

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE FOR STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to provide development package to West Bengal and Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of States that received special development packages from the Centre as on date;
- (d) the reasons behind providing such special packages to those States; and
- (e) the number of proposals received from various States including West Bengal and Rajasthan Government for special package?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): The Government has proposed to provide Central assistance as Special Plan for West Bengal under the State component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) to address the development needs of the backward regions of the State through focused projects.

(c) to (d): State-specific need-based special dispensations have been made as and when warranted through existing programmes/schemes under Annual /Five Year Plans. In the recent past, the Government of India has provided Central assistance in the form of Special Plans for Bihar and KBK districts of Odisha under BRGF, Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan for Jammu & Kashmir, Prime Minister's Special Economic Package to Arunachal Pradesh, Bundelkhand Drought Mitigation Package for selected districts of Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh and Rehabilitation Package for Vidarbha region of Maharashtra and Golden Jubilee Package for Goa to preserve the natural resources of the State by restoring Goa's beaches.

(e): Proposals have been received from the State Government in the recent past for special packages/special assistance for different purposes from the State of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Goa, Rajasthan & West Bengal.