

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1843
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BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Backward Regions Grant Fund;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the details of the guidelines issued for utilization of fund by the State/Panchayati Raj Institutions; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the misutilization of the said fund by the States/Panchayati Raj Institutions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a):- Yes, Sir. The Backward Regions Grant Fund was proposed by the Hon`ble Finance Minister while presenting the Budget 2005-06.
- (b)& (c):- The details of the scheme and guidelines are yet to be finalized.
- (d):- The role of the Panchayats and steps to forestall to check misutilization will be addressed in the guidelines under formulation.