

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR KUMBH MELA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria being followed for providing special economic package to the States;
- (b) whether the Union Government has declared a Special Economic package for Kumbh Mela slated to be held during 2015 in Nasik;
- (c) if so, the details of development work to be undertaken under this package;
- (d) whether there is any Public demand to develop `Shani-Shingnapur` of Ahmednagar district under this package; and
- (e) if so, the details of such package alongwith area-wise application thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): State-specific need based special dispensations are made to the States as and when warranted through existing programmes/schemes under Annual/Five Year Plans by the Planning Commission. No proposal/request for Kumbh Mela to be held during 2015 in Nasik and development of `Shani-Shingnapur` of Ahmednagar district has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra.