

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.575**  
**ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024**

**Backward Regions Grant Fund**

**575. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR RINKU:**

Will the Minister of Panchayati Raj be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the districts included by the Government under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) in Punjab;
- (b) the total funds allocated to the Punjab State under the BRGF;
- (c) the details of the target set and achievements made so far along with its response in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to amend the instructions for inclusion of backward regions of Punjab and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

- (a): One district of Punjab namely, Hoshiarpur was included under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme (District Component) implemented by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) during the period 2006-07 to 2014-15.
- (b): A total of Rs. 76.70 crore was released to the State of Punjab under the two funding categories of BRGF Programme namely Development Grant (to district) and Capacity Building (to State) during the period 2006-07 to 2014-15.
- (c) BRGF Programme was a demand driven programme wherein untied funds in form of 100% Additional Central Assistance were released to States/Districts for supplementing and converging existing developmental inflows and bridge critical gaps in local infrastructure and other development requirements. Towards this, grants of Rs. 27,638.11 crore was released by MoPR to 28 States covering 272 Districts during the operational period of BRGF Programme.
- (d): No Sir. BRGF programme has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government since 2015-16.
- (e): Question does not arise in view of (d) above.

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