

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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PENDING PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of projects/ proposals lying pending with the Planning Commission for approval as on date and the date of pendency of these projects, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for not according approval to these projects;
- (c) whether the Government has received requests from the States to accord approval to these projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): No project/ proposal is pending for approval with the Planning Commission. Planning Commission approves the projects/proposals under the scheme such as Additional Central Assistance(ACA) for other projects, Special Plan Assistance and State Component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). The ACA & SPA projects are sent by States for approval within the assistance approved after the Annual State Plan discussions are concluded with States. For the year 2014-15, annual plan discussions are yet to be held.

However, Planning Commission has received requests for additional central assistance from the State of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha. The Government of Bihar has sought financial assistance for the master plan prepared for 350` birth anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singhji during December 2016-17. Government of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra has requested financial assistance for the master plan for holding Kumbh Mela in their States to be held during 2016 and 2015-16 respectively. The Government of Odisha has requested for one time central assistance for infrastructure development to organize Nabakalebara ceremony in Jagannath temple during 2015.