

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD REGIONS

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps for proper development of the backward regions in the country after taking these regions under its direct control; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): No, Madam. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to take the backward regions under its direct control as planning and development of an area is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Government of India have initiated steps, through the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) approved in 2006-07, for supplementing the efforts of the State Governments for bridging critical gaps in local infrastructure in the backward regions. The BRGF has two components viz. District Component and State Component. The District Component of BRGF covers 250 districts of 27 States. The State Component of BRGF, currently, includes Special Plan for Bihar, Special Plan for the undivided Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa, Drought Mitigation Package for Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and Integrated Action Plan for 60 Selected Tribal and Backward districts of nine States. The current allocation for 2011-12 for these two components of BRGF is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Component of BRGF	Allocation
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Total-BRGF	9890.00
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District Component	5050.00
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State Component	4840.00
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(i) Special Plan for Bihar.	1470.00
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(ii) Special Plan for the undivided Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa	130.00
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(iii) Drought Mitigation Package for 1440.00
Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh
and Madhya Pradesh

(iv) Integrated Action Plan for 1800.00
60 Selected Tribal and Backward
districts of nine States