

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any specific scheme for the development of backward States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A number of schemes are being formulated and implemented to address the development needs of the backward States. The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), especially has been designed to address the issues relating to reduction in regional imbalance in development more holistically than the standard Government programmes and has replaced the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY), launched in the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan. The BRGF is fully funded by the Central Government. It has two components, namely,

- (i) Special Plans for Bihar and the KBK districts of Orissa, and
- (ii) Districts Component covering 250 backward districts including 147 districts covered by the erstwhile RSVY.

In addition, various schemes under Bharat Nirman Programme and Flagship Programmes of the Central Government including Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Prime Minister's Gramin Sadak Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana, National Rural Health Mission, Integrated Child Development Services, Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission, Total Sanitation Campaign, Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission etc. are being implemented to address the backwardness among the States.