

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:174

ANSWERED ON:15.07.2009

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN RURAL BACKWARD AREAS

Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausahb; Satpathy Shri Tathagata

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to focus on development of infrastructure projects and connectivity particularly in rural and backward areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has cleared several infrastructure projects in the recent past in this behalf;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid in the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 174 REGARDING "INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN RURAL / BACKWARD AREAS" RAISED BY SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY AND SHRI WAKCHAURE BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM, DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15TH JULY 2009.

(a) to (e): Yes, sir, to focus on the development of the infrastructure projects in rural/backward areas, the Government is implementing the Bharat Nirman and Backward Region Grant Fund(BRGF). The Bharat Nirman programme covers six rural infrastructure components namely irrigation, drinking water, rural roads, rural housing, rural electrification and rural telephone connectivity. BRGF has been designed to address the issues relating to reduction in regional imbalance more holistically than the standard Government programmes. The details of these programmes are given in the enclosed Annexure.