

12,04 hrs.

Title: Regarding denial of a financial package to the Government of Bihar by Central Government.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Are you not interested to have Calling Attention?â€¦ (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati Shyama Singh....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Prabhunath Singh.

श्री प्रभुनाथ सिंह (महाराजगंज, बिहार) : महोदय, मैं योजना मंत्री का ध्यान अविलम्बनीय लोक महत्व के निम्न विषय की ओर दिलाता हूँ और प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि वह इस संबंध में वक्तव्य दें :

"केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा बिहार सरकार को वित्तीय पैकेज देने से इनकार किये जाने

के कारण उत्पन्न स्थिति और इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा उठाये गये कदम "...(Interruptions)

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): From the time of bifurcation of the erstwhile State of Bihar into the new States of Bihar and Jharkhand, requests have been made to the Central Government on different grounds for assistance to the new State of Bihar. Based on a decision of the Cabinet, Planning Commission has set up a Dedicated Bihar Cell under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman. The State Government's request for sanction of various project proposals have been referred to the concerned Ministries and Departments for consideration and appropriate action. The State Government has been advised to follow up these proposals with the concerned Ministries and Departments. The total value of these proposals adds up to Rs.40,143 crore....(Interruptions)

The Planning Commission has Commissioned the preparation of a State Development Report, a draft of which has been received and forwarded to the State with a request to arrange a consultative Seminar at Patna. The Planning Commission has also sanctioned Additional Central Assistance of Rs.50 crore in 2000-01 and Rs.100 crore in 2001-02, to the State. Recently in October, 2001, a team from the Planning Commission headed by the Member concerned, has visited Patna for two days and held detailed discussions with the Chief Minister, members of the State Cabinet and officers....(Interruptions)

As regards the State's own resources following the bifurcation, assessment made by the Planning Commission reveals that the bifurcation has led only to a marginal fall in State's own taxes whereas share in Central taxes has risen given a larger percentage awarded by Eleventh Finance Commission.

Central Government is willing to assist the State of Bihar to the extent possible. However, the State has to make its own arrangements for proper implementation of various projects and schemes. In several instances, it is reported that the State is yet to furnish the Ministries and Departments the required information for taking a decision on the requested proposals. There is scope for the State to maximise the utilisation of Central assistance already available under various Central schemes....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Subodh Roy....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ramjilal Suman....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh....(Interruptions)

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