

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1625  
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ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION IN J & K  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has drawn any strategy for economic reconstruction in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the broad features of the strategy; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government propose to implement this strategy?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government's strategy for economic reconstruction in Jammu and Kashmir was announced by the Prime Minister during his three visits to J and K on 23.5.2002, 19.4.2003 and 29.8.2003.
- (b) and (c) Broad features of the strategy include Rs.6000 crore for 'employment, rail and road development, relief and security'; creation of at least one lakh employment and self-employment opportunities in J and K over the next two years, revival of tourism, completion of power projects, construction of Basholi Bridge, drinking water project for Kandi area, setting up of Community Information Centres etc.; grant of Rs.30 crores for University of Jammu, release of additional amount of Rs.20 crores for drinking water supply in Kandi area, laying of transmission line from Srinagar to Leh, release of one time grant of Rs.45 crores for construction of building of 10 Kendriya Vidyalayas, to be implemented as Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Central Assistance to the State as well as non-plan assistance.