

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to enhance the fund allocation for Market Development Assistance to the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the dilution in the projected central assistance to states will put a burden on the states; and
- (d) if so, the steps envisaged by the Union Government to tackle the problem?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) & (b) : Budget provision for Central Schemes, like Market Development Assistance, is made with the approval of Parliament as part of demand for grants of the concerned Ministry.
- (c) & (d) : There is no dilution in the Central assistance to State plans.