

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PEACE BONUS TO STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of States infested by insurgency, extremists and terrorism;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to give Peace Bonus to any State for its endeavour for curbing of terrorism and insurgency acts;
- (c) if so, the name of States and the amounts sanctioned to such States;
- (d) the basic principle for selecting a State as eligible for having peace bonus;
- (e) whether the Chief Minister of Assam has been able to restore peace and normalcy in terrorism infested Assam by curbing insurgency and extremist activities and by solving vexed Bodo problem; and
- (f) if so, the reasons for not given peace bonus to Assam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (d): The State of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and Jammu & Kashmir are affected by insurgency and terrorist activities. During the last five years, on the requests of concerned State Governments, Non-Plan grant assistance of Rs. 182.45 crores was given to Mizoram to tide over its financial problems and for discharging its Non-Plan liabilities and a Medium Term Non Plan loan of Rs. 365.00 crores sanctioned to Nagaland in March, 2003 was converted to one time grant during 2003-04 for overcoming its deficit. The financial assistance to Mizoram was given on the consideration that the State had remained peaceful since the signing of the Mizo Accord on 30/6/1986 and the State needed grant assistance in view of its critical financial position. The financial assistance to Nagaland was given with a view to giving impetus to the peace process in the State and after considering the financial position of the State.

(e) & (f): The State of Assam continues to be affected by insurgency. The law and order situation in Assam remains vitiated due to violent activities of United Liberation Front of Assam, National Democratic Front of Bodoland and United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (anti talks faction). Among the North Eastern States, the State of Assam is the largest recipient of financial assistance released to them upto 2003-04 under the Scheme of Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure. At present, therefore, there is no proposal under consideration of Government to extend any special package of financial assistance to Assam.