

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC PACKAGE TO J AND K
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether continuous terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir and skirmishes on the line of control for the last two decades have adversely affected the economic resources and income sources of the State, which has badly hit the economic structure of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government are considering to provide special economic package on the lines of North-Eastern States and Punjab to Jammu and Kashmir;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Prime Minister during his three visits to J&K on 23.5.2002, 19.4.2003 and 29.8.2003 has announced a special economic package for economic reconstruction in Jammu and Kashmir. This includes Rs. 6000 crores for 'employment, rail and road development, relief & Security'; creation of at least one lakh employment and self employment opportunities in J&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.