

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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RAJASTHAN'S DEMAND FOR SPECIAL ECONOMIC PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has demanded a special economic package; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b): No such request has been received by the Ministry of Finance or the Planning Commission. However, the Planning Commission had received a request from the State Government of Rajasthan for grant of Special Category status. The Planning Commission has informed the State Government that the National Development Council is the sole body competent to grant Special Category status to States on the basis of various criteria and has also conveyed its considered view that, in such cases, it would be more appropriate to provide central assistance on a case-to-case basis.