

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

**LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1089**

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024/SHRAVAN 7, 1946 (SAKA)

SPECIAL PACKAGE TO MOST POOR STATES

1089. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to give special packages to most poor States like Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand etc. as per NITI Aayog reports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): The Union Government under the head 'Special Assistance' under Demands for Grants 'Transfers to States' provide grants-in-aid to States for spill-over committed liabilities for which budget provision is not made and for other need-based assistance to the States. Further, NITI Aayog, in its report titled "Report on Developmental Support to the Successor State of Andhra Pradesh under Andhra Pradesh Re-organization Act (APRA), 2014" dated 1st December, 2015, has, inter-alia, recommended "... a total assistance of Rs.2,100 crore for the seven backward districts of Andhra Pradesh @Rs.300 crore per district. Based on recommendations of NITI Aayog, Department of Expenditure has released an amount of Rs.1,750 crore so far under the APRA, 2014 for development of seven backward districts of the State to the State of Andhra Pradesh.
