

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR AUTONOMOUS COUNCILS
Chhewang Shri Thupstan

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated to Darjeeling Hill Development Council and other Autonomous Councils in the North-East Region during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the details of funds allocated to Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council of Leh and Kargil;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give special financial assistance to the above Councils in the State of Jammu and Kashmir for basic infrastructure development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

- (a): Central Assistance is not allocated specifically to the Darjeeling Hill Development Council and other Autonomous Councils in the North-East Region during the Tenth Five Year Plan.
- (b) to (d): Reconstruction Plan for Jammu & Kashmir includes provision for allocation of Central Assistance of Rs 20 crores and Rs 40 crores as grants to Autonomous Hill Development Council for Leh and that of Kargil respectively. Of these, Rs 10 crore Central Assistance has been allocated to Ladakh Hill Development Council of Kargil during the Annual Plan 2004-05 for construction of infrastructure facilities.