

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
De Dr. Ratna

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of West Bengal has requested for financial assistance from the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (c) The financial assistance of about Rs.17665 crore has been provided to the State of West Bengal from the Central Government for the plan purpose based on the request of the State Government. This assistance includes Rs.7145 crore for the Central Assistance to State Plan and Rs.10520 crore on account of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. For the Special Plan for West Bengal under the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF), Rs.8750 crore has been committed over a period of 5 years.