

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1839

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SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the demand of the State of Bihar, Rajasthan and Odisha to provide 'Special Category Status' has been rejected by the Government;
- (b) if so, the grounds on which the demand has been rejected;
- (c) whether the Union Government has suggested to the State Government of Bihar to prepare road map for the development of Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details of special assistance, the Government proposes to provide to Bihar for proper development?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The proposals received from the Governments of Bihar, Rajasthan and Odisha for Special Category Status are under examination in the Planning Commission.
- (c) & (d): The 12th Five Year Plan for the Union as well as for the States including Bihar which provide details of the road map for development for the period of the Plan are under formulation.