

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF HIMALAYAN STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Task Force constituted for the development of Himalayan States has recommended improvement in infrastructure and linkage of these States through railways, roads and air network connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any scheme has been formulated for the implementation of the said recommendation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSION (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Task Force, constituted to look into problems of hill states and hill areas and to suggest ways to ensure that these states and areas do not suffer in any way because of their peculiarities, in its report submitted in August, 2010, has recommended improvement in the infrastructure in Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) including road, rail and air connectivity.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.