

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 722
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2015

BRGF in Maharashtra

722. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) is being granted to backward districts/villages in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, since when these districts/ villages are getting the finances;
- (c) to what extent those districts/villages have utilized this fund for the benefit of the people of those backward districts/ villages;
- (d) whether Government proposes to restructure BRGF; and
- (e) if so, what is the need for such a step?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI NIHALCHAND)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj was implementing the District component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF) during the period from 2006-07 to 2014-15 in the identified backward districts of the country including twelve districts of Maharashtra.

(c): To address the local felt needs of the people, the BRGF Plans, reflecting the development activities to be taken up were prepared in a participatory manner by the Panchayati Raj Institutions. As per the progress reports received in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, funds under the Programme have been utilised for development of infrastructural facilities like construction of anganwadi centres, panchayat ghars, roads, culverts, bridges, community halls, water supply, etc., in the backward districts.

(d) & (e): No, Sir. The BRGF Programme has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government with effect from this financial year (2015-16).
