

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL PLAN FOR KANDI REGION OF PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend special development plan for the Kandi region of Punjab on the lines of Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) region of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) : No Madam. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.
- (b) : Does not arise.

(c) : A Special Plan for the KBK districts of Odisha was approved keeping in view the prevalence of extreme poverty, concentration of tribal population and lack of infrastructure. All the districts of KBK region of Odisha have been identified as backward. The Kandi region of Punjab is not comparable with the KBK Districts of Odisha in terms of incidence of poverty and socio-economic infrastructure. However, one district of Punjab, namely, Hoshiarpur district is covered under the District Component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) and includes some parts of the Kandi area.