

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD REGIONS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the socio-economic backward regions/districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any special schemes/programmes for development of such backward regions in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Backward regions / districts have been identified for coverage under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). BRGF has two components: (i) District Component which covers 272 districts including 6 districts of Karnataka (list at Annexure-I); and (ii) State Component which includes the Special Plans for Bihar, West Bengal and the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts of Odisha and the Special Package for implementing Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand Region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) & (d): In addition, the regions/districts covered under BRGF are also getting funds under various existing Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State sector schemes. There is no other proposal at present to formulate any new schemes / programmes for development of backward regions in the country.