GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5267

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, APRIL 03, 2023/CHAITRA 13, 1945 (SAKA)

SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR BIHAR

5267. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a Prime Minister's package announced for the State of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there was a special component in the said package as far as civil aviation is concerned and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the special packages given to various infrastructure projects in the State of Bihar and the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any progress has been made on these projects and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir. Prime Minister's Package for Bihar 2015 amounting to Rs.1,25,003 crore covering various sectors such as Roads and Highways, Rural Development, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Civil Aviation, Higher Education, Skill Development, Agriculture, Railways, Power, Telecommunication, Tourism, Health was announced on 18.08.2015. Other investments of Rs.40,657 crore comprising of residual liabilities of Special Plan for Bihar- Rs.8,282 crore, ongoing works of National Highways-Rs.12,375 crore and Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP)-Rs.20,000 crore were also announced as a part of the package. Further, income tax relief on new capital investment in the form of Additional Investment Allowance and Higher Additional Depreciation in 21 backward districts was also notified on 17.08.2015 as part of the package.
- (c): Yes Sir. An amount of Rs.2,700 crore towards construction of new airport at Patna and for development of airports at Gaya, Raxaul and Purnea was included in the Prime Minister's Package for Bihar 2015.
- (d) to (e): The Union Government through concerned Ministries/Departments implement schemes/programmes including sectoral items included in the Prime Minister's Package for Bihar 2015 in the State of Bihar. Department of expenditure, Ministry of Finance has provided Grants-in-aid towards residual liabilities of Rs.8,282 crore of the Special Plan for Bihar State Component included in the Prime Minister's Package for Bihar 2015 and has released an amount of Rs.7,816.1385 crore to the State of Bihar under the head 'Special Assistance' under 'Transfers to States'.
