

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3697
ANSWERED ON 16.07.2019

COVERAGE UNDER BRGF

†3697. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Centrally sponsored scheme, Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF);
- (b) the names of the districts in Chhattisgarh covered under BRGF;
- (c) the criteria followed to cover any district under said scheme;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to cover more number of districts of Chhattisgarh under the said scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of feasible targets set and achieved during the last three years district and year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) Ministry of Panchayati Raj was implementing District component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme in 272 identified backward districts in all States of the country except Goa during the period 2006-07 to 2014-15. The Programme was designed to redress regional imbalances in development by providing funds for supplementing and converging existing developmental inflows in the identified districts. Untied grants were provided to State Governments for the identified districts based on their Annual District Plans duly approved by the District Planning Committees. The annual budget allocation for BRGF was divided into two components, namely Capacity Building Grant and Development Grant. The State Government decided the inter-se allocation among the local bodies and to each level of these bodies on the basis of the index or formula accepted within the State to determine backwardness or level of development.

(b) Fifteen (15) districts of Chhattisgarh were covered under the BRGF Programme. The names of these districts are at **Annexure**.

(c) The districts under the of 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.

(d) to (f) No Sir. Consequent upon the implementation of the recommendations of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, share of States in the net proceeds of the Union taxes has been significantly enhanced from 32% to 42% of the Centre's net tax receipts. Hence, BRGF Programme has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government since 2015-16.

Annexure referred in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3697
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Districts of Chhattisgarh covered under BRGF Programme

Sl.No.	Name of District
1.	Bastar
2.	Bijapur
3.	Bilaspur
4.	Dantewada
5.	Dhamtari
6.	Jashpur
7.	Kabirdham
8.	Kanker
9.	Korba
10.	Koriya
11.	Mahasammund
12.	Narayanpur
13.	Raigarh
14.	Rajnandgaon
15.	Sarguja
