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LOK SABHA
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Schemes for Backward Districts

†1030. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a special scheme for the development of backward districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bring all the districts of Bundelkhand region under this scheme;
- (d) if so, the time by which these districts are likely to be included; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) NITI Aayog has informed that the Government has identified 115 aspirational districts from 28 States taking various indices of development in consideration. The Government aims at improving the quality of life in these districts by investing in social services like health, education, nutrition, skill up gradation, financial inclusion and infrastructure like irrigation, rural electrification, potable drinking water and access to toilets at an accelerated pace and in a time bound manner.

(c) to (e) The following districts have been selected from the Bundelkhand region:

- (i) Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh
- (ii) Damoh, Madhya Pradesh
- (iii) Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh

These districts have been selected on the basis of Composite index, which has used data in key sectors retrieved from published sources. For this index, data on health, nutrition, education, skill development, access to potable drinking water, electrified households, connected habitations and number of landless households dependent on manual labour as reported by Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 have been included. While selecting these districts it has been ensured that one district from every state has been selected, by keeping the capacity of the state in mind. Consultation has been done with the States.
