

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:272
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2010
BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the targets set under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the local panchayats and municipalities have been assigned responsibilities to execute the development works under the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(Dr. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a), (b), (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 272, DUE FOR REPLY ON 29.11.2010, REGARDING BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND

(a) & (b): In respect of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme, the Government of India had set the financial targets of Rs. 4670 crore in each of the last 3 years at Budget Estimate (BE) stage which were subsequently revised to Rs. 3600 crore, Rs. 3890 crore and Rs. 3670 crore in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10, respectively, at the Revised Estimate (RE) stage. The Ministry has achieved the financial targets set at the Revised Estimate stage during the three years. The State-wise position is at Annex.

(c) & (d): The untied grants under the Development Grant component of the BRGF are used by the Panchayats and Municipalities for executing developmental works. In case the works are outside the administrative and financial powers of Panchayats and Municipalities concerned, they can get the works done through competent implementing agencies.