

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1763  
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2000  
POOR BACKWARD DISTRICTS  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of poor and backward districts in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of States where the poorest and the most backward districts are situated;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the development and upliftment of these districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of allocations made in this regard, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI JAGMOHAN )

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Urban Development does not categorise any district of the Country as poor and backward.

However, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Rural Development have identified districts as poor and backward. The details of the States where these poor and backward districts are situated are in Annexure I & II respectively.

(c)to(e): There are various schemes for urban and rural development being implemented throughout the Country which cover these poor and backward districts also.

ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1763  
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEWISE LIST OF INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS AS CATEGORISED BY CENTRAL BOARD DIRECT  
(MINISTRY OF FINANCE)

SL.NO. NAME OF THE STATE NO. OF DISTRICTS

Category `A` Category `B`

1. Andhra Pradesh	-	2
2. Bihar	20	13
3. Gujarat	1	2
4. Karnataka	-	1
5. Kerala	2	-
6. Madhya Pradesh	5	13
7. Maharashtra	1	1
8. Orissa	2	4
9. Rajasthan	5	7
10. Uttar Pradesh	11	24
11. West Bengal	6	3

Total 53 70

ANNEXURE-II

STATE-WISE LIST OF POOR AND BACKWARD DISTRICTS AS IDENTIFIED BY  
THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

SL.NO. NAME OF THE STATE NO. OF POOR AND BACKWARD DISTRICT

1. Bihar	38	
2. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1
3. Haryana	1	
4. Rajasthan	2	
5. Sikkim	2	
6. Uttar Pradesh	17	
7. West Bengal	4	
8. Himachal Pradesh	1	
9. Karnataka	1	
10. Madhya Pradesh	19	
11. Maharashtra	10	
12. Orissa	4	

Total 100