

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF ALL REGIONS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to formulate a suitable action plan for balanced development of all regions in 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) & (b): In order to specifically address the issue of balanced development of all regions in the country, the Central Government has 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) District Component covering 250 districts in 27 States, identified as backward. The Special Plan for Bihar aims to bring about improvement in sectors like power, road connectivity, irrigation, forestry and watershed development. The Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa focuses on critical sectors to achieve the objectives of drought proofing, poverty alleviation, health and nutrition, connectivity, etc. The District Component aims to help converge and catalyze development in backward areas by:
 - (i) addressing critical gaps in infrastructure;
 - (ii) promoting good governance; and
 - (iii) converging, through supplementary infrastructure and capacity building, the substantial existing development inflows into these districts.
- (c): Does not arise.