

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF DISTRICTS UNDER BRGF PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) the State-wise list of identified districts under the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme, alongwith the criteria adopted for their identification;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to identify/ include certain more/ new districts under the programme and proposes to conduct survey in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details and guidelines thereof;
- (d) whether there are requests from some States for inclusion of more districts including Bundelkhand district of Uttar Pradesh under the programme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the reaction of the Union Government for identification/inclusion of more/new districts under the programme?

**Answer**

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

- (a): State-wise list of 272 identified districts under the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF) is at Annex-1. Out of the 272 districts, 250 were identified during the year 2006-07 and 22 during 2012-13. These have been identified keeping in view various social and economic parameters.
- (b)&(c): The structure of the BRGF in the remaining four years (2013-14 to 2016-17) of the Twelfth Five Year Plan will be decided as per the finalization of the Twelfth Five Year Plan.
- (d)&(e): Details of requests received by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj from the States for inclusion of additional Districts under BRGF is at Annex-2.
- (f): The Planning Commission has included 22 more districts under BRGF Programme during 2012-13. List is at Annex-3.