

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1521  
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2009  
SELECTION OF BACKWARD DISTRICTS  
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

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

- (a) whether nearly 100 districts have been selected all over the country as the most backward districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Karnataka State;
- (c) whether the Union Government has been conducting a survey for selecting more districts falling under this category;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the time and manner in which the districts so identified are likely to be benefited?

**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): 250 districts have been identified for coverage under the Districts Component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund.
- (b): The list of districts includes five districts of Karnataka. The list is enclosed.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise.