

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5228  
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BACKWARD REGION GRANT FUND  
Suresh Shri Doddaalahalli Kempegowda

**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the critical gaps in development of infrastructure facilities in backward areas/districts of the country has not yet been completely addressed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to restructure the Backward Region Grant Fund Programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (b): The District Component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj provides financial resources for supplementing and converging existing development inflows into 272 identified backward districts so as to bridge the critical gaps in local infrastructure and other development requirements. The works to be taken up are decided by the Panchayats and Municipalities. As per the Progress Reports of the States received in the Ministry, these funds have been utilised for developmental activities like construction of anganwadi centres, panchayat ghars, community halls, roads, culverts, bridges, water supply, etc.

(c) to (d): As per the Finance Minister's Budget speech for the year 2014-15 restructuring of the BRGF Programme seeks to address intra-district inequalities to ensure that backward sub-district units within the States receive adequate financial support.