

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS PROVIDED TO BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds provided to 250 backward districts in the country including backward districts of Odisha under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the various works carried out by the Government in these districts for removing its backwardness; and
- (c) the funds allocated to each backward district annually as per their entitlement under BRGF, districts-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The District Component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) was approved by the Government in 2006-07 and initially covered 250 districts of 27 States. The coverage of districts was enhanced to 272 districts in the current year mainly due to carving out of the existing BRGF districts. This programme has two components viz the Development Grant and Capacity Building Grant. BRGF funds are largely untied and are used for filling critical infrastructural gaps. A statement showing the state-wise/district-wise annual entitlement and funds released under Development Grant and Capacity Building Grant component of the District Component of BRGF from 2009-10 to 2012-13 (as on 28.02.2013) is annexed. The works carried out by the State Governments/Districts relate to roads, bridges, Anganwadi Centres, classrooms in schools, Panchayat Buildings, community centres, drinking water and rural electrification infrastructure, health centres, etc.