

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4667

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NIRBHAYA FUND

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has considered any proposal for financial assistance out of the `Nirbhaya Fund` since its inception;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals considered, approved, funds sanctioned, released and utilized so far;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request from the State of Kerala for financial assistance to the `Nirbhaya` scheme/project launched by them in the State, and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has provided or proposes to provide financial assistance to the State of Kerala or to other States for similar scheme/project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE:

(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) & (b): This scheme is administrated by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. The progress on operationalisation of the `Nirbhaya Fund` for which an amount of Rs. 1000.00 crore has been earmarked is being reviewed at the level of Finance Minister. A proposal for `Establishment of an Integrated Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) platform for supporting Geographical Information System (GIS) based Call Tracking and Geographical Positioning System (GPS) based Police vehicle dispatch to respond to women and other distress calls and ensure speedy assistance to them is at an advanced stage of approval. In addition to this, Ministry of Information Technology is working on a proposal to introduce mandatory provision of SOS Alert Buttons in all new handsets/providing SOS alert system in the existing handsets through free downloading of suitable software. Further, Government has also approved a scheme of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to provide for enhanced security for Women in Public Road Transport system in the country. The amount has been credited in a Public Fund and utilization will be as required from time to time.

(c) : No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.