

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF KBK REGION  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for development of Kalahandi, Balangir and Koraput (KBK) regions in Odisha and if so, the details thereof along with budget allocation for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment on effectiveness of ongoing and previous programmes for development of KBK region in Odisha and if so, the details thereof along with the list of programmes; and
- (c) whether the Government has any special plans and programmes for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) development in the KBK region of Odisha and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE  
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a): Yes, Madam. The Special Plan for Kalahandi, Balangir and Koraput (KBK) districts of Odisha is being funded under the State Component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund with an allocation of Rs. 250 crore per annum during the Twelfth Five Year Plan. An amount of Rs. 2537.50 crore has been released so far under the Special Plan since 2002-03.
- (b): The State Government have had evaluation studies conducted to assess the effectiveness of 16 on-going/ previous programmes / schemes for the development of the KBK region through different reputed organisations / institutions such as IIT, Kanpur, Agricultural Finance Corporation, NABARD Consultancy Services, Agricultural and Rural Development Consultancy Society, State Labour Institute, DJ Consultancy, Centre for Youth and Social Development, Kalinga Centre for Social Development and Odisha Voluntary Health Association. The list of programmes evaluated is at Annexure I. Further, a Quick Evaluation Study of the Special Plan for the KBK Districts of Odisha was also conducted through the Programme Evaluation Organisation.
- (c): The Special Plan specifically addresses the needs of the SCs / STs through schemes such as Promotion of Education amongst SC/ST girls and boys. Further, other schemes for infrastructure development such as road connectivity, electricity supply, irrigation and basic amenities, etc., benefit the SCs and STs of KBK region who form 55.8% of the population of this region. In addition to the Special Plan for the KBK Districts, these districts are allocated funds under the District Component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund, Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Districts, ACA for Tribal Sub-Plan and Article 275(1) besides the flow of funds under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes/State Plan Schemes.