

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4966
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IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICTS UNDER BRGF
Singh Rajkumari Ratna

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any survey to identify and include more districts under Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of guidelines issued/to be issued in this regard;
- (d) the details of proposals received from the State Governments for inclusion of more districts in their State under the programme; and
- (e) the progress made in regard to identification and inclusion of more districts under the programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a) to (c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Some of the States have requested for inclusion of more districts in their respective States under Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme. The details showing the requests received from various States in this regard is at Annex. The scheme of BRGF was originally conceptualized in the Planning Commission and 250 districts covered under the Programme were selected primarily on the basis of recommendations of the Inter-Ministry Task Group on Growing Regional Imbalances, set up by the Planning Commission in 2005-06. Accordingly, the matter of inclusion of more districts under the programme was examined in consultation with the Planning Commission and it has been decided not to include new districts under the BRGF Programme during the current Five Year Plan.