GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4782

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

Funds for Popular Schemes

4782. SHRI POTHUGANTI RAMULU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog had recommended for sanction of funds to the State of Telangana for the popular schemes like Mission Baghiratha, Mission Kakiteeya, Kaleshwar Project and Palamoor Rangaredy River Project;
- (b) if so, the details of total funds released to these schemes;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Telangana had sought financial assistance of Rs. 40,000/- crores from the Union Government for these four schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details and the status thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir. Ministry of Finance had received recommendations from NITI Aayog for release of Special Assistance to the State of Telangana for Mission Kakatiya and Mission Bhagirath under Section 94 (2) of the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act (APRA), 2014. The request had been examined in terms of the Section 94(2) of the APRA, 2014 which inter-alia envisaged that "The Central Government shall support the programmes for the development of backward areas in the successor States, including expansion of physical and social infrastructure." Accordingly, based on the request of the State of Telangana and recommendations of NITI Aayog, the Union Government has released assistance of Rs.1800 crore in 4 instalments of Rs.450 crore at the rate of Rs.50 crore per district for 9 backward districts of Telangana. Further, request of Chief Minister, Telangana regarding release of Rs.5000 crore to the State of Telangana as Central assistance under Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) Scheme of Water Bodies for implementation of Mission Kakatiya was transferred to the then Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.
- (c) & (d): No such request has been received in Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
