

Title: Need to provide special package for overall development of Himalayan Region -laid.

SHRI KIREN RIJJU (ARUNACHAL WEST): The Himalayan Region is the most neglected area in the country with regards to the parameters of development.

It is appalling to note that across the Himalayan belt towards China side massive developmental works are taking place especially the roads and other infrastructural facilities. The planning process needs to be focused on the Himalayan belt with regards to its sustainable development, as the development and environmental protection of the Himalaya is critical for the national development and security.

I would like to request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to kindly announce a special package as soon as possible to transform the entire Himalayan region particularly the state of Arunachal Pradesh, which fails to attract the required attention of the union Government despite 1962 Chinese aggression. The lack of Railways, Air connectivity and Inland waterways, due to extreme topographic and climatic difficulties, must be well compensated by providing adequate road infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh urgently by treating it as a very special state.

In this context, the deep sense of patriotism and nationalism in the minds of Arunachalees and their absolute commitment to the cause and the spirit of national unity and integration of India must be recognized and appreciated.