

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 921**  
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018

**Assistance to Bihar under BRGF**

921. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether special financial assistance which was provided under Backward Region Grants Fund (BRGF) to Bihar has been stopped;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this is likely to create problems to the State in its developmental work efforts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme which was being implemented in all States of the country, except Goa, has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government with effect from the financial year 2015-16 as this scheme has become a part of devolution to the States. This is in view of enhanced fiscal space made available to the States by the Fourteenth Finance Commission on account of higher devolution to the States from 32% to 42% of the Centre's net tax receipts. This would enhance the availability of funds with the States, including Bihar, allowing them greater autonomy for financing and designing the developmental works. Further, NITI Aayog has informed that during 2015-16 and 2016-17, Rs. 1887.53 crore and Rs. 1329.35 crore have been released respectively, under the special grant against the balance fund of Special Plan to Bihar.

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