

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1008
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

BRGF

1008. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the parameters under which a district is selected under Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF);
- (b) details of districts identified in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether there are demands to include Prakasam district under BRGF;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on the above request;
- (e) whether BRGF has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Government of India; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a) The backward districts under the District component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme were selected on the basis of rank of backwardness on chosen parameters relating to income deprivation, health and education status, social backwardness and infrastructural inadequacy.
- (b) Four districts of Andhra Pradesh namely, Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah and Vizianagaram were identified under the BRGF Programme.
- (c) to (f) NITI Aayog has reported that requests were received to include Prakasam District under BRGF, however, the Programme was delinked from budgetary support of the Central Government with effect from the financial year 2015-16. This is in view of enhanced fiscal space made available to the States by the Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) on account of higher devolution from 32% to 42% of the Centre's net tax receipts. FFC grants to Gram Panchayats could be used for providing basic services such as drinking water, sanitation, roads, street lights and other basic services.
