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Title: Need to provide more seats to the hill States in Lok Sabha.

SHRI NAKUL DAS RAI (SIKKIM): The Central Government must keep in mind the ground-realities in the hill States of India while framing the policies. The existing approach of the Union Government is entirely not benefiting the hill states. These states are sparsely populated and as a result per capita development cost is more. I, therefore, appeal to the Union Government to make special policies which directly benefit the population in the hill states.

India is a federal state. Our federalism has been appreciated worldwide. Giving more voice to the people of the hill states can further strengthen this. This can be done by increasing the number of seats from the states in the Lok Sabha. As a lone MP from a hill state, I have experienced the difficulties to serve the citizens in a holistic manner as my constituency is the entire state. Population alone should not be yardstick for the creation of a constituency. More representatives from the states in the Lok Sabha will ensure complete development of the State. Therefore, more representations are necessary in Lok Sabha from the hill states to strengthen our democracy and federal character and ensure development process.

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