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Title: Regarding alleged irregularities in selection of backward districts for getting grants.

SHRI KIREN RIJIJU (ARUNACHAL WEST): Sir, I want to raise the issue of the process of selection of districts under Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Backward District Grant Fund.

Arunachal Pradesh has 16 districts, and out of these, two districts in Arunachal Pradesh are most backward in India in terms of education, literacy and development. But, I am very sad that out of the 200 districts selected under the Programme, these two districts are left out. Out of 16 districts, only one district is selected. I would like to ask the Government as to who is responsible for this wrong selection of districts. Madam Soniaji is also sitting here. These two most backward districts, namely East Kamang district and Kurung-Kumey district, are left out. These two most backward districts should be immediately included in this Programme. Only one district is selected, that is Upper Subansiri. There are other States which have only six or seven districts, they are also getting three or four districts included, but in my State only one district has been included out of 16 districts.

I would like to request the Government to take necessary action and see whether it is the mistake of the Planning Commission or it is the mistake of the Ministry of Rural Development. Kindly take action.