

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4701**

TO BE ANSWERED Monday, March 23, 2020/Chaitra 3, 1942 (Saka)

**Special Assistance to Bihar**

**4701. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has released any funds to Bihar under the Special Assistance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the eligibility of Bihar and the funds released, year-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

**(a) :** Yes Sir. Rs.7393.23 crore has been released to the State of Bihar from 2015-16 to 2018-19 as “Special Assistance” under Demand No. 32/37/40/38 ‘Transfers to States – Special Assistance’ by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

**(b) & (c) :** The funds amounting to Rs.22.83 crore were released to the State of Bihar as one time assistance towards support for developing water sources for arsenic and fluoride affected areas in the State and Rs.7370.40 crore as Special Assistance for completion of projects under unspent amount of 2013 Special Plan for Bihar. (BRGF- State Component) now part of Prime Minister’s Package for Bihar, 2015. The year-wise details are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)					
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Total</b>
One time assistance towards support for developing water sources for arsenic and fluoride affected areas	22.83	-	-	-	<b>22.83</b>
Special Assistance for completion of projects under unspent amount of 2013 Special Plan for Bihar. ( BRGF- State Component) now part of Prime Minister’s Package for Bihar, 2015	1887.53	1329.40	3414.00	739.47*	<b>7370.40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1910.36</b>	<b>1329.40</b>	<b>3414.00</b>	<b>739.47</b>	<b>7393.23</b>

\* Post adjustment of Rs. 0.10 crore released against the project “Renovation and Modernization of Barauni and Muzzafarpur Thermal Power Station” and Rs. 0.5 crore released against the project “Integrated Community Based Forest Management” from the pending liabilities of Rs.7370.55 crore as on 31.03.2015.

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