

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPECIAL FACILITY PACKAGE FOR SC/ST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments regarding special facility package for the development of Scheduled Castes dominated regions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of projects sanctioned/approved/pending for approval with the Government, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the pending projects are likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a) to (d) No such specific proposals have been received. However, the Government has launched a Centrally sponsored pilot scheme called `Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Garm Yojana`, for integrated development of 1000 villages having more than 50% Scheduled Castes population. Presently, the Scheme aims to ensure the integrated development of these villages:-

- (i) primarily, through convergent implementation of existing Central and State Schemes, and
- (ii) through `Gap-filling` central assistance @Rs.20 lakh per village on an average (with states expected to provide a matching contribution), for meeting such requirement of the selected villages as can not be met through(i) above.

At present the scheme is being implemented in five States namely Assam (100 villages), Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu (225 villages each).

Full admissible Central assistance on account of `gap-filling` component has been released to the States. State-wise details of Central assistance released are as follows:-

S. State Central Assistance
No. released(Rs. in crore)

1 Assam	20.100
2 Bihar	45.225
3 Himachal Pradesh	45.225
4 Rajasthan	45.225
5 Tamil Nadu	45.225
Total	201.000

The targets under the Scheme are expected to be achieved within 3 years.