

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE BASED INCENTIVES

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Thirteenth Finance Commission has recommended performance- based incentives to encourage States to conserve forests, better regulate water resources and spur innovation and research;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the funds for the purpose will be given to States; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) The 13th Finance Commission (FC-XIII) has recommended, for its award period i.e. 2010-15,inter-alia, grants-in-aid of Rs.5000/- crore for forests, Rs. 5000/- crore for water sector management, Rs.20/- crore for Centre for Innovations in Public Systems and Rs.616/- crore for District Innovation Fund.

(c) & (d) Grants-in-aid will be released to State Governments as per guidelines framed by Government of India based on the recommendations of FC-XIII.