GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 244

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026/
ASHADHA 30, 1948 (SAKA)

Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment

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Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

(a) the objective and framework of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Invest ment (SASCI) Scheme;
(b) the total funds released to the States under the scheme since its inception;
(c) whether this scheme includes any component linked to reforms; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) The objective of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) is to assist the States/UT Administrations in boosting capital expenditure and to promote reforms in key areas. Under the scheme, 50-year interest free loan is provided to the state Governments. Since 2025-26, Union Territories (UTs) with Legislature are also provided assistance under SASCI.

(b) An amount of Rs. 5,60,793 crores has been released to States/UTs with Legislature under SASCI since inception of the scheme in 2020-21.

(c) & (d): Yes, the scheme includes components linked to reforms. In 2026-27, SASCI includes following reform-based parts:

i. **Part III:** Incentives for Achieving Targets for Capital Expenditure

ii. **Part IV:** Strengthening Public Finance IT Infrastructure in States

iii. **Part V:** Mining Sector Reforms

iv. **Part VI:** Implementation of the Right of Way Rules, 2024 under the Telecommunications Act, 2023

v. **Part VII:** Digital Public Infrastructure for Agriculture – AgriStack

vi. **Part VIII:** Livestock Sector Reforms

vii. **Part IX:** Efficiency in Financial Management

viii. **Part X:** Fiscal Discipline and Fiscal Consolidation

ix. **Part XII:** Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) Sector Reforms

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