

Title: Need to remove regional imbalances by paying special attention on cluster of backward zones of the country.

DR. SANJAY PASWAN (NAWADA): I would like to express my concern to the Ministry of Planning through you that the concept of BIMARU States (Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh) is obsolete now because almost all the States of this group except Bihar are prospering and going ahead, rather these States are also playing an important role not only nationally but also globally. Now, another cluster of some zones of country is languishing and getting more and more pauper. So, these zones of our great country need special attention of the Central Government, the Ministry of Planning and the Planning Commission. These zones are Bihar, North Bengal and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. These three zones of India have social, demographical, geographical and cultural similarities. Therefore, I name them as BIHANEU zone which needs special planning to make themselves self-reliant and a liability free zones. Therefore, I urgently demand that to mitigate the regional imbalances, such cluster of backward zones of the country should be identified and be given a special attention.