

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LIVELIHOOD TO TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a foundation with a corpus fund of Rs. 500 crore to provide livelihood to tribals in about 900 blocks, spread over 170 districts of 10 States, to strengthen its anti-naxalite campaign in coordination with Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) The Government has set up Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF) as an independently registered Society to facilitate and upscale civil society action in partnership with the Government for transforming lives and livelihoods of the rural households. The Government has approved a corpus fund of Rs. 500 crore to be released in two tranches to BRLF. The first tranche of Rs. 200 crore has been released to BRLF. The second tranche of Rs. 300 crore can be released after BRLF meets the conditions set for it.

(b) As per available information, BRLF would initially cover 873 blocks across 155 districts in 9 States as below:

State	No. of districts covered	No. of blocks covered
Odisha	24	210
Jharkhand	16	124
West Bengal	8	41
Chhattisgarh	17	64
Madhya Pradesh	29	133
Andhra Pradesh	15	123
Maharashtra	15	60
Rajasthan	19	56
Gujarat	12	62
Total	155	873