

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4055
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SPECIAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR MULTIFARIOUS PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Inter-Ministerial Committee had been constituted by the erstwhile Planning Commission on the proposal of Odisha for Special Central Assistance for multifarious projects before the next Nabakalebar festival Scheduled in the year 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with major recommendations of the said committee;
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the time by which the fund/financial assistance is likely to be released for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Even though organizing a "fair" is a subject enumerated in State list, the Government has received a proposal from the State Government for financial assistance for this festival. As per the revised proposal, the State Government of Odisha is seeking a One-time Central Assistance of Rs. 740 cr. In view of such demands from States, the erstwhile Planning Commission had framed guidelines for providing suitable assistance which envisaged an Inter-Ministerial Committee to examine the proposal and make suitable recommendations.

(c) & (d): In past, assistance to States were given under budgetary window of one-time Additional Central Assistance for projects. However, in the Union budgetary proposal of 2015-16, no allocation has been kept under this head. The Government has also submitted an explanatory memorandum as to the Action Taken on the recommendations made by the 14th Finance Commission which has increased the devolution to States from 32% of the Union's net tax receipt to 42%. (Copy enclosed). In view of above development, at this stage, the proposal of the State Government is under consideration subject to the available budgetary Space.