

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:650  
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009  
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR HILLY REGIONS  
Kashyap Shri Virender;Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the cost of construction of roads, buildings and other developmental works in hilly, bordering and far flung States like Himachal Pradesh is several times higher than the cost of construction work carried out in plains;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to constitute any board, or central body to examine these issues;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for adequate allocation of funds for developmental work in these States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): Recognizing the special requirement of the hilly regions including Himachal Pradesh the State has been included as one of the Special Category States for which the Central Government is providing Central Assistance on liberal terms.

The assistance provided under 90 % grants and 10 % loan basis are:

Normal Plan Assistance for plan funding, Additional Central Assistance for Externally Aided Projects, Special Central Assistance for Hill areas, Special Central Assistance for Border Areas, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programmes (AIBM) and Additional Central Assistance for Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme.

The Schemes/programmes provided under 100 % grants are:

National Social Assistance Programme, Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls, National E- Governance Action Plan, Backward Region Grant Fund and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.

Funds are also provided for the construction of Rural Roads under Prime Minister's Grameen Sadak Yojana (CSS) and for development of State Roads through Central Road Funds (CRF) as per the prescribed norms.