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:402

ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002

PROGRESS MADE BY BIMARU STATES

JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan Governments have submitted any specific proposals to extricate the States out of the BIMARU category;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Central aid sought for implementation thereof?

(c) whether Madhya Pradesh has lately earned appreciation of the Planning Commission with marked improvement in respect of various social indications like literacy, health, maternal mortality and school enrolments; and

(d) if so, the details of the social indicators taken note of by the Planning Commission, indicating the achievements made by the State in respect of the different indicators;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 402 FC ANSWER ON 18.12.2002 REGARDING PROGRESS MADE BY BIMARU STATES BY SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA AND SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): In the meeting between Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh held on 27.2.2002 for finalization of Annual Plan 2002-03 of Madhya Pradesh, the State Government was appreciated for Padhana-Badhana Andolan, Education Guarantee Scheme and other related measures taken by them, which led to improvement in literacy rate from 44.2 in 1991 to 64 in 2001. However, attention of the State Government was drawn towards low rural female literacy rate, specifically of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population as well as disparity among different districts over the literacy status.

As the decadal growth rate of population in reorganized Madhya Pradesh at 24.34 during 1991-2000 was still higher than the All India average of 21.34 and the health and demographic indices of the State, such as birth rate, death rate and infant mortality were still above the National Level, the State Govt. was impressed upon to bring about improvement in quality, content and coverage of health care facilities.