

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1094

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SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR KANDHAMAL AND GAJAPATI

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Orissa for launching a special developmental scheme for the under-developed tribal dominated Kandhamal and Gajapati districts under a long term action plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) and (b): The Central Government has received a request from the Government of Orissa for inclusion of Kandhamal and Gajapati districts under the Special Plan for the Kalahandi- Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts.

(c): It has not been possible to include Kandhamal and Gajapati districts under the Special Plan for the KBK districts as this would lead to spreading the meager allocation being made under the Special Plan more thinly over more areas than originally covered. However, in addition to other Flagship Programmes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Kandhamal and Gajapati districts are also being allocated funds under the Districts Component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF).