

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTERS OF STATES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether a meeting of the Union Finance Minister was held recently with the Finance Ministers of State Governments;
- (b) if so, the main points discussed therein;
- (c) whether several State Finance Ministers have also urged to enhance/ revive the Industrial package to keep up the pace of industrialization and prevent people from being rendered unemployed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

The Minister of State in the Ministry OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Pre-Budget consultations with State Finance Ministers was held by the Union Finance Minister on 11th June, 2009.
- (b) Amongst other issues, the General macro-economic issues, FRBM and devolution issues, allocation of funds for various schemes and programmes of Government of India, implementation related problems, sectoral issues relating to agriculture, irrigation, credit, MSME, road infrastructure and tax related matters were raised during the consultations.
- (c & d) Finance Ministers of some of the States have requested for additional support/ incentive packages for industries and employment generation in their states. The requests were mainly centered around creation of employments opportunities, employment generation in Industry, support for State specific programmes, etc.
- (e) As stated above, the meeting was a pre-Budget consultation where views are solicited prior to the finalization of the budget.