

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of districts of Bihar covered under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) and the financial assistance provided for the purpose during the 11th Five Year Plan, year-wise;
- (b) the details of annual grants approved for the State under the said scheme for the 12th Five Year Plan along with the number of districts proposed to be covered thereunder; and
- (c) the financial assistance likely to be received by each district during the 12th Five Year Plan Period?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Thirty six districts of Bihar were covered under the District Component of BRGF Programme during the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12). Two new districts namely, Arwal and Siwan were added during 2012-13 i.e. the first year of the 12th Five Year Plan period. The Annual Entitlement is decided every year on the basis of overall fund availability. The Annual Entitlement and the amount released to the districts of Bihar during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plans, is at Annex.

(c): The likely amount of financial assistance to be received by the State Government of Bihar vis-À-vis entitlement will depend on the ability of the State Government to spend the previously released funds, submission of Utilization Certificates and other formalities.