

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Punjab has demanded a special package for the State during the recent time; and
- (b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA

Part (a) & (b): No demand from the State Government of Punjab for special package for the State has been received during the recent time. However, requests for providing financial assistance received from time to time from various States, including the State of Punjab, are processed within the ambit of the recommendations of the relevant Finance Commission, the overall availability of plan resources and with due consideration to the inter-state and inter-sectoral priorities factored in while finalizing annual plans of States. Besides, Central assistance is also extended to States through Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes.