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Title: Need to remove regional disparities in the country.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (TRIPURA WEST): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of this House and of the Union Government that all the Governments that came to power at the Centre after Independence had theoretically advocated for narrowing down of regional disparities but in reality, the regional disparities including *per capita* income have widened. It is also a fact that the Special Category States have a low resource base, and they are not in a position to mobilize resources for their developmental needs. Therefore, a special dispensation should be made for the Special Category States to enable them to narrow down the regional disparities and to catch up with the level of development in the rest of the country.