GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3409 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024 Financial Aid for Arunachal Pradesh

3409. Shri Tapir Gao:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State of Arunachal Pradesh does not receive any External Financial Aids from World Bank, Asian Development Bank, JICA etc, for development of the State;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to extend the External Financial Aid from such international bodies to the State of Arunachal Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to provide special funding in lieu of External Financial Aid to the State of Arunachal Pradesh for poverty alleviation, education, sanitation, health and infrastructure; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to take up this issue with the External Aided banks to provide finance to the State of Arunachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Although Arunachal Pradesh has from time to time benefitted from external financing from multilateral institutions such as the International Development Association (IDA) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), both part of the World Bank Group, as well as from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the development of the State is largely carried out through domestic budgetary sources. In fact, external financing from multilateral or bilateral institutions constitutes only a fraction of the resources used for infrastructure development in States and Union Territories (UTs). To assist the States in boosting capital expenditure, which has a higher multiplier effect and enhances the productive capacity of the economy, the Ministry of Finance has designed and implemented schemes for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure/Investment annually since 2020-21. Under these schemes, financial assistance in the form of a 50-year interest-free loan is provided to the States. Details of financial assistance extended to Arunachal Pradesh under these schemes, year wise are provided below: -

(In INR Crore)

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Arunachal Pradesh	232.97	371.19	1564.10	2363.42
