

Release of arrears of non-plan grants to Puducherry

3747. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Puducherry has demanded for release of Non-Plan grants due as on 31.3.2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the delay in releasing these grants; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to release these grants, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) The Government of Puducherry has demanded ₹ 1000 crore as one time additional grant, as against the shortfall in Non-Plan Gap grant during the year 2016-17.

(b) and (c) A lump-sum budgetary provision of ₹ 606.00 crore during 2015-16 and ₹ 581.14 crore during 2016-17 as non-plan grant for Government of Puducherry was made by the Government of India.

During 2015-16 and 2016-17, the entire amount allocated under the non-plan grant was released to the Government of Puducherry.

Financial package for Jammu and Kashmir

3748. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble Prime Minister had announced a total package of ₹ 80,000 crores for the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the breakup of this total amount under different projects; and

(c) the stipulated timeline for completion of such projects under this package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister has announced a package of ₹ 80,068 crore for development of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) and (c) Under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), 2015, there are 63 projects being implemented through various Central Ministries/Departments in tandem with various departments of the State Government. Breakup of total amount under different projects is given in the Statement.