

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4714
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2010
WITHDRAWAL OF HIMALAYAN SCHEME
Meinya Dr. Thokchom

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scheme of financial assistance for the preservation and development of cultural heritage of Himalayas from some States of the North-Eastern region have been
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the names of the North-Eastern States which are still covered by this scheme;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to restore this Scheme to all the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL GRIEVANCES & PENSION
(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): In July, 2008 Survey of India clarified that only Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh form part of Himalayan Region. In view of this, grant-in-aid is now provided to voluntary organisations/individuals for these States for undertaking activities under this scheme. As such the facilities have been withdrawn from other North-Eastern States except Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
- (c): Both Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim States from among the North-Eastern States, are still covered by this scheme.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.