

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REGIONAL IMBALANCE IN DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is regional imbalances in development of various areas in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is allocating any special fund for the development of these areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of areas covered there under, State-wise; and
- (e) the total amount of funds allocated during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Regional imbalances result from varying factors such as differences in resource endowment, geographical and historical characteristics and availability of infrastructure.

The planning and development of an area is primarily the responsibility of the State concerned. The Central Government, on its part, supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various Special Area Programmes, Flagship Programmes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. In order to specifically address the problem of regional imbalances in the country, the Government initiated the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) in 2006-07. The BRGF has two components, namely,

- (i) Special Plans for Bihar and the undivided Kalahandi - Bolangir - Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa, and
- (ii) Districts Component covering 250 districts.

The list of 250 districts is enclosed at Annexure-I. While the allocations for the current financial year (2010-11) under various components of BRGF is enclosed at Annexure-II.