

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3816  
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RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER BRGF  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has not released any funds under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme for some districts of Odisha during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the funds are likely to be released for the remaining districts of Odisha under the said programme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHALCHAND)

(a) to (b): During the current financial year (2014-15), Rs. 167.85 crores have been released as Development Grant to eleven out of the twenty districts of Odisha covered under the District Component of Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF). In addition, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has released Rs. 11.61 crores to Odisha under the Capacity Building Grant of the Programme. Funds under the Programme are released subject to receipt of complete proposals, accompanied with requisite documents from the State Government.

(c): Due to reduction in the budget at the Revised Estimate stage, funds are no longer available for release to the State under BRGF during 2014-15.