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**Release of Central Assistance of Rs. 450 crore to the State of Telangana for  
development of backward areas in terms of provisions under Andhra Pradesh  
Reorganisation Act, 2014**

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In keeping with its commitments to support the development of backward areas of Telangana, the Central Government has provided a further “Special Assistance” of Rs. 450 crore to the state for 2016-17. Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 entrusts the Central Government to support the programmes for the development of backward areas in the successor States, including expansion of physical and social infrastructure. The Central Government had accordingly released Rs. 450 crore during 2015-16 for the development of 9 backward districts of Telangana. The backward districts which are being supported with this development fund are Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Medak, Mahbubnagar, Rangareddy, Nalgoda and Khammam. Cumulatively, the Central Government has so far released Rs. 900 crore to the State for this purpose.

These additional resources from the Central Government would enable the State to devise and implement schemes best suited for mitigation of backwardness and alleviation of poverty. The developmental activities would improve the physical and social infrastructure bringing these districts at par with the more developed districts of the state.

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