

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:424  
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FUNDS UNDER HIMSWAN PROJECT  
Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received a request from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for the release of final grant from the fund sanctioned for Himachal Pradesh State Wide Area Network (HIMSWAN) Project under central assistance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for delay in releasing the funds; and
- (d) the time by which the said fund is likely to be released to the State Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Total amount of Rs. 3.79 crore is to be released to the State of Himachal Pradesh for Himachal Pradesh State Wide Area Network (HIMSWAN) towards 6th year Operation & Maintenance (O&M) charges.
- (c): The State had to earlier comply with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM issued vide No. 7(1)E. Coord/2012 dated 14.11.2012 wherein it is stipulated that Grants in Aid should not be released until pending Utilization Certificates have been submitted. The State has yet to submit Utilization Certificates of grants released earlier.
- (d): Sanction Order to release Rs. 3.79 crore to the State Government has been issued.