

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1105

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2015/VAISAKHA 16, 1937 (SAKA)

SPECIAL CATEGORY STATE STATUS TO ANDHRA PRADESH

1105. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand of Andhra Pradesh for special category State status as provided for in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act;

(b) if so, why the demand is still not being met; and

(c) whether the Central Government commits itself to a time-frame to confer special category State status on Andhra Pradesh as provided under a Parliamentary Act?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): As per information furnished by the Niti Aayog, the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 does not contain any provision regarding Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh. The Cabinet in their meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 directed the erstwhile Planning Commission to implement the decision to grant Special Category Status to the Successor State of Andhra Pradesh comprising thirteen districts for a period of 5 years. This matter is being examined by the Niti Aayog.

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