

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1805  
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DEVELOPMENT OF KBK REGION  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of the 8-year perspective plan of Rs.4,500 crore submitted by the Orissa Government for long-term development of KBK region;
- (b) whether the State Government has asked for Rs. 500 crore special assistance for the above region, pending approval to its 8-year perspective plan;
- (c) if so, the present status thereof, alongwith the time-frame within which it would be approved;
- (d) whether it is also proposed to extend similar aid to other under-developed districts of the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**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): The State Government of Orissa has submitted an Eight Year Special Action Plan for the KBK Districts for 2009-17 seeking Special Central Assistance of Rs. 4550 crore. The State Government has requested for increasing the Special Central Assistance for the KBK districts from Rs.130 crore to Rs.500 crore for the year 2010-11, pending approval to the Special Action Plan. The Central Government is seized of the matter. The eight KBK districts of Orissa are already being allocated funds through the two components of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). An allocation of Rs.130 crore is being made through the Special Plan for the KBK districts and another allocation of Rs.120 crore is being made through the district component of the BRGF. It is proposed to enhance the annual allocation of Rs.130 crore for the Special Plan for the KBK districts to Rs.250 crore per annum for the remaining two years (2010-11 and 2011-12) of the Eleventh Five Year Plan, in addition to the allocation of Rs.120 crore, being made through the district component of the BRGF.

(d) & (e): Nineteen districts of Orissa, including the eight KBK districts, are already covered under the district component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund(BRGF) which covers 250 backward districts of 27 States.