

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for inclusion of districts under Backward Region Grants Fund (BRGF) Programme;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include some districts under BRGF Programme; and
- (c) if so, the names of such districts, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) The criteria adopted for inclusion of districts under BRGF Programme include various economic (per capita credit, per capita deposits, percentage of agriculture labourers, agriculture wages and output per agricultural worker); social and educational (percentage of SC and ST population, female literacy rate, ratio of secondary schools to population of specific age group and gross enrolment ratio class I-VIII - age 6-13 years); health (crude death rate, infant mortality rate, institutional delivery and full immunization); and amenities (percentage of households without electricity, percentage of households with bank services and drinking water source greater than 500 meters away, etc.) parameters.

(b) to (c): To ensure that backward sub-district units within the States receive adequate financial support and to address intra-district inequalities, the Finance Ministers Budget speech for the year 2014-15 seeks restructuring of the BRGF Programme.