

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION FOR SOCIAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the yearly allocation of financial assistance on social and infrastructure sectors is biased towards developed districts and States of the country rather than to the poorest tribal districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total financial allocation for social sectors in the tribal areas during the last three years, State-wise including Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): The plan assistance on social and infrastructure sectors from the Central Government is provided to the States and their implementing agencies by way of Central Assistance to State Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Central Ministries release the funds to States and their implementing agencies and maintain information on the utilization of funds by States. Most of the plan schemes aimed at social and infrastructure sectors are meant for backward, underdeveloped and tribal districts and for upliftment of the poor. Additionally, the schemes such as Backward Regions Grant Funds (BRGF), Integrated Action Plan for tribal and backward districts (IAP) are specifically implemented in backward and tribal districts. The funds released on account of BRGF and IAP for the year 2010-11 are given at Annexure-I. The year-wise approved State Plan outlay for social services sector during the last three years for Gujarat and other States/UTs including tribal areas of the States/UTs is given at Annexure-II. The district-wise and area-wise data is not maintained for the State Plans.