

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
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BRGF PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds sanctioned to Odisha State have not been released under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the appropriate steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the funds earmarked under BRGF programme in the Twelfth Five Year Plan along with the criteria for allocation of the said funds, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) A statement showing the funds released to Odisha State under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme during the last three years is at Annex.
- (d) Rs.29,306 crore have been earmarked under the district component of BRGF programme during the Twelfth Five Year Plan. The criteria for allocation of funds under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme is as under:
 - (i) Each BRGF district receives a fixed minimum amount of Rs.10 crore per annum.
 - (ii) 50% of the balance allocation under the Scheme is allocated on the basis of the share of the population of the district in the total population of all backward districts.
 - (iii) The remaining 50% is distributed on the basis of the share of the area of the district in the total area of all backward districts.