

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3155  
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INCLUSION IN BACKWARD DISTRICTS  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Yadgiri district of Karnataka which has carved out of Gulbarga district is incorporated under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the district of Koppal, which was carved out of Raichur district, is not included in the scheme despite its backwardness;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal to include the Koppal district under the BRGF scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) & (b): The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), launched by the Government in 2006-07, initially covered 250 districts including five districts of Karnataka which included Gulbarga district. The districts identified for coverage under the BRGF, as per the criteria fixed for identification of districts for coverage under BRGF, were as per the Census 2001. In the current financial year, it has been decided to cover all the districts carved out of BRGF districts between Census 2001 and Census 2011 under BRGF. Yadgiri district, which has been carved out of Gulbarga district has been covered under BRGF.

(c) & (d): Koppal district of Karnataka was carved out of Raichur district before Census 2001 and could not qualify for coverage under BRGF as per the criteria fixed.

(e) & (f): A request was received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament in November, 2011 to include Koppal district of Karnataka under BRGF. Reply to the Hon'ble Member was sent on 21.12.2011.