

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS TO BIHAR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bihar played prominent role in reducing the revenue deficit in comparison to other States of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has also provided assistance to Bihar for improving its financial conditions; and
- (c) if so, the details of the financial reforms introduced by Bihar and the subsequent Central assistance provided for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A statement showing status of Revenue Surplus/Deficit as percent of Revenue Receipts for 29 States including Bihar, during the last four years, is enclosed. Bihar was in the category of initial improvement and later deterioration.

Incentive under Fiscal Reforms Facility introduced on the recommendation of Eleventh Finance Commission is linked to improvement in Revenue Deficit situation. Bihar has not been released this assistance as Medium Term Fiscal Reforms Programme of the State has not been finalised.