

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
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SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR BUNDELKHAND REGION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes for which funds have been provided under the special package for the Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated and released for each state and the amount spent thereon;
- (c) whether the said schemes have been implemented properly;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement Referred to in Reply to Parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 158 Regarding Special Package for Bundelkhand Region Sector By Shri R. K. Singh Patel and Shri Ghanshyam Anuragi due for Answer on 10.08.2011.

(a) to (e): The Government on 19.11.2009 approved a special package for implementing drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region at a cost of Rs.7266 crore comprising Rs.3506 crores for Uttar Pradesh and Rs.3760 crores for Madhya Pradesh, to be implemented over a period of 3 years starting 2009-10. It is envisaged to provide an Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the tune of Rs.3450 crore for implementing the package. The Government has further approved, on 19th May 2011, an Additional Central Assistance of Rs.200 crore (Rs.100 crore each for the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh) to provide drinking water in the Bundelkhand region. The shares of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh in ACA, including the component of drinking water, are Rs. 1696 crore and Rs.1954 crore respectively. The balance cost of the package will be met by converging resources from ongoing central sector and centrally sponsored schemes. Out of the envisaged allocation of Rs. 1696 crore of ACA for Uttar Pradesh, an amount of Rs. 860.97 crore (50.77%) has been released till date against which an amount of Rs. 214.21 crore (24.9%) has been spent by the State till 30th June 2011. Out of the allocation of Rs. 1954 crore of ACA for the Government of Madhya Pradesh, an amount of Rs. 1060.46 crore (53.78%) has been released till date against which the State has spent an amount of Rs. 416.60 crore (39.40 %) till 30th June 2011. The scheme-wise details of the funds released to Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are given in Annexure-I. The activities being implemented under the package are at different stages of progress in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and progress is being monitored by the Planning Commission/National Rainfed Area Authority. The Chief Executive Officer and the Technical Experts of the National Rainfed Area Authority are regularly visiting the region to see on the ground implementation of the projects/activities and provide necessary suggestions for improvement to the concerned Departments of the two State Governments