

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3877**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH AUGUST, 2016/SHRAVANA 18, 1938 (SAKA)

REGIONAL DISPARITY IN J&K

3877. SHRI THUPSTAN CHHEWANG:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the growing anger and resentment among the people of Jammu and Kashmir specially in the two regions of Jammu and Ladakh regarding the disparity that exists in economic development of their respective regions which is confirmed in the reports/ recommendations of various committees constituted *i.e.* Gajendra Gadkar and Sikri Commissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal/demands for addressing the issue of regional disparity through various measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) to (d): The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir had constituted a State Finance Commission in the year 2007 to ascertain inter and intra region development index. The main findings of the report are as below:

Region	Index Value 1980-81	Index Value 2006-07	Improvement in Index Value
Kashmir	0.3481	0.4349	24.94%
Jammu	0.3039	0.4333	42.58%
Ladakh	0.2432	0.3374	38.74%

Development funds in the state are presently allocated on the basis of various parameters such as:

- i Geographical area/population of the district.**
- ii Backwardness of the district.**
- iii Development needs etc.**

The emphasis is laid upon institution of system of the criteria based allocation of financial resources across all the three regions to ensure equitable distribution and balanced development.

Further, two Special Task Forces were set up in 2010 to examine the development needs of the Jammu and Ladakh regions. These Task Forces recommended an amount of Rs. 496.63 crore for 32 schemes for Jammu and Rs. 415.70 crore for 89 schemes for Ladakh region to fill the critical developmental gaps under the State plan.

Region	Rs. in crore	No. of Schemes
Jammu	496.63	32
Leh	189.19	37
Kargil	226.51	52
TOTAL	912.33	121

Recently, on November 7, 2015, the Hon'ble prime Minister announced a Developmental Package for overall economic development of the state which encompasses all the three regions.
