

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6403
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2003
IDENTIFICATION OF MOST BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have identified twenty five most backward districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise names of these districts; and
- (c) the development works so far undertaken / to be undertaken in each of these districts with particular reference to Gadchiroli and Bhandara districts of Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRS. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): A new initiative, namely, the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (Development and Reform Facility) is proposed for the development of backward areas. Tentatively, 25 districts have been identified (list at Table-I).

(c) : The details of the scheme are yet to be finalized.

Table -I referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6403 due for answer on 7.5.2003 regarding Identification of Most Backward Districts

Table-I indicating tentative list of districts for the Backward Districts Initiative under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana

S.No. Name of the State Name of the District

1. Andhra Pradesh 1. Adilabad
2. Warangal

2. Chhatisgarh 3. Bastar
4. Dantewada

3. Gujarat 5. Dangs

4. Jharkhand 6. Lohardagga
7. Gumla
8. Simdega

5. Karnataka 9. Gulbarga

6. Kerala 10. Palakkad

7. Madhya Pradesh 11. Barwani
12. Mandla
13. West Nimar (Khargone)

8. Maharashtra 14. Gadchiroli
15. Bhandara
9. Rajasthan 16. Banswara
17. Dungarpur
10. Tamil Nadu 18. Tiruvannamalai
11. Uttar Pradesh 19. Sonbhadra
20. Rae Bareli
21. Unnao
22. Sitapur
23. Hardoi
12. West Bengal 24. Purulia
25. Jalpaiguri