

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2142  
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EXTENSION OF KBK PLAN  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Odisha has sought the extension of the special Kalahandi Bolangir Koraput (KBK) Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the funds allocated and utilised for development of KBK region during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether the Government has done any survey on the improvement in the local conditions there; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Yes Madam, the State Government of Odisha has requested for the extension of the Special Plan for the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput(KBK) districts for at least 10 more years with effect from 2012-13 with higher Central Assistance.

(c): The decision regarding the extension of Special Plan for the KBK districts will be taken based on the holistic view taken on Area Programmes for the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

(d): The funds allocated, released and utilized under the Special Plan for the KBK districts during three years and the current financial year are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds allocated	Funds released	Expenditure Reported
2008-09	130.00	130.00	147.76
2009-10	130.00	130.00	132.47
2010-11	130.00	130.00	134.51
2011-12	130.00	#	#

# The draft Special Plan is yet to be received from the State Government for approval.

(e) & (f): A Quick Evaluation Study of the Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa was conducted through the Programme Evaluation Organisation, Planning Commission in July, 2009. It, inter-alia, showed that the efforts made through the Special Plan were largely responsible for the improvement in the quality of life of the people of the region; increase in enrolment rates and decrease in drop out rates; and increase in incomes wherever livelihood and watershed interventions had been made.