

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5390  
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RECONSTITUTION OF BRGF INTO RAJIV GANDHI MISSION  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the proposal of reconstitution of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) into Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Vapictichda Shetra Vikas Mission is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the likely improvement in growth patterns as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the funds released for development works through the said funds are being fully utilised;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the measures being adopted by the Government to ensure full utilisation of funds released for development works?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The Government propose to restructure the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme and merger of some of the existing schemes of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj into one scheme. The proposed scheme aims at capacity building of the Panchayati Raj Institutions by imparting training to the functionaries and augmenting their man power, office space and other infrastructure.

(c) and (d): State-wise details of funds released and utilization reported under the development grant component of BRGF is at Annex.

(e): 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 and utilization of funds released under the Programme.