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Title: Need to accord special category status to Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): On account of bifurcation, Andhra Pradesh has forfeited all its major economic assets, inherited huge liability and been left with no resources to service the debt. Both the people and economy of the State require moral and financial support of Government of India. Conscious of the adverse impact of the bifurcation, concerns raised by the then leader of opposition led to a statement by the then Prime Minister on the floor of the Rajya Sabha on February 20th, 2014 promising a special category status to Andhra Pradesh for purposes of central assistance. There is an urgent need to create a level playing field by the Government of India.

In this connection, I request you to kindly declare Andhra Pradesh as a special category state for the much needed economic relief.