

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION IN BACKWARD REGION GRANT FUND
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any request for inclusion of Janjgir Champa district of Chhattisgarh in Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) has been received by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether nine newly constituted districts and two left out districts of Chhattisgarh have not been included under the scheme despite their backwardness;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to include the said backward districts in BRGF during the 12th Five Year Plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): A letter was received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament in December, 2012 for the inclusion of Janjgir Champa district of Chhattisgarh under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). As indicated in the Twelfth Five Year Plan document, the restructuring of BRGF has been under consideration of the Planning Commission. Therefore, no new district was considered to be covered under BRGF for 2012-13.

(c) to (e): As of now, 15 districts of Chhattisgarh are covered under BRGF. Inclusion of new districts, if any, will depend on the outcome of the restructuring exercise of BRGF.