

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the States that have been given special economic package during the last five years;
- (b) the policy and the guidelines followed by the Government while announcing such special economic packages;
- (c) whether the Government contemplates to provide special economic package to Punjab; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (b): No special economic package as such has been announced for any State during the last five years. However, State-specific need-based special dispensations are made as and when warranted through existing programmes/schemes under Annual /Five Year Plans. During the last five years, the Government of India has provided Central assistance such as Special Plans for West Bengal, Bihar and undivided Koraput-Bolangir- Kalahandi (KBK ) districts of Odisha under Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan and Jammu & Ladakh Package for Jammu & Kashmir, Prime Minister's Special Economic Package to Arunachal Pradesh, Bundelkhand Drought Mitigation Package for selected districts of Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh , Sikkim earthquake rehabilitation package, Rehabilitation Package for farmers in suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala & Maharashtra , Golden Jubilee Package to Goa, Special Assistance Package for Kumbh Mela to Uttar Pradesh and Integrated Action Plan (IAP) for Tribal & backward districts in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States.

(c) to (d): No Madam.