

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1248

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, 06th DECEMBER, 2021

15 AGRAHAYANA, 1943 (SAKA)

Special Development Package

1248. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- a) the details of funds allocated/ approved by the Government during the last three years under the Special Development Package Scheme (SDPS) for development of backward districts of Maharashtra;
- b) the details of funds released by the Government during the last three years under SDPS for backward districts of Maharashtra;
- c) whether the funds released are sufficient to achieve the desired results/target fixed; and
- d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d) No Special Development Package Scheme (SDPS) for development of backward districts of Maharashtra has been approved by the Ministry of Finance during the last three years.

However, considering the fiscal environment faced by the State Governments, a new scheme titled 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure' was initiated during 2020-21 where in Special Assistance in the form of 50 year interest free loan was provided to the States including the State of Maharashtra. Similar scheme was approved in 2021-22 too. The projects approved under these schemes are spread across various districts of the State. Under these schemes, an amount of Rs. 514 crore was released to Maharashtra in the year 2020-21 and an amount of Rs 249.73 crore has been released to the State in the year 2021-22 till 30.11.2021.
