

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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BRGF

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently revamped the Backward Region Grant Fund;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether constitution of district planning committees in the districts under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) has been made mandatory;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH)

(a) & (b): No Sir, The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has not revamped the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) recently.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The District Planning Committees (DPCs) and District Plans constitute the foundation as well as the core of the planning and implementation structure in our federal polity. Accordingly, and in consultation with the Planning Commission, the Programme Guidelines of BRGF were issued necessitating the preparation of plans by each of the local body concerned which are then to be consolidated into the District Plans by the DPCs. In areas where Panchayati Raj does not exist, the plans of local bodies are to be consolidated by other planning and implementation committees constituted at the district level.

(e): Details of funds released for BRGF during the past three years and the current year are as follows:

Sl.No. Year Funds released
(Rs. crore)

1	2007-08	2,643.00
2	2008-09	3,029.25
3	2009-10	3,534.97
4	2010-11	5,050.00