

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether some State Governments have sought for special financial package and status in the recent past; and
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

Minister of State in Ministry of Finance(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)& (b) Financial assistance is sought by states from time to time. In the recent past Arunachal Pradesh had sought a financial package amounting to Rs. 1429.88 crore. An inter-ministerial Committee has gone into Arunachal Pradesh's request and recommended Rs.200 crore as one-time assistance which is to be dovetailed into any recommendation that may be made by the 13th Finance Commission upon an in-depth analysis. This recommendation has been accepted. A request for Special Category State Status has been made by Bihar, which is under examination.