

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.894

ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

SPECIAL FINANCIAL OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL STATES

894. SHRI DORJEE TSHERING LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide any special financial or technical assistance to small States like the State of Sikkim under centrally sponsored schemes such as Jal Jeevan Mission, Namami Gange Programme (for relevant tributaries), flood management and river rejuvenation projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of assistance extended to the State of Sikkim during the last five years; and
- (c) whether Government will consider creating a separate policy or special category support for small and disaster-prone Himalayan States to ensure timely completion and sustainability of water-related infrastructure projects and if so, the timeframe for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The Government provides financial and technical assistance to all States/UTs, including small States like Sikkim, under centrally sponsored schemes such as Jal Jeevan Mission, National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), and Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP). Over the last five years (2020-21 to 2024-25), Under Jal Jeevan Mission, an amount of ₹1,054.37 crores was released to the State Government of Sikkim to provide potable water through functional household tap connection to every rural household in mission mode. Under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), an amount of ₹202 crore was released to the State Government of Sikkim for pollution-abatement works including sewage-treatment capacity creation. Under the Flood Management & Border Areas Programme (FMBAP), an amount of ₹91.84 crore was released to State Government of Sikkim for flood control, anti-erosion and drainage development.

(c) The Government implements various schemes for small and disaster prone Himalayan States. These schemes are Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), Flood Management and Border Area Programme (FMBAP) and National Water Mission (NWM). These schemes are reviewed and revised as per requirement.
