

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3898**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020/ PHALGUNA 27, 1941 (SAKA)**

**PROTESTS AT ZANSKAR FOR BASIC FACILITIES**

**3898. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government is aware of the protests held by the native people of Zanskar at Padum in the Union Territory of Ladakh in spite of extreme cold weather in mid January, 2020 complaining about the absence of Area Development Officer/Sub District Magistrate and other officers, heavy snowfall causing road blockage, failure of telecommunications of BSNL network, failure of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Kargil to provide health facilities, drinking water and electricity supply and demanding a separate district for Zanskar;**

**(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide such basic facilities to the people of remote and most backward area of Zanskar through the Administration of UT Ladakh till date along with the future plans in a time bound manner; and**

**(c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a): Yes Sir. There had been protests by the people in Zanskar at Padum in January, 2020 demanding redressal of various issues.**

**(b) and (c): The administration of Union Territory of Ladakh has taken a number of steps for providing basic facilities to the people of Zanskar such as posting of SDM/Area Development Officer in Zanskar, clearance of road**

**blockage caused by snow, restoration of telecommunications, availability of adequate Health functionaries at Community Health Centre (CHC) , Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Medical Aid Centres (MACs) in Zanskar to meet health care requirements, supply of electricity through Diesel Generator Sets eight hours daily in the Zanskar Sub Division, etc. To ensure the availability of drinking water, insulation of water supply pipe lines were carried out to keep functional most of the Public Stand Posts (PSPs), arrangements of water tankers have been made and survey has been completed to connect all areas of Zanskar sub division with functional household water supply connections under Jal Jeevan Mission.**

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