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Title: Request the government to take steps for the development of the KBK region and Kandhamal district of Orissa that are considered as the most backward region of the country.

SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA (KORAPUT): Hon. Speaker, *KBKK (Kalahandi-Balangir-Koraput-Kandhamal)* region is considered is one of the most backward regions of the country with reported starvation deaths, agrarian crisis, distress migration, low tele density, very less rail network, etc. Some of the Central Government Schemes like KBK, IFP, Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) were discontinued and the aspirational district framework is no more working for these areas. We need a special compensation to the KBK region and Kandhamal district. At the same time, I would request for a second State capital in the KBKK region so that these areas can be developed at par with other areas. It is very important. Sir, aspirational district framework is not working for this region because they are very under-developed; this region is primarily a tribal region.

Hence, I would request through you, Hon. Speaker, Sir, to the hon. Prime Minister to have a special look at the KBK region and Kandhamal district which are considered as one of the most backward regions of the country.