

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:93  
ANSWERED ON:15.11.2010  
BACKWARD REGION GRANT FUND  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria and the parameters followed for selection of backward districts under the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF);
- (b) the number of districts identified/ selected for being covered under BRGF, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/utilized under the BRGF during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure full utilisation of funds?

**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. 93, DUE FOR REPLY ON 15.11.2010, REGARDING BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND

(a): BRGF is being implemented in 250 districts. 170 of these districts were identified by the Inter-Ministry Task Group on Redressing Growing Regional Imbalances (IMTG) set up by the Planning Commission based on 17 parameters which reflected the economic status, health status, educational status, infrastructural inadequacy and human development of the districts. 250 districts were identified by clubbing the aforesaid 170 districts with 200 districts covered by NREGS- Phase I (2006-07), and after eliminating the common ones.

(b) & (c): The State-wise number of districts covered under the Programme and details of funds allocated / utilised during last three year are at Annexure.

(d): The Ministry holds periodic Review Meetings and Video Conferences with the BRGF States and, in some cases, with the districts too, to sort out implementation issues and to speed up implementation.