

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD AREAS

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to mobilise additional resources for the quick development of backward areas and for completing the developmental works undertaken during the current five year plan;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan in this regard; and

(c) the areas identified for removing regional imbalances?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) was launched in August, 2006 replacing the erstwhile Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY). The programme has been designed to address the issue of regional imbalance and aims at catalyzing development in backward areas to fill critical gaps in development.

(c): The BRGF has two components viz. (a) the Districts Component covering 250 districts of 27 States, and (b) the Special Plans for Bihar and the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa. List of 250 districts covered under the Districts Component of BRGF is enclosed. A special package for the Bundhelkhand region comprising of Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh has also been announced by the Central Government recently.