

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.262
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

BRGF

†262. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the purview of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) is likely to be increased in future, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has stopped the funds to be provided to the States under BRGF;
- (c) if not, the details of funds provided to the bordering States in the financial year 2017-18 under BRGF; and
- (d) the districts, to whom funds will not be provided under BRGF along with the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme has been delinked from the 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 on account of higher devolution to the States from 32% to 42% of the Centre's net tax receipts. Further, NITI Aayog has informed that against the balance fund under the special grants (BRGF-State component), the Government of India has released some funds to Odisha, Bihar and West Bengal from 2015-16 to 2017-18 as per the following details:

(Amount Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Odisha	132.07	367.93	0.00
2.	Bihar	1887.53	1329.35	3414.00
3.	West Bengal	836.77	0.00	0.00
