GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2227

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017/SHRAVANA 5, 1939 (SAKA)

DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE TO BIHAR

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Union Government has announced a package of rupees one lakh forty thousand crore for the economic and industrial development in Bihar; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard, so far along with the special procedure thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b): Prime Minister on 15.08.2015 announced a special package of Rs.1.25 lakh crore for Bihar to undertake sectoral development in the State. Agriculture & farmer's welfare, education, skill development, health, electricity, rural development, railways, civil aviation, tourism, petroleum & natural gas, telecommunication and national highways are the core areas agreed for funding under the package. In addition, financial support of Rs.40,657 crore was also approved for other investments in the State. The projects under the package are being implemented by the respective line Ministries/Departments and the funds are being released by them on the basis of physical and financial progress of the works undertaken. The progress of implementation is being monitored periodically at the highest level. Ministry of Finance on its part has so far released Rs.3217 crore out of Rs.8282 crore committed by the Ministry in the package for Bihar.
