

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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GUIDELINES FOR BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to issue the fresh guidelines to develop the backward districts of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b): The guidelines and parameters to identify the backward districts in the country is issued by the Planning Commission. Accordingly, due weightage to backwardness is given while the central allocation is distributed amongst States and districts in allocation-based programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing a scheme namely, Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) since 2006-07 aiming at to address regional imbalances in development. At present there is no proposal for reviewing the BRGF programme guidelines.