

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1073**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 26<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2021  
Sravana 4, 1943( Saka)**

**CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO PUDUCHERRY**

**1073, SHRIVE. VAITHILINGAM:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- Whether the Union Government is aware that the annual central assistance to the UT of Puducherry remains static for a quite long time without reasonable increase to match the revenue deficit;
- If so, the details thereof;
- Whether the Union Government will come forward to adequately increase the central assistance and if so, the details thereof;
- Whether the Union Government has made any study on the minimum requirement of central assistance for UT Government based on a reasonable formula; and
- If not, whether the Union Government will come forward to initiate steps in this direction and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE**

**(SH. PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (c):The annual growth in central assistance to the UT of Puducherry is about 4.5%, except in the year 2020-21 in which about 10% increase was given.

Details of central assistance received during the last 7 years are given below:

Year	Rs. in crore	Growth %
2015-16	1300.00	--
2016-17	1353.13	4.09
2017-18	1418.69	4.85
2018-19	1470.99	3.69
2019-20	1539.98	4.69
2020-21	1698.00	10.26
2021-22	1724.77	1.58

(d) and (e): The Annual allocation by the Ministry of Finance towards Central Assistance to the UTs are based on the projections/expenditure trends and availability of resources, which are reviewed and provided for through supplementary grants approved by the Parliament for respective Financial Year.