

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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UPLIFTMENT OF PEOPLE BELONGING TO KBK REGION  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme for uplifting the economic conditions of the people belonging to the KBK region in Orissa so as to ensure food security for the poor people of this region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement such schemes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : The KBK districts are covered under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme which carries a total allocation of Rs.250 crore per annum in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, comprising of two components of the BRGF Programme, namely (a) the special plan of Rs.130 crore per annum and (b) the districts component of Rs.120 crore per annum. Funds are provided under the programme for supplementing and bridging critical gaps in local infrastructure and any other development requirements that are not being adequately met through existing inflows under various schemes. Based on the plans projected by the districts, the schemes being undertaken include irrigation infrastructure, agriculture promotion schemes, roads, bridges, schools, electrification, water supply, animal husbandry, buildings for self help groups, anganwadi centres, primary health centre buildings, drought proofing, flood control structures, vocational training, forestry, pisciculture, market complex, buildings for farmers training centres and the emergency feeding programmes. Rs. 110.09 crore has been released to the KBK districts during 2007-08 under the districts component and Rs. 130 crore under the special plan. The funds are released to the State Government for implementation through Panchayats and urban local bodies in the case of district component of the BRGF Programme.

In addition to the BRGF Programme, the State Government is also implementing the Biju KBK Plan with an annual allocation of Rs. 120 crore.